

25 FEBRUARY 2010

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 25 February 2010 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr B J Sulman (Chairman) Cllr G A Hayes
Cllr J W McGhee (Vice Chairman) Cllr H T Hitt
Cllr M J Ball 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
Cllr A J Wheble (arrived 7.10pm)

Also present were: District Councillor James Waters, PC Helen Self (arrived 7.30pm), five residents from Isleham Marina, two members of the press, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs V Shrimpton (Deputy Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

It was agreed to discuss item 10 at 4d to enable the District Councillor to voice an opinion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Barker, Sqn Ldr R Fryer, County Councillors S Frost and C Noble.

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

PC Helen Self reported that during February, 73 parking tickets have been issued in Mildenhall. 44 crimes have been reported and it is hoped that persons suspected of several of these crimes will be arrested shortly. The Shopwatch scheme is hoping to encourage more shops to join.

Matters raised by members included: parking on grass verges in Mildenhall and the question as to whether MPC has in fact purchased a speed gun for use by police in the parish.

b. Base information

There was no Base information.

c. County Council information

The CEO reported that County Councillor Noble has spoken to FHDC David Burnip regarding Isleham Marina and that County Councillor Frost will report back to the working group regarding salting and gritting of pavements.

d District Council information

District Councillor James Waters spoke regarding the request by Isleham Parish Council to move Isleham marina into their parish. He said that neither the owner of the Marina nor the Marina Lodge Association has been consulted about the proposals and that they will comment in due course.

10. ISLEHAM MARINA

It was reported that David Burnip will prepare a report on Isleham Parish Council's wish to change the county boundary relating to Isleham Marina, which will be considered by FHDC on 24 March. The point was made that the residents of the Marina have not been consulted by Isleham Parish Council.

It was resolved to note the copy letter from Isleham Parish Council and state that no further action will be taken until the Isleham Marina residents have been consulted and that MPC will offer to work with FHDC in carrying out a survey of opinion.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 January 2010 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 26 January 2010 and 16 February 2010 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

7. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 4 February 2010 were confirmed.

It was resolved to increase the Mildenhall Cemetery fees as detailed on the fee document accompanying these minutes. These are the first fee increases since April 2007.

It was resolved to accept the Cemetery Regulations with no amendments.

It was resolved to increase the MPC allotment fees as follows:

Riverside full plot – increase from £31.00 to £32.00

Riverside three quarter plot – increase from £25.75 to £27.00

Riverside half plot – increase from £15.50 to £16.00

Lark Road full plot – increase from £25.75 to £27.00

Lark Road half plot – increase from £15.50 to £16.00

The Gravel large plot – increase from £61.75 to £63.00

The Gravel medium plot – increase from £45.25 to £47.00

These are the first fee increases since April 2007

It was resolved to confirm pro rata rentals for 10 months of £23.60 each on Lark Road allotment plots 15 and 32.

It was resolved to permit temporary fencing of chicken wire/bamboo canes around graves with new burials for a period of two weeks after a funeral. It was also resolved to ask funeral directors to pass on a letter of advice recommending types of flowers which may be less attractive to rabbits and deer and to display signs giving the same advice at the cemetery. All of the above to be on a trial period for six months and then to be reviewed.

It was resolved to pollard the ash tree in front of the Scout land in the sum of £735.00.

It was resolved that upon receipt of a Certificate of Completion of the work to rebuild the slipway at the rear of the Scout land, MPC solicitor should be asked to draw up suitable arrangements to lease this land to the Scouts on the same terms as their existing lease.

It was resolved to repair Grave 307 in St Mary's Churchyard in the sum of approximately £500.

8. MINUTES OF THE EXTRA RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Extra Recreational Management Committee Meeting were confirmed.

It was resolved to offer two events on the London 2012 Activity Weekend 23-25 July 2010:

a) A band concert to be held in the Jubilee Centre on Saturday 24 July 2010 with the band from RAF Honington.

b) A fun run on Sunday 25 July 2010.

Further details and costs will be discussed at the next Council meeting in preparation for making a grant application to the Legacy Trust for funding.

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

a) Itinerary

Turf cutting ceremony for the Sainsbury's supermarket development – 3 February 2010.

b) Reports

None.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) It was resolved to grant £1, 296.40 to West Row Playing Fields & Village Hall Association for grass cutting and play area inspections.

b) It was resolved to grant £250 to Forest Heath Public Radio for the purchase of a zoom digital recorder.

c) It was resolved to defer the application from Mildenhall Scout Group to the next meeting of the Establishment & Policy Committee for further information.

d) It was resolved to grant £200 to Optua.

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Financial Summary, cashbook and Financial Budget Comparison reports for the third quarter of the 2009/10 financial year were received with thanks.

13. SALC SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results were noted and it was agreed that they should be considered at the next QPS committee meeting.

14. UNITARY GOVERNMENT

The letter regarding a decision on unitary government in Devon, Norfolk and Suffolk from the Department for Communities and Local Government was received.

15. LARK VALLEY ASSOCIATION

It was resolved to renew MPC's subscription to Lark Valley Association in the sum of £17.50.

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WEST ROW

The report was considered. **It was resolved to fund postage costs in the sum of approximately £70 for a survey into the need for local housing for the elderly.** West Row ward members abstained from the vote.

17. REQUEST FOR RE-IMBURSEMENT

Cllrs Hayes & Hitt declared an interest and left the room for discussion and voting.

Members considered the request from Cllrs Hayes & Hitt for reimbursement of their legal costs incurred in their application for TVG status for the Jubilee Field. **It was resolved that no action should be taken on this request.**

18. ANZAC DAY SERVICE

It was noted that an invitation has been extended to members from the Suffolk branch of the Britain-Australia Society to an Anzac Day Commemorative Service at St Peter and St Mary's Church, Stowmarket on Sunday 25 April 2010 at 10.30.

19. FHDC PARISH & TOWN FORUM

It was noted that FHDC Parish & Town Forum was held on 23 February, attended by the CEO. Report to follow.

20. REQUEST FROM MILDENHALL SCOUT GROUP

It was resolved to grant the request from Mildenhall Scout Group to hold a (plastic) duck race to celebrate the opening of their riverbank renovations.

21. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for February 2010 totalling £24, 980.07 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and M J Ball signed the relevant cheques.

22. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for February 2010 totalling £3, 739.59 were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and M J Ball signed the relevant cheques.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- NALC New Model Standing Orders.
- SCC Save money & take up the energy challenge.
- NHS Suffolk heart attack leaflets.
- Suffolk Link bulletin.
- Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.
- FHDC Local Development Framework – Preparation of Site Allocation Plan & Development of Policies documents.
- SCC notice re temporary closure & 30mph speed limit on A1101 for roadworks.
- SALC re removal of exemption from music licensing for voluntary & community groups.
- SCC Draft Fire Action Plan 2010-11.
- Big Freeze Workshop - synthesis of table discussions.
- Cambs CC – Cambs & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan.
- Newmarket Town Council re Newmarket Legacy Project for 2012 Olympic Games programme – mixed tag rugby.

24. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.