

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 13th September 2005, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Williamson.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr S Williams, Cllr Morsley, Cllr Wright.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: There were no declarations

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2005 be signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Goal Posts: New posts are now operational.

Footpath at the Wharf: Further progress is being made, however it is very slow.

Loriner Place: Letter advising that they are now ready to proceed and need to know who our solicitors are. It was agreed that it should be a simple transfer which should not need us to employ a solicitor. Parish Manger will ask for a draft copy of the Deed of Transfer, also a map of the land to be transferred (ask if possible to have the area pegged out).

Foreign Lorries-Blakelands: Following communications with Environmental Health and Cllr Mabbutt, it appears that there is little that can be done (the problem has been caused by the closure of the Crawley Road lorry park. It is not possible to limit access to the problem area.

5. USE OF OFFICE YARD: Not all Councillors present had received the e-mail proposals from Cllr Figg. It was agreed that this matter be deferred until the Full Council meeting, when Cllr Figg can make his own representations under Agenda Item No13.

6. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

MK Lions: We have received no feedback on the holiday basketball coaching. Will chase MK Lions and enquire how successful the events were.

Storeroom: This has now been totally cleaned out.

Security: Milton Keynes Council advised some weeks ago that they were looking at improved lighting etc. Nothing has been heard since. Will chase.

7. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

Car Park: The tree surgery was carried out by 20th August, as per our part of the agreement with MKC, however the re-surfacing was not completed by the end of the month as promised. Highway Dept have now advised that the work will be completed by the end of September.

Additional Facilities: Great Linford Football Club have advised that their training requirements would be Saturday mornings only, between September and April. After discussion it was agreed that a development plan should be commenced, with input from the teams using the facility. A meeting will be arranged to pursue this.

8. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Trees: We have now obtained several quotes for the replacement trees (10 Acer Campestre, approx 4m high, with a 15cm girth). The lowest of these by far, is from Salcey Arbocare, who have quoted £1,175 net. The proposal to Full Council is that this quote be accepted and the trees be ordered.

Income & Repairs: An agreement has been reached with Include, whereby they will pay £9,100 for the use of the pavilion (term time only), between September 2005 and July 2006.

There are various repairs that are required, guttering on pavilion, thatched barn gates, car park gate, carpet cleaning, boarding around car park and possibly a coat of paint on the pavilion, also to check whether there is roof insulation. The proposal to Full Council is that "the Parish Manager be allocated a budget of £1,000 to carry out the above.

9. ALLOTMENTS:

Produce Show: The show was a huge success with over 150 entries, also a large part of the costs of next years show were raised at the event..

Sites: For the first time all allotments are full. It was agreed that on the next Agenda a Development Plan for the Sandy Close Reserve Site, should be discussed in more detail.

Councillors would like to thank the Parish Manager for her achievement regarding the success of the allotments.

10. LOCAL CENTRES:

Peartree Pond-Linford Local Centre: The new pond is now operational, although a new electricity supply had to be installed, as the existing one could not be found. This has increased the installed cost to £591, but was the only option in order that the pump could be installed.

Giffard Park: There have be no further incidents at Unwins. It is however understood that the shop has changed hands and its future is uncertain. There are reports of 7 beer runs from the general store, also a broken window at the school during the holidays.

11. NEWSLETTER: The newsletter is almost ready for proof reading. Cllr Lovesy has now resigned from the Parish Council, he will however still be involved with the newsletter for the next couple of issues in an advisory capacity.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Downs Barn Residents Association: Cllr Allum requested use of the pavilion on 28th September and 26th October. This was agreed

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th October 2005

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

