

25 AUGUST 2011

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 25 August 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr A J Wheble (Chairman) Cllr J W McGhee
Cllr J M Bloodworth (Vice Chairman) Cllr N A Roman
Cllr M J Ball Cllr M K Smith
Cllr D W Bowman Cllr B J Sulman
Cllr D Chandler
Cllr T Donovan

Also present were: PCSO B Butcher, County Councillor C Noble, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs V Shrimpton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Sqn Ldr R Fryer, County Councillor S Frost, Sgt P Payne, Cllrs J Barker, T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls, G H Taylor-Balls, A F J Peachey and J Raine.

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

PCSO B Butcher reported that the SNT priorities are still anti-social behaviour and shoplifting. There will be some trial changes to the SNT shifts which should provide more police presence in the town centre. PCSO Butcher said that recent crime figures are generally low but with some problems of thefts from unsecured motor vehicles.

Matters raised by members included noise problems in the Jubilee Centre car park and police cover for the forthcoming cycle rally.

b. Base information

There was no Base information.

c. County Council information

County Councillor C Noble informed members that next year's SCC budget will be reduced by £40-50M and that public consultation will be held on how these savings can be made. There have been 2000 responses to the consultation on the future of SCC's 16 care homes which have been placed in two groups of 8. Expressions of interest will now be considered.

Standing orders were reinstated.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 July 2011 were confirmed.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2011 were confirmed.

It was noted that there were no items 7 and 8 listed on the agenda.

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

a) Itinerary

Summer reception and BBQ at RAF Lakenheath – 29 July 2011.

Summer reception and BBQ at RAF Mildenhall – 20 August 2011

b) Reports

i) FHDC Planning Workshop 15 August 2011 – Cllr Ball

10. POWER OF WELLBEING

It was unanimously resolved that Mildenhall Parish Council, having met the conditions set down by statute under Local Government Public Involvement Health Act 2007, will adopt the Power of Well-Being with effect from 25 August 2011.

11. MEETING OF PROJECT WORKING GROUP

The minutes were received. **It was resolved that “long-term” as referred to in the minutes should be taken to mean ten years plus.** It was agreed the matter should now go to Establishment & Policy Committee.

12. MUGA

It was resolved to authorise the CEO to place the order and make subsequent payments to HAGS for the MUGA equipment and installation/landscaping. All costs will be paid direct to MPC by the grant providers following Mildenhall Community Partnership's successful grant application to the Open Spaces scheme.

13. DIS 764 re PLANNING LAW

Cllr Ball reported that he has just received further information on this matter which he will consider and then discuss with members of the Planning Committee.

14. NALC CONFERENCE

It was resolved to book a place for Cllr Barker at the NALC LLC conference in London on 30 November 2011 at a cost of £180 plus travel costs.

15. BAND CONCERT

It was resolved that MPC will hold a RAF Honington band concert in 2012 and Cllr Ball was authorised to begin making arrangements.

16. GRANT APPLICATION

It was resolved to grant £750 to Gatehouse.

17. GRANT APPLICATION

It was resolved to grant £100 to Suffolk Scouts Explorer Belt to be released when their target funding figure is reached.

18. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was resolved to go ahead with the enhanced Christmas lighting arrangements as detailed on the CEO's report.

19. MILDENHALL MOVIES

The report on attendance and income figures were received.

20. MILDENHALL SEA CADETS

It was resolved to grant the request from Mildenhall and District Sea Cadets to allow the Childminding Association to use their premises on a weekly basis. The CEO will check the finer points of such an arrangement with MPC's solicitor beforehand.
Cllr Smith declared an interest.

21. COUNCIL DINNER

It was resolved to hold a Mildenhall Parish Council Dinner in 2011 which will as usual be funded by councillors personally.

22. MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Members volunteered for Mildenhall Meet Your Councillor sessions as follows:
September: Cllrs McGhee & Chandler October: Cllrs Bloodworth & Sulman
November: Cllrs Smith & Ball December: Cllrs Roman & McGhee

23. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for August 2011 totalling £22, 896.48 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs J M Bloodworth and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

24. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

There were no additional accounts.

25. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- SALC LAIS x 2
- SALC re National Planning Policy Framework.
- DIS x 2.
- SCC re Suffolk Links Brecks Demand – Responsive Transport Service.
- SALC re Forest Heath Area Meeting 30 August 2011.
- Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.
- SCC re Suffolk Link Surveys

- Suffolk Police re Neighbourhood Watch in West Row – Cllr Bowman updated that he has now found a volunteer co-ordinator.
- FHDC re Forest Heath Play Ranger scheme.
- Mildenhall Baptist Church re projects for teenagers.
- Letter from Mrs B Leuchinger Sturgeon re footpath by Social Club.
- Boundary Commission re initial proposals for new constituency boundaries.
- Mildenhall & District Twinning Association re Quiz evening 23 September 2011.
- National Express re 496 service.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bloodworth reported that 25 clubs/organisations have booked to attend the Clubs Organisations Day on 17 September. Cllrs Bowman, Smith, Ball and Wheble volunteered to help on the day.

27. 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 financial matters on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FORMING PART OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2011

27. a) The minutes of the confidential report forming part of the minutes of the council meeting held on 28 July 2011 were confirmed.
- b) The report from the CEO concerning a follow up report was noted.
- c) **It was resolved to approve and make public the grant applications recommended by the Project Working Group for either immediate payment or ring fencing pending the applicant achieving the total required for their project.**