

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 10th May 2005, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Perrott, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Morsley, Cllr Tripp, Pete Cox (Milton Keynes Council).

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: There were no declarations

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

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Loriner Place: We now have a copy of the long awaited letter clarifying the position on the claw back issue. Denton Wilde Sapte has sent this to Milton Keynes Council who can now issue the appropriate transfer documents.

Cleanliness of Parish: Still awaiting news of the meeting Martin Small had agreed to organise. Will chase again.

5. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

Enhanced Use of Facility: Pete Cox (Community Development Officer, Milton Keynes Council) attended and explained that his role was to promote sporting activities at currently underused facilities. He would like to offer tennis coaching for all ages, with a taster session starting on 6th June. We have been advised that the application for capital funding to repair the court fencing, has for this year been refused. It was agreed that Pete would meet with Cllr Allum and other interested Councillors and inspect the inside of the facilities. Parish Council will assist where possible in the promotion.

6. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

Provision of Additional Facilities: Cllr Williamson will report back in due course.

Car Park: We have been advised that the bid for funding for the car park, has been refused. Parish Council still not happy that Milton Keynes Council are claiming that this work cannot be carried out from the car parking revenue. Clerk will try and arrange a meeting with Cllrs McCall and Mabbutt to discuss this further (Cllr Stabler and Cllr Morsley).

Break In: The yard and boiler room were broken into on Friday 22nd April. The gate and two locks were badly damaged, in a professional manner, but only a football stolen. It was agreed that a sign would be put up advising that nothing of any value was kept on the premises.

7. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Trees: Further details have been received, these will be passed to Cllr Wright, who will report back to the Parish Council.

8. PLAY AREA-GIBBWIN: Several Councillors had inspected the swing and found it be generally in good condition. Neighbours advised that it was well used. Bernard Perkins advised that it had failed the last safety inspection, due to inadequate safety surface and the seat and chain swing being too close to the framework. Parish Council have been asked whether they would fund a new swing (£1,500), subject to the agreement of the immediate neighbours. It was proposed by Cllr Morsley, that the Parish Council did not pay for replacement of this item, which is the responsibility of Milton Keynes Council. This was seconded by Cllr Tripp. Vote taken, unanimous agreement. It was further agreed that a firm letter be sent to Milton Keynes Council, stating that we deplored the fact that well used recreation facilities were being taken down, but that the finance was not being made available for replacement equipment.

9. ALLOTMENTS: Several plots have been returned during the last few weeks, but are being re-let very quickly.

10. NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: Parish Manager had met with Fiona Pearson (Citizen). She advised that they felt they were unable to offer the Parish Council the service they required. They do not employ the delivery people, this is done by the distribution centre, who claim that all of the newsletters went out with the papers for delivery. MK News will be contacted again, to establish how much of the parish is currently not covered by them.

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11. LOCAL CENTRES:

Giffard Park: Building work on the damaged units is progressing steadily. There have been several serious incidents at the off licence, names of offenders have been supplied to the police. Cllr Tripp will follow this up and establish what action has been taken. Police camera has now been installed inside shop. Concern that female staff member is alone in the shop on several evenings. Letter received from the Pensioners Association asking whether the Parish Council has/will ask Tescos to supply a temporary post office for a few hours per week. It was agreed that due the current problems at the centre the Parish Council would not support this idea. Parish Manager will answer the letter.

Neath Hill: Cllr A Williams noted that the damaged fencing had been removed around the Sargeants Green play area.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Fly Tipping: Bunk bed in the underpass from Willen Road to Marsh Drive.

Graffiti: Cllr Tripp reported that most of the graffiti has been removed in the Blakelands/Giffard Park area.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2005.

The Meeting closed at 9.02pm.