

# **GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Tripp, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Perrott.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Wright, Cllr B Morsley, Cllr S Williams, Cllr A Williams, Cllr Byfield.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** There were no interests declared.

**Thames Valley Police:** WPC Heather Denton attended and introduced herself as the part time officer covering Neath Hill and Pennyland. She has recently been pursuing parking problems around Brooksward School; there had also been a number of calls from people concerning dangerous dogs. There have been a number of problems with the Co-op, and there had been little co-operation from the shop management to resolve this. Inspector Robinson has now written to more senior management to try and sort this out. There are currently eight Police Constables and two Sargeants for the Northern Sector, there are at the moment no PCSOs. Bolbeck Park, Willen Park and Downhead Park do not have a beat officer, however the level of crime on these estates is very low. It is possible that WPC Denton will join with PC Archbold and they will jointly cover Neath Hill, Pennyland, Great Linford, Blakelands and Gifford Park.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September be signed as a true record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Loriner Place-Downs Barn:** The signed documents are now with Milton Keynes Council and we expect a conclusion to this matter within the next couple of weeks.

**5. DOG BIN REQUESTS:**

a) **Bolbeck Park:** There has been an ongoing problem on the redway, by the canal. It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler that a bin be purchased for this area.

All agreed.

b) **St Monicas School:** Cllr Stabler suggested that this was held over until Full Council as the details were a little vague. He will speak to the lady and report back.

**6. GAMBLING ACT:** The Committee noted the document, but felt that there was little that affected this parish.

**7. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TRAINING PROGRAMME:**

Letter asking for delegates to attend the Training Programme. It was agreed that the Parish Manager would attend and that Cllr Markley would also be asked whether he is available. The cost per delegate is £20.

## **8. DOWNS BARN FACILITY:**

**Grants for Court Re-furbishment:** The Barclays Grant has been successful and work is due to be completed for an official opening mid July 2007. They have now asked for additional car park lighting to be included in the quotes and will advise the Parish Council of the cost (we have money allocated for this purpose). Leisure Services have put in for a Capital Grant of £250k to take all the inside of the building out and extend as a single storey building. The result of this application will be known in early January.

## **9. MARSH DRIVE FACILITY:**

**Tree Surgery:** It appears that some of the trees may have TPOs on them, Jenny to meet MKC Tree Officer tomorrow.

**Future Development:** Plans are progressing well; the next step is to have plans drawn up for the pavilion extension. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Tripp that a maximum of £250 be allocated to have some drawings done of options to extend the pavilion. All agreed.

## **10. HIGH STREET FACILITY:**

The hedge has now been cut, otherwise there was nothing further to report from this facility

## **11. ALLOTMENTS:**

**Bells Meadow:** Gate padlock is broken; Parish Manager has this in hand.

**Reserve Site-Sandy Close:** The letter was sent to all properties, with only a few comments, mostly regarding adequate parking provision. Inspector Robinson has advised that he is happy to relinquish use of the Landscape Depot and a formal application will now be made to Milton Keynes Council for the freehold to be transferred to the Parish Council.

## **12. LOCAL CENTRES:**

**Gifford Gate-Great Linford:** Abandoned car, Parish Manager will report.

**Blakelands:** The seats are still undamaged, and the bandstand roof has been repaired. The shrubs and bushes are currently being cut back and the area is beginning to look very tidy, although the play equipment has as yet not been repaired. There has also been a deep cleanse of the estate.

**Great Linford:** The Play area at the rear of the Giffard Park pub, is in urgent need of attention, Philip Snell will be chased again about this.

**Downs Barn:** The police are still working on possible dispersal orders to remove the group of youths from the area of the shop.

The shrubbery on the roundabouts has been cut back, but the centres were left.

Parish Manager will ask Landscape Department, whether they are planning to finish the job.

## **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** There were no other items for discussion.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>h</sup> November 2006

**The Meeting closed at 8.45pm**