

26 NOVEMBER 2009

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 26 November 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr B J Sulman (Chairman) Cllr G A Hayes
Cllr M J Ball Cllr H T Hitt
Cllr J Barker Cllr A F J Peachey
Cllr D W Bowman Cllr G H Taylor-Balls
Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls

Also present were: PC Helen Self, four sixth form students from Mildenhall College of Technology, one member of the press, 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, Cllrs J W McGhee, M K Smith, J M Bloodworth, N A Roman, A J Wheble and D J Newton and County Councillors C Noble and 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

PC Helen Self informed members that Sgt Phil Payne is now in post. She reported on recent crime figures and 30 parking tickets issued in the previous month. Members and PC Self discussed the many areas of problem parking in Mildenhall and PC Self reiterated that the police do consider illegal parking a priority.

b. Base information

There was no Base information.

c. County Council information

There was no County Council information.

d.

Mert Karatas, Head Boy of Mildenhall College of Technology spoke of a recent trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and told members that he and fellow students at MCT are keen to form a closer relationship with Mildenhall Parish Council.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 October 2009 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 27 October and 17 November 2009 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 12 November 2009 were confirmed.

It was resolved to accept the draft budget for the General Purposes Committee 2010/2011 as presented. It was resolved to accept the quote from Pearce & Kemp in the sum of £13, 195.00 plus VAT for columns and from EDF in the sum of £12, 861.11 (variable) plus VAT for transferring the electrical supply for lighting column replacements.

It was resolved to accept the report on lighting column replacement 2009/2010.

It was resolved to accept the Cemetery report and to delay the displaying of a notice regarding flowers and memorial items until after Christmas.

It was resolved to look into the provision of a public notice board in Mildenhall, possibly at the bus interchange.

It was resolved to reconsider the matter of sheds at the Riverside allotments once SCC's permission has been confirmed in writing.

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

Remembrance Concert at St Mary's Church, Mildenhall – 6 November 2009.

Wreath Laying at West Row War Memorial – 7 November 2009.

Wreath Laying at Mildenhall War Memorial followed by service at St Mary's Church – 8 November 2009.

9. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The amended calendar of MPC meetings 2010 was received.

10. CONSERVATION AREA CONSULTATION

It was resolved to discuss the FHDC Mildenhall Conservation Area Public Consultation document at the meeting of the Planning Committee on 8 December.

11. FOREST HEATH COMMUNITY RADIO

The report regarding the visit to Forest Heath Community Radio ZETA FM103.5 was received.

12. FHDC PARISH & TOWN FORUM

It was noted that the next FHDC Parish & Town Forum will be held on 23 February 2010.

13. FHDC TRAINING

The report regarding FHDC's training session on "Delivering Quality Services and how Scrutiny can help Improve Performance" was received.

14. HURST FEN AND HOWLETT HILLS

It was noted that Hurst Fen will be the responsibility of Mildenhall Parish Charities as from April 2010. **It was resolved that MPC signs a management agreement with FHDC for Howlett Hills and earmarks £2000 in reserves in the 2010/2011 budget should there be unexpected expenditure.**

Cllr AFJ Peachey declared an interest and did not vote.

14a YOUTH COUNCIL

It was resolved to meet with the four sixth formers from Mildenhall College of Technology on 15 December to consider the possible formation of a Youth Council and how Mildenhall Parish Council can have a closer and more effective relationship with young people. Cllrs Sulman, Gooch-Taylor-Balls, Hayes and Barker

15. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for November 2009 totalling £23, 445.36 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques. The payments to Mildenhall Community Partnership in the sum of £600 and St Mary's Parochial Church Council in the sum of £30 were authorised under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

16. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for November 2009 totalling £1, 660.50 were authorised. Cllrs B J Sulman and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Highways Agency: Public Transport Service Information and Timetable to the A11 Fiveways to Thetford Improvement Public Inquiry Venue at Elveden Village Hall.
- FHDC: Minutes and relevant documents from the Parish & Town Forum 13 October 2009.
- Suffolk Link: November Bulletin.
- FHDC: Opportunities surrounding London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Department of Transport: Strategy for Lorry Parking Provision in England.
- Ministry of Justice: War Memorials – Maintenance, Repairs & Protection – Penalties for Vandalism – to be discussed at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.
- SCC re temporary speed limits on various roads in Mildenhall and Eriswell.
- Thank you letter for grant from Marie Curie Cancer Care.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.34 pm.