

# Great Linford Parish Council

## *Great Locality - Proud Community*

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Stabler, (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllr Byfield, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Rose, Cllr Connor, Cllr Mullholland (observing).

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morsley, Cllr Allum, Cllr Tripp.

**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 Brockwell that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2007 be signed as a true record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

**Dog Bins:** We are still receiving requests for bins in Conniburrow and Middleton in Great Linford, these areas will be inspected again as previously there was no evidence of any quantity of dog dirt. A letter has been received from a resident of Lovat Fields asking for a bin adjacent to the site of the retirement village in Willen Park. Parish Manager will reply and advise the Parish Councils policy on dog bins.

**Youth Worker:** A meeting has been held and an inter estate football competition is to be held during the October Half Term week, at Downs Barn. This event to be jointly organised by NACRO, the Youth Service and the Parish Council.

**Downs Barn Play Area:** Phil Snell (Play Area Officer-MKC), organised the Play Bus to attend Downs Barn during the summer holidays, the object being to canvass the youngsters with regard to the new play equipment. Phil will be contacted for an update.

**Electric Cycles:** The PCSOs have had one on trial, but have decided that this was too heavy, there are lighter ones on the market, this will be investigated further.

**5. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:**

The floodlit facilities have now been booked for several evenings and a meeting

has been arranged to discuss adult tennis.

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

**Astra Turf Wicket:** This has now been installed.

**Marking of Car Park:** The Cabinet at MKC suggested on 17<sup>th</sup> July that the car park should be remarked to create extra spaces. We have heard nothing since, this will be chased.

**Litter:** Plastic drinks bottles are being left in the hedges by the football club, they will be told about this.

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

Nothing to report.

## **8. ALLOTMENTS:**

**Sandy Close Reserve Site:** There has been a change in the developer at the Stantonbury Park Farm site. This may well delay the project by some months and will mean that the Section 106 payments are delayed. We may well have to wait before starting the new site, otherwise the financial outlay by the Parish Council, could be for a considerable period, before the money is passed from MKC.

**Produce Show:** This was a great success, there is a report on the website and an article will be in the forthcoming newsletter.

## **9. ESTATES:**

**Neath Hill:** Since the introduction of the smoking ban, there appears to be a huge problem with cigarette ends in the area of the Eager Poet, also the Day Centre in Tower Drive. The Cleansing Department at Milton Keynes Council have been advised and the Enforcement Officer has spoken to the public house, also they have arranged for a mechanical sweep of the area weekly.

**Downs Barn:** There is an ongoing problem of pavement parking. No offence is being committed, unless there is insufficient room for a double buggy or wheelchair to pass. The PCSOs will be asked to look at this.

**Pennyland:** Large potholes in the roads. Parish Manager requested that exact locations be given, this will then be taken up with the Highways Department.

**Great Linford:** Problems in the Hills Close, Middleton area, with untaxed cars, tree roots and weeds. The MKC Housing Officer inspected the area last week and has reported untaxed vehicles, and has asked for a litter pick of the area. An ongoing problem with bulky items of rubbish being left on the verge in the Gibbwin area. Parish Manager can have this cleared quite quickly if the details are passed to her.

**Conniburrow:** The 17 organisations who had approached the Community Association with offers of finance, appear to have now left, but there is no money forthcoming at the moment.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30pm.

**The Meeting closed at 8.39 pm**