

**28 OCTOBER 2010**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the BOWLS PAVILION, WEST ROW on Thursday, 28 October 2010 at 7.00pm

Present:	Cllr B J Sulman (Chairman)	Cllr G A Hayes
	Cllr A J Wheble (Vice Chairman)	Cllr H T Hitt
	Cllr M J Ball	Cllr J W McGhee
	Cllr J Barker	Cllr A F J Peachey
	Cllr J M Bloodworth	Cllr N A Roman
	Cllr D W Bowman	Cllr M K Smith
	Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls	Cllr G H Taylor-Balls

Also present were: Sgt P Payne, County Councillor S Frost, Mr A Donovan, two members of the press, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from Sqn Ldr R Fryer.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
None.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item was reached and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

4. RECEIPT AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION  
The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

a. Police information

Sgt P Payne gave a crime report for the previous month in Mildenhall and stated that graffiti is now an SNT priority. The police will be seeking funds to clean up the existing graffiti. Sgt Payne informed members that staffing arrangements have been changed which will increase the night-time police presence in Mildenhall. He also invited all members to the first three-monthly meeting which will be held for the police to hear from local community representatives as to what police priorities should be in Mildenhall.

Matters raised by members included: whether parking outside Barclays bank could be permitted for those on bank business (Sgt Payne replied that some discretion is used but the decision on where yellow lines are painted are the responsibility of SCC); parking problems in the new town car park (the CEO reported that she has contacted the developers to ask them to park on site as soon as the tarmac is laid and to try to minimise use of parking spaces in the run-up to Christmas); why West Row is not in the same SNT team as Mildenhall (Sgt Payne to follow up the earlier enquiry); how closely the Base and the Mildenhall police liaise regarding Base closures; speeding in Kingsway (Sgt Payne reported that speed checks have been carried out recently but no vehicles found to be speeding, details of the checks carried out to be forwarded to the CEO); a request for Sgt Payne to chase up SCC concerning yellow lines needed outside Mabbs Hall; parking problems outside the kebab shop; vandalism in the town precinct and a request for the police to attend the final half-hour of Mildenhall Meet Your Councillor sessions whenever possible.

b Base information

The CEO read out a short report from Sqn Ldr Fryer in which he stated that the recent exercise had proved very useful. There will be more exercises in future and efforts will be made to try and avoid the rush hour period.

c. County Council information

Cllr S Frost spoke to members about the new strategic direction for SCC which has to respond to a 28% reduction in expenditure over the next four years. More details on possible liaison with the voluntary and private sectors to deliver services will be discussed at an SCC meeting on 2 December.

Matters raised by members included the future of Wamil Court (Cllr Frost replied that a consultation is taking place and more will be known after 14 December); the need for yellow hashing outside the fire station and Lloyds Bank; a request for barriers by the zebra crossings by the bus station and Sainsbury's and the issue of vehicles parking on areas of grass. Cllr Roman urged County Cllr Frost to fight for the preservation of Wamil Court and Mildenhall library. Cllr Frost replied that contrary to many press reports, it is low usage village library branches which may close and there has been no official suggestion that Mildenhall, a medium-high use library is at risk.

Standing orders were reinstated.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30 September 2010 were confirmed.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 4 October 2010 were confirmed.

7. MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Recreational Management Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2010 were confirmed.

**It was resolved that the anti-litter notices should be made up in the landscape format, white on black printing with the MPC and SNT logos in the two bottom corners. Four notices will be ordered at a cost of £37.50 each.**

**It was resolved that the bye laws notice should be put up on the wall of the Jubilee Centre at the back of the store at a cost of £75.00 for the notices.**

**It was resolved that the redundant steps to the rear of the pavilion should be removed.**

**It was resolved to accept the draft budget and report for the Recreational Management Committee 2011/12 with thanks to the office staff for their work in preparing them.**

8. CHAIRMAN'S ITINERARY & REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Itinerary

Mildenhall College of Technology Awards Evening – October 2010

Parish Council Dinner – The Bell Hotel, Mildenhall – 15 October 2010. “

The Chairman thanked Cllr J Barker for organising the dinner which was enjoyed by all

b) Reports

None.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Reports for the second quarter of the 2010/2011 financial year – Financial Summary – Cashbook and Financial Budget Comparison were received with thanks to the office staff.

10. MEETINGS CALENDAR FOR 2011

**It was resolved to accept the proposed meetings calendar for 2011.**

## 11. MINUTES OF THE JCJMC MEETING

The minutes of the Jubilee Centre Joint Management Committee meeting held on 11 October 2011 were received. It is hoped that reducing the number of meetings to two per year will increase the attendance of non-Parish Council members.

## 12. BUS SERVICES

The letter from SCC regarding changes to bus services in West Suffolk was noted and comments invited by 12 November. Members wondered what criteria are used to decide on changes to bus services.

## 13. FIVE WAYS DEVELOPMENT

The letter from SCC regarding Five Ways Development Prohibition of Right Turn Order was noted.

## 14. LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Members felt unable to consider the question posed by NALC for the December Local Council Review "Do you think the Big Society will work for local (parish and town) councils and communities?" due to the fact that a response was required the following day, 1 November. Cllr Barker will raise this point at the next NALC meeting.

## 15. LETTER FROM UNISON

The letter from Unison regarding SCC – New Strategic Direction was noted.

## 16. NALC CONFERENCE

**It was resolved that Cllr Barker will represent MPC at the NALC Larger Local Councils Conference on 1 December at a cost of £211.50 plus travelling expenses.**

Cllr Barker declared an interest.

## 17. SALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**It was resolved to nominate Cllr Barker to the SALC Executive Committee.** Cllr Barker declared an interest.

## 18. GRANT APPLICATION

**It was resolved to grant £250 to Age Concern.**

## 19. AUDIT REPORTS

**a) It was resolved to receive the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2010 duly completed by BDO.**

**b) It was resolved to receive the CEO's report.**

20. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for October 2010 totalling £27, 430.97 including telepay salaries were retrospectively authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and M J Ball signed the relevant cheques.

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Additional accounts for October 2010 totalling £1,789.65 were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and D W Bowman signed the relevant cheques.

22. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Suffolk Link Newsletters.
- SALC LAIS x 5.
- NALC DIS Newsletter x 2
- Mr Rick Sambles, Royal British Legion, relinquishing role of Poppy Wreath Co-ordinator.
- SCC re permanent prohibition of pedestrian traffic to footpath at Waterworks and Lincoln Road.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The CEO showed examples of the anti-litter and bye-law notices.

A statement was read out following a meeting regarding the future of Mildenhall Town Football Club saying that in the current economic climate relocation of MTFC is no longer viable. New ideas for the club are being sought.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.