

29 SEPTEMBER 2011

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 29 September 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr A J Wheble (Chairman)
Cllr J M Bloodworth (Vice Chairman)
Cllr M J Ball
Cllr J Barker
Cllr D W Bowman
Cllr D Chandler
Cllr T Donovan

Cllr T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls
Cllr J W McGhee
Cllr J Raine
Cllr N A Roman
Cllr B J Sulman
Cllr G H Taylor-Balls

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer , County Councillor S Frost, Mr M Tuck, MTFC (arrived 8pm), Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs V Shrimpton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

It was resolved to bring forward item 27 to discuss at 4c.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Cllrs A F J Peachey and M K Smith.

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

A police report on West Row crime figures was received.

b. Base information

Sqn Ldr Fryer reported that the Base is still busy supporting operations in Libya. Exercise training on Base will begin on 3 October with planned little or no impact on the community. There will be simulated explosives on the south part of the Base which are planned to take place during the day of 5 October.

Matters raised by members included thanks from the Chairman for the Joan Mann Special Olympics Event which he attended; questions as to whether the Joan Mann event could have been better publicised in the wider community and feedback that the new lighting adjacent to West Row Road is causing no problems.

c. County Council information

Matters raised by members to County Councillor S Frost included the footpath at Ferry Lane, West Row being cut up by vehicle use; poor state of the road surface at the mini roundabout by the Industrial Estate, at St Andrew's Street and by the old courthouse.

27 SCC MOBILE LIBRARY CONSULTATION

County Councillor frost informed members that at present, each book issue by the mobile library service costs £7.70. It was agreed that members wish the service to be retained albeit in a more economically viable form. County Cllr Frost urged members to fill in the consultation document individually.
Standing orders were reinstated.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2011 were confirmed.

6. MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Establishment & Policy committee held on 8 September 2011 were confirmed.

It was resolved that £500, 000.00 from development funds should ideally be split invested between three accounts. At present MPC is interested in the Lloyds TSB account paying 3.6% for three years. The DCEO is awaiting rates from Cambridge Building Society and will endeavour to find another account paying a similar rate.

It was resolved to make the following amendments to Standing Orders:

At 12 to delete line h and replace it with: 12 h) To appoint working groups if relevant at the time.

At 52 to add 52 1) Chairmen of Working Groups shall in the case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

At 71 to delete the second sentence beginning "There shall" and replace it with "There shall be no flash photography of the meeting."

It was resolved that the Vice Chairman should move from the Disciplinary & Grievance Panel to the Appeals Panel and his/her place on the D&G panel be taken by the immediate past Chairman.

It was resolved that as long as members send their apologies if they are unable to attend a meeting, there is no need for a reason for the apology to be provided.

It was resolved to aim to keep the 2012/2013 precept increase to a maximum of 3%.

7. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 23 August and 13 September 2011 were confirmed.

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

a) Itinerary

Clubs & Organisations Day – 3 September 2011

Beck Row Community Link Transport – 3 September 2011

West Row Primary School Opening of New Extension – 17 September 2011

Mildenhall & District Twinning Association Quiz Night – 23 September 2011

Joan Mann Special Olympics at RAF Mildenhall – 24 September 2011

b) Reports

i) Draft National Planning Policy Framework – Cllr Ball

9. PROJECT WORKING GROUP MEETING

The minutes of the Project Working Group meeting held on 26 August 2011 were received.

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The minutes of the Project Working Group meeting held on 16 September 2011 were received. It was noted that Cllr Sulman declared an interest in item 6 and did not speak or vote on that item.

11. GRANTS

It was resolved, subject to the necessary permissions and/or additional funding being secured as required; to ring-fence the following grant sums:

a) **£5, 000 for St Peter's Church, West Row.**

b) £10, 000 for St Mary's Church, Mildenhall

12. JUBILEE CENTRE/PAVILION

It was resolved to engage an architect to look at a preliminary outline for possible extension/refurbishment projects for the Jubilee Centre and Pavilion.

13. GRANTS

It was resolved, subject to the necessary permissions and/or additional funding being secured as required; to ring-fence the following grant sums:

13 £30, 000 for Mildenhall College of Technology. Cllr J Bloodworth declared an interest.

14 £25, 000 for St Mary's School, Mildenhall.

15 £25, 000 for Great Heath School, Mildenhall.

16 £25, 000 for West Row Primary School. Cllr T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls declared an interest.

17. GRANT APPLICATION

It was resolved to release £8, 616 to purchase additional Mildenhall in Bloom planters.

Cllrs Barker and Sulman declared an interest.

18. EQUIPMENT GRANT

It was resolved to release a maximum of £4, 000 to purchase a projector and DVD player for the Jubilee Centre.

19. SEA CADETS

It was noted that the Sea Cadets have commenced work on their boat shed project and that a cheque has been drawn for their £10, 000 grant to be held in the parish office pending confirmation of invoice.

20. JULY EVENT WEEKEND

The final account for the July event weekend was noted.

21. CLUBS & ORGANISATIONS DAY

It was agreed to discuss plans for the next Clubs & Organisations Day at the January Council meeting.

22. COUNCIL DINNER

It was resolved to hold the Mildenhall Parish Council Dinner, which will as usual be funded by councillors personally, at the Bell Hotel on 17 November 2011.

23. SALC AGM

It was noted that the SALC AGM will be held on 7 November 2011 at Henley.

24. SALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was resolved to nominate Cllr Barker for the SALC Executive Committee.

25. SALC NEW CONSTITUTION

It was resolved to ask Cllr Barker to formulate comments to the proposed new SALC constitution. These will be discussed with the CEO and then signed by the Chairman and forwarded to SALC.

26. SCC CONSULTATION: THE BUDGET CHALLENGE

It was agreed that the Chairman of Council and Chairman of E&P should complete the consultation document.

28. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was resolved to order six additional lighting column motifs for Mildenhall Precinct which will be funded by FHDC.

29. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for September 2011 totalling £19,133.44 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

30. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for September 2011 totalling £10,000 were authorised. Cllrs J M Bloodworth and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheque.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- SALC LAIS x 3
- SALC re NHS Suffolk.
- DIS x 2.
- SCC re Restructure of Highways & Transport Services.
- SALC re Gypsies & Travellers.
- Mildenhall Scout Group thank you for grant.
- SCC re Suffolk Link Bulletin.
- NALC E-Bulletin.
- Suffolk Links Brecks FAQs and presentation.
- FHDC re Emergency Planning Exercise.
- Mildenhall Sea Cadets thank you for grant.
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust Newsletter & events diary.
- USAF invitation from RAF Lakenheath.
- Suffolk Acre re Local Foods Suffolk.
- Boundary Commission re 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.
- Mildenhall Social Club re VAT on new building and response from Chairman of MPC.

32. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The CEO reported that the DCEO has achieved her CiLCA qualification and that BDO are satisfied with the additional audit information.

33. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1 Schedule 12A that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of lease matters and personnel matters on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2011

- 33 a) **It was resolved, on the basis of MTFC's business plan, to instruct MPC solicitors to open negotiations with MTFC's solicitors regarding the terms of a lease extension.**
- b) **It was resolved to appoint Mr Brian Darkins and Mr Peter Bowers as joint River Bailiffs.**