

24 FEBRUARY 2011

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the BOWLS PAVILION, WEST ROW, ON THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.00pm

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

Also present were: Sgt P Payne, Sqn Ldr R Fryer, Nikki Taylor, Mr Donovan, County Councillor C Noble, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer, Mrs V Shrimpton (Deputy CEO), one member of the press

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Mrs R Buckingham, Cllr M K Smith and County Councillor S Frost.
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 reported on recent crime figures being a total of 51 for Mildenhall and 5 for West Row. Heating oil and metal are still being targeted. 47 fixed penalty notices had been issued for parking in the last month. SNT priorities are 1/ Parking; 2/ Graffiti – permission is being sought from owners to remove graffiti from their buildings and 3/ Speeding in Queensway, Kingsway and Bury Road. Members accepted that the SNT boundary will not change and will continue to split Mildenhall parish with West Row being in the Brandon SNT group, as this provides a better balance of personnel for parish patrols. Sgt Payne confirmed he would always be able to relay any information or enquiry to his counterpart in Brandon SNT.

b. Base information

Sqn Ldr Fryer informed members that Base will be undertaking pavement repairs/upgrade and from April to October 2011 and there will be a concrete plant established for this work. Having the plant reduces the need for concrete mixers to be constantly entering and leaving site. The same system will operate for the planned taxiway extension in 2011/2012. Exact dates are not known as the contract has not yet been tendered. The temporary works entry/exit from the roundabout on the A1101 was discussed and it was agreed there was no other place to locate this. There was further explanation regarding the need for demolition of 1 C type hanger. It was confirmed that there are no plans to demolish the two remaining C Type hangers. Advice was given as to where Mildenhall Parish Council should write to express their wish that the two remaining C Type hangers should be preserved. There are 169 C Type hangers remaining on Defence Estates land plus those on privately owned land.

c. County Council information

County Councillor Noble reported that SCC facilities not scheduled for closing this year i.e. Mildenhall library and waste recycling depot are not necessarily safe after the end of the financial year as a further £50m of cuts will need to be made in the next financial year.

Matters raised by members included the following:

Sharing of costs where facilities were used by the public either side of a county boundary and the need for more precise information from SCC on NSD matters.

d. Jubilee Centre Youth Club

Cllr Bowman opened the debate with a request that MPC look at all the services provided by SCC and investigate how this council could help. The CEO gave a brief outline of the final meeting of the Youth Service Support Group held on 4 February 2011. The meeting minutes confirmed SCC is closing all Open Access Youth Clubs as the future is to be Targeted Youth Support. All present at the meeting including parish and district councillors indicated a wish to see how youth clubs could be maintained for the future; how the various club's existing funds could be safeguarded and likewise sports equipment etc. Nikki Taylor, SCC Youth Development Worker was invited to attend MPC on 24 February 2011 to provide any available update. Nikki confirmed the Mildenhall Youth club will close on 30 March and Brandon on 31 March 2011. There was discussion, which included Cllr Noble, around the possibility of the SCC emergency fund being a source to keep the club running pending volunteers assembling a plan. Nikki offered her help and support to any group trying to keep a youth club going.

It was resolved that Mildenhall Parish Council would confirm an expression of interest to SCC in running a youth club in Mildenhall.

It was resolved that the CEO be authorised to investigate all aspects of how to continue with Mildenhall Youth Club, including liaison with other parish/town councils and district council.

It was resolved that a Working Group should be established to handle SCC New Strategic Direction matters and report to the next council meeting. The group is to be Cllrs Ball, Barker, Bloodworth, Bowman and Sulman who will fix a date for their meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 January 2011 were confirmed. Line 1, paragraph 4c the word 'make' was amended to 'propose'.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 25 January 2011 and 15 February 2011 were confirmed. 15.02.2011 minutes declaration of interest at item 4 amended to read Cllr T Gooch-Taylor-Balls not Cllr G H Taylor Balls.

7. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2011 were confirmed.

It was resolved:- to confirm pro rata rentals for allotment plots The Gravel Plot 28 £37.70 plus drainage rate of £1.85, total £39.55 for 9.5 months; Lark Road Plot 34 £25.50 for 9 months; that MPC take no further action in the matter of damage to the memorial 966; that plot 17b Riverside licence is transferred to Mrs O Andrews; that MPC install a sloping footpath/steps from the rear of the Jubilee Centre down to the new car park; that MPC install a footpath with steps and a handrail from the rear of the Pavilion down to the new car park immediately adjacent to the existing ramp; that FHDC be asked if anything can be done to improve the surface of their footpath which runs from the balancing pond along the side of the car park. Cllrs Peachey and Taylor-Balls had declared an interest at item 5 – minutes amended.

8. There was no number 8 on the agenda

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

a) Itinerary

None

b) Reports

None

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial Summary – Cash book and Financial Budget comparison were accepted for the third quarter of the 2010/2011 financial year.

11. CIVIC RECEPTION

The minutes of the Civic Reception Working Group meetings held on 13 January 2011 were received. Members had nothing further to add to be carried forward to the CR working group meeting being held after this council meeting.

12. CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS DAY

This event will be held on 3 September 2011

13. CHRISTMAS ELECTRICITY

It was resolved to contribute £40 to the extra electricity costs incurred by St Mary's Church for the Christmas lights.

14. WORK PLACEMENT STUDENT

It was resolved, with regret, that Mildenhall Parish Council will not be able to accept a work placement student from Mildenhall College of Technology. Members were keen to try and offer a place but felt the facilities available did not match the student requirements. Members would like the existing arrangement of student involvement to continue.

15. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2011

The report was accepted. **It was resolved that the 2011 Annual Parish Meeting would include an open forum for parishioners regarding the expenditure development funds and that Cllr Sulman and the CEO should commence work on the presentation.** It was agreed that tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

16. SCHOOLS ORGANISATION REVIEW

The letter from Suffolk County Council was noted

17. SUFFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011-2014

It was agreed Cllr Bowman will respond to the consultation. Any other Member wishing to contribute will contact Cllr Bowman.

18. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for February 2011 totalling £30,628.99 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

19. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for February 2011 totalling £2481.04 were authorised. Cllrs Sulman & Ball signed the relevant cheques.

20. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence.

SALC LAIS 1315.1 Public Forests

SCC Changes to Public Transport Services April 2011

Henry Riley Notice of Practical Completion Inspection

Mr J Delaney junction King Street/Recreation Way/Jubilee Way

SCC Grant given to MPC for Open Weekend in Suffolk £250.00

SCC Service changes to Household Waste Recycling Centre Service
Dep. Of Culture, Media and Sport, Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012 – put on June agenda
Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The CEO informed Members that the concluding legal work for the store development are now in hand as opening day is scheduled for 2 March 2011 and therefore further professional fees will be incurred.
The meeting was informed that due to the forthcoming election Meet your Councillor on April 9 will be cancelled.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.