

Great Linford Parish Council

Great Locality - Proud Community

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 12th June 2007, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Tripp, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Byfield, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Mullholland (observing)..

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Morsley, Cllr S Williams.

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2007/2008: Cllr Allum was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Byfield. There were no further nominations.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Byfield and seconded by Cllr Stabler that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2007 be signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Dog Bins: The Downhead Park problem appears to have abated, however the problem at the bottom of Germander Place continues. Parish Manager will organise a bin in this area. There are still complaints about the Hills Close area, Cllr Stabler will have another look.

6. MK DRAFT OPEN SPACE STRATEGY: Cllr Allum had prepared his comments on the strategy, which were circulated. It was agreed that as many Councillors as possible should read this document before the Full Council meeting, at which a formal response will be drafted.

7. NO CYCLING SIGNS FLORIN CLOSE: Resident requesting that the Parish Council put up a "No Cycling " sign. Milton Keynes Council have already declined this request and the Parish Council also agree that a sign to this effect is probably not legal.

8. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

The official opening of the new multi-sports area is on Friday 6th July between 5pm and 7pm. Hopefully after this date, the facility will have more use. There is still concern that the tennis net is portable and locked in the store, so is not easily usable by the public.

9. LORINER PLACE: The land has now had all the stones cleared, and is

awaiting a final roll and weedkilling. Hopefully in the very near future it will have its first mow and will then be opened for public use.

10. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

- a) **Astra Turf Wicket:** We have received a grant of £7,250 from Grantscape. The exact type of the wicket has not yet been decided, but hopefully this grant should cover the cost.
- b) **Additional Car Parking:** We now understand that there is a possibility that Milton Keynes Council will extend the car parking at the facility with funding from the Section 55 Parking Revenue Account. We await official confirmation of this.

11. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Nothing to report.

12. ALLOTMENTS:

- a) **Sandy Close Reserve Site:** We have a quote for £17,224 to put in the new allotments (there are a couple of items to add to this possibly an extra £1,000). Steve Crowther (Landscape & Countryside Strategy Manager), is supporting this project, also the eventual ownership of the Landscape Depot in Sandy Close, which will be a huge asset to the new allotment site and the Allotment Association. We are awaiting written confirmation that if the Parish Council wish to go ahead and install the allotments, then they will be reimbursed with the cost from the S106 from the Stantonbury Park Farm development.

13. LOCAL CENTRES:

- a) **Conniburrow:** Gail Peachey and David Barnes (Safer Community Wardens), are currently working from the Conniburrow estate, they will add an extra presence on the streets and will liaise with the community. It is not known at this stage how long their secondment will be for.
- b) **Giffard Park:** Due to better quality CCTV images from the One Stop, there have been three arrests for "beer runs".
- c) **Neath Hill:** Motor cyclists on the school playing field were apprehended by the police and one bike was destroyed by the authorities.
- d) **Great Linford:** There are several items of rubbish. Parish Manager will get this removed once she has exact locations.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Visit to Parish Council Facilities: Parish Manager will organise a coach during August, in order that a tour can be made of allotments and sports facilities.

Youth Worker: Parish Manager asked to complain that no Youth Worker has visited the Parish Council for a year.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th July 2007 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm