

PARISH MEETING 26 MAY 2011

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the Parish of Mildenhall held at the Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall on Thursday 26 May 2011 at 7.30pm. Present were 14 Parish Councillors, four members of Council staff, Sqn Ldr R Fryer, Sgt P Payne, one member of the press and 38 members of the public.

Parish Councillors 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 J W McGhee

Cllr A F J Peachey

Cllr J Raine

Cllr N A Roman

Cllr M K Smith

Cllr B J Sulman

Cllr G H Taylor-Balls

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman Cllr A J Wheble welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls, County Councillor C Noble, Mrs P Barker, Mrs J Woodger, Mr & Mrs J McGarry and Mr & Mrs R Good.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2010 were confirmed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A member of the public raised the matter of the lack of public toilets in Mildenhall particularly when the bus station is closed.

Mr C Horne asked if the question of opening the bus station on Sundays has been considered. Cllr Roman answered that a survey showed Sunday opening not to be cost-effective but that Bank Holiday opening is being considered.

5. PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman, Cllr A J Wheble, handed over to his predecessor, Cllr B J Sulman, for the report. Cllr Sulman commented on a busy and productive year for the parish and thanked all those involved.

6. RAF MILDENHALL BASE REPORT

Sqn Ldr R Fryer reported on a busy year on the Base with increased levels of air traffic particularly due to support being provided for operations in Libya. He said that the Base does try to minimise noise disturbance and asked members of the public to contact him if they wish to discuss any issues.

7. POLICE

Sgt P Payne reported on the changes to policing arrangements in the parish. He said that Mildenhall is generally a low-crime area and confirmed the new SNT priorities to be anti-social behaviour and shoplifting. He encouraged members of the public to attend the quarterly SNT propriety-setting meetings to raise any issues of concern.

Matters raised by the public included :the lack of concern shown at Mildenhall Police Station to the reporting of the theft of a blue bin from the home of Mr V Francis and a question as to whether the police could monitor the lack of consideration shown by some drivers going to Mildenhall Speedway stadium at weekends.

8. AUDITED PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Cllr A J Wheble presented the audited accounts for 2009/2010, which were accepted.

9. EXTRACTS FROM BUDGETS 2011/2012

Cllr A J Wheble presented extracts from the budgets for 2011/2012, which were accepted.

10. UNAUDITED ESTIMATED PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

Cllr A J Wheble presented the unaudited estimated account figures for 2010/2011, which were accepted.

11. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF MILDENHALL PARISH CHARITIES

Mr V Coomber, Clerk to the Trustees of Mildenhall Parish Charities, reported on the work done by Mildenhall Parish Charities and presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010.

Cllr G H Taylor-Balls pointed out that Mildenhall Parish Charities are completely independent from Mildenhall Parish Council.

12. REPORT OF MILDENHALL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Cllr D W Bowman, Chairman of the Mildenhall Community Partnership, presented the report.

13. REPORT FROM MILDENHALL & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Mr A J Bristow, Chairman of the Association, gave the report and presented the original twinning charter to Cllr A J Wheble so it may be displayed in the Jubilee Centre

14. REPORT FROM MILDENHALL BRANCH OF ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Mr C Plowright presented the report.

15. REPORT FROM MILDENHALL MUSEUM

Mr J Moore presented the report.

16. REPORT FROM MILDENHALL MOVIES

Cllr D W Bowman presented the report.

17. ANY OTHER REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Cllr J Barker that the Mildenhall Messenger is seeking a new sales representative. He also reported that a charity walk is taking place on 10 June 2011 to mark the 90th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal British Legion.

18. DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Cllr B J Sulman asked members of the public for suggestions of ideas and projects for the benefit of the parish and parishioners using funds available from the supermarket development. He explained that funds can only be used for capital projects and that all suggestions will be considered by the Project Working Group and their recommendations presented to a full Parish Council meeting to make final decisions.

Members of the public present considered initial ideas suggested by MPC and made several suggestions which are listed on the reports forming part of these minutes. All suggestions were listed on flip charts and all present had the opportunity to show which projects they supported by placing stickers next to the relevant idea.

The Chairman reminded all present about the activities weekend of music and dance being held 22/23/24 July in connection with London 2012 and about Clubs and Organisations Day on 3 September. He thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

REPORT FORMING PART OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MILDENHALL PARISH MEETING

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Suggestions of ideas and projects for the benefit of the parish and parishioners using funds available from the supermarket development

Ideas from Mildenhall Parish Council to get the discussion started

Investment for the future

Fabric of the Parish

- Maintenance of Lark River Bank
- Widen footpath between the Social Club and Mildenhall Town Football Club
- Roadways for the Thetford Road Cemetery extension
- Upgrade the footpath between the car park entrance and the duck feeding area

Pavilion

- Provide reception area
- Upgrade toilet facilities

Jubilee Centre

- Repair roof
- Modernise toilets
- Modernise heating system
- Increase storage space
- Replace curtains
- Purchase projector and DVD player
- Improve acoustics

Building projects for properties not owned by MPC

- Mildenhall Museum
- St Peter's Church, West Row
- West Row Village Hall
- St Mary's School

Sport, Leisure and Health

- Mildenhall Town Football Club

Music and the Arts

Youth Facilities

Senior Citizens

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Suggestions from the public forum

Joan Neville/ Tessa Minter, Mildenhall Allotments Association

Purchase Riverside Allotment site from Suffolk County Council
Provide fencing at Lark Road Allotment site
Pipe water to Lark Road Allotment site

Vic Francis

Improve surfaces of all footpaths approaching the Jubilee Field

Cheryl Francis, PTA, Great Heath Primary School

Outdoor play equipment for the school

Wendy Garrard, Head teacher, St Mary's School

Outdoor play equipment for the school
Minibus for shared use by all parish schools to transport pupils to sporting events

Dave Sennet, West Row

Cycle lane along the B603 West Row to Mildenhall Road

Michael Peachey, West Row Village Hall & Playing Fields Association

Outdoor play equipment for West Row playground
Upgrade West Row tennis courts into a multi-sport area
Graveyard/cemetery area for West Row as the Baptist Chapel is closing their graveyard

Harvey Wright, Mildenhall Cycling Club

Improve the surface of the footpath to the duck-feeding area to allow easier use by wheelchairs/pushchairs
Grass cycle route from Mildenhall to Elveden

Denise Gray, Mildenhall Library

Support children's Bookstart activity

Martin Tutt, Mildenhall Town Football Club

Improve club facilities for players and supporters

Richard Taylor-Balls, Chairman of Governors, West Row Primary School

Outdoor play equipment for the school

St Peter's Church, West Row

Refurbish church interior