

# Great Linford Parish Council

## *Great Locality - Proud Community*

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Connor, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams, Cllr Brockwell.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morsley, Cllr Rose, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Stabler.

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

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Byfield and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2007 be signed as a true record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**5. SUPPORTING WORK WITH 8-13 YEAR OLDS:** Letter received from MKC offering a grant for this financial year only to employ a youth worker for four hours per week to run a junior youth club in the area. The Parish Council would need to run the project, supply all the volunteers and the building. Conniburrow and Downs Barn both have clubs for this age group, therefore it is not deemed necessary to bid for funding.

**6. REQUEST FOR LITTER BIN BEHIND FOUNDERS MEWS:** Milton Keynes Council have received a request from a residents for a litter bin on the grassed area behind Founders/Carpenters Mews, Neath Hill. MKC are asking the Parish Council to consider buying a bin and being responsible for the emptying. Cllr Stabler had checked the area last week and the Parish Manager today. There appears to be no excess rubbish in the area. It was agreed to monitor this area, but for the time being not to purchase a bin.

**7. LARGE DOG BIN FOR THE GREEN-GREAT LINFORD:** The two current bins appear to be overloaded on occasions. It was agreed to swap these for one large green bin (we will then have two spare red bins).

**8. UPGRADING OF PLAY AREAS (Section 106 Funded).** Parish Manager has tried to ascertain how much of the Section 106 from the Retirement Village and Beds Pilgrims, has already been allocated. Two e-mails to MKC have so far received no reply. The newly refurbished area at the bottom of Mullen Avenue, was vandalised very soon after completion, this has been repaired. Phil Snell had met with the children at Downs Barn School, regarding the new equipment for the play area behind Martingdale Place.

**9. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:** The fence for Court 3 is currently under construction, but this will only be a low fence.

**10. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:**

**Marking of Car Park:** Parish Manager is still chasing MKC about the marking, but no date has yet been set.

**Path to District Park:** This has been installed by the football club.

**Pavilion:** Include have requested clear glass in the kitchen area windows. Parish Manager feels that this would constitute a security risk and that the obscured glass should remain, all agreed.

**11. HIGH STREET FACILITY:**

Nothing to report.

**9. ALLOTMENTS:** Milton Keynes Council have put some bait down in the allotment at Gifford Park and the plot holder concerned has been asked to remove his compost heap, as it seems to be attracting the vermin.

**10. ESTATES:**

**Great Linford:** Residents are requesting a bus shelter outside the School in St Leger Drive. Parish Manager will pass this request to MKC, although Downs Barn are still awaiting their promised shelter after four years.

**Downs Barn:** There is a quantity of rubbish outside a house in Mullen Avenue, resident will be written to about this. The shrubs have recently been cut back and a general sweep of the estate.

**Blakelands:** 5 Minton Close, this has been uninhabited for several years now and rubbish is being dumped around it. Milton Keynes Council were asked to take action on this sometime ago, this will be chased again. The Community Service Team are still working in the Play Area, chopping back the prickly bushes.

**Neath Hill:** EON have completed the work in Currier Drive, after being chased by the Parish Council, they reacted very quickly. The wall in front of the dentist at Coopers Mews has broken coping on the top and is dangerous, this will be reported.

**Pennyland:** The reported pot holes have now been marked and will hopefully be repaired shortly.

**Conniburrow:** Lead has been stolen from the roof of the Community Building. Milton Keynes Council has agreed to repair this. There will be a Xmas Buffet function for senior citizens in the area, this will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30pm (this will be a joint meeting with the FGP Committee).

**The Meeting closed at 8.20pm**