

# **GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

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

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morsley. Cllr Wright.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** Cllr Williamson declared an interest in Item 5A, and took no part in the discussion.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Byfield and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March be signed as a true record.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**MK Lions:** The promised report still has not arrived. Will be chased again.

**Loriner Place:** A Meeting had taken place with Parminder Dhap (Milton Keynes Council). The draft transfer document will be inspected by Cllr Williamson, although it is thought that this will be a standard document, with no necessity to have it legally scrutinised. MKC were asked to mark the boundaries of the land to be transferred also to clear and level the site. If necessary the cost could be taken from the Section 106 from developments at Downhead Park and Downs Barn .

**Marsh Drive Painting:** Lease indicates that the interior should be painted on 2007 and the exterior in 2008.

### **5. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:**

**Football Festival:** Jackie Williamson and Derek Puddifoot attended and explained their plans for the festival. The amount requested from the Parish Council is £305 to cover Trophies, Insurance and First Aid Cover. It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Byfield that Full Council agree this amount, also to decide how the Parish Council wish to be advertised in the programme..

**DDA Work-Downs Barn:** Parish Manager advised that MKC are still awaiting the results of the feasibility study on the lift installation however there are to be exterior grilles to be fitted to the windows and doors.

**Tennis for Free:** Cllr Allum had seen this letter and was planning to speak to Pete Cox and obtain further information.

### **6. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:**

**Conifer Trees:** The fallen branches have been removed and Cllr Wright had inspected the site. He suggested that no further work be carried out for the moment, however in the event of branches fallen again, then a tree surgeon should be asked to report.

### **7. HIGH STREET FACILITY:**

**Thatching of Barn:** We have one quote from N Oldfield for £9,250. Due to the specialist nature of the work it has not been possible to obtain further quotes, however Parish Manager advised that she had in her possession a quote from another thatcher to rethatch a church gate. This was for just under £3,000. In the

circumstances it was agreed that the quote we have was very competitive and should be accepted. This was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Allum (planning permission will be required as this is a listed building).

## **8. ALLOTMENTS:**

**Tyres at Neath Hill:** Still awaiting collection by MKC.

**Sandy Close Site:** A quote for 180 Pyracantha had been received, this was £314.10 (excluding planting). Parish Manager has a local firm to contact for a second quote.

**DDA Complaint:** The Conciliation Service have advised that they have closed the case and returned it to the Disability Rights Commission. We do not know whether it is the DRC intention to reopen the case.

**9. BLAKELANDS PLAY AREA:** We have received letters of complaint about the condition of the play area. Benches are broken, there are no litter bins, steps broken, also there are Berberis bushes with inch long spikes which children are hurting themselves on. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Tripp that £1,000 be taken from the Environment Budget, to donate new seats and litter bins. Parish Manager to ask MKC whether they would install and carry out the other work.

**10. DOG BINS:** Following recent media articles, Cllr Stabler suggested that a policy of the Parish Council be drafted. This together with a map showing where the bins are situated, could be handed out in the office with dog bags.

## **11. LOCAL CENTRES:**

**Great Linford:** It is noted that on appeal a licence has now been granted to the Pilgrims Bottle.

**High Street-Great Linford:** Seat by letter box is in need of attention. Parish Manager will speak to the Residents Association.

**Giffard Park:** It is noted that since the beat officer has taken to patrolling on foot there has been no reported incidents from One Stop or the School.

**Redway Repairs:** Some work has been done at the rear of Huntsman Grove and Hargreaves Nook, however that closest to the V10 has been left. This will be chased.

**Footbridge over V10:** The barriers have been raised on the bridge from Giffard Park to Blakelands.

**Property Licence:** From early April those renting properties will require a licence.

**Neath Hill Local Centre:** Cllr Stabler is chasing the Highways Department to have the missing bollards replaced. Clock chimes not working (Parks Trust are aware). Verge parking ongoing but improving (outside day centre). Request from trader for more litter bins (Parks Trust will be contacted).

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Section 106 Training:** This will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Council Chamber 7pm (those wishing to attend, please notify Parish Manager).

**Parishes Assembly:** Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March, Civic Offices

**Play Areas Report:** Areas requiring attention need to be listed in order that an application can be made for Section 106 funding from Gyosei and Beds Pilgrims.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

**The Meeting closed at 8.51pm.**