

29 APRIL 2010

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 29 April 2010 at 7.00pm

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

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer), and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk). A minute's silence in memory of the late Mrs Dorothy Madeley was observed.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs M K Smith, J M Bloodworth, H T Hitt and A F J Peachey the police and Mrs V Shrimpton.

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

There was no police information.

b. Base information

Sqn Ldr Fryer thanked Mildenhall Parish Council for the letter of condolence received after the death of Captain Willcox. He informed members that the personnel changeover process has begun, including some commanders from the Base. Sqn Ldr Fryer said that the jets from RAF Lakenheath will continue to arrive for the next two weeks and will begin local flying from Mildenhall on 17 May for four weeks. The aircraft will not be flying many circuits and will be at a higher altitude than usual in order to control noise as much as possible.

c. County Council information

There was no County Council information.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2010 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 30 March and 20 April 2010 were confirmed. Cllr M J Ball's name was removed from the list of interest declared at item 4b on 20 April. Cllr G H Taylor-Balls asked for further information on Countryside Policy PPG7: Sustainable development in Rural Areas.

7. MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Recreational Management Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2010 were confirmed.
It was resolved to support the organisation of a Fun Run on 25 July 2010.

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

a) Itinerary

LEAP Centre Open Afternoon – 31 March 2010.

b) Reports

Report on visit to LEAP Centre – 31 March 2010 - CEO.

Opening of BMX track in Mildenhall Woods – 16 April 2010 – CEO

9. CIVIC RECEPTION MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Civic Reception committee held on 12 April 2010 were received.

It was resolved to hold the next Civic Reception on 11 March 2011.

It was resolved to hold a dinner for members, staff and their guests, date tbc.

10. QPS MEETING

The minutes of the QPS Committee meeting held on 16 April 2010 were received.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) It was resolved to grant £25 per musician up to a maximum of £150 to Mildenhall & District Town Twinning Association. Cllrs Barker and Mrs Gooch-Taylor-Balls declared an interest and left the room for discussion and voting on this item.

b) It was resolved to grant £75 per cadet up to a maximum of £750 to Mildenhall & District Sea Cadets.

12. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT OF INTENT

MPC needs to publish a Community Engagement Statement of Intent prior to the formal adoption of the Power of Well-Being. **It was resolved to ask the QPS Committee to write this statement as soon as it is able to do so.**

13. MILDENHALL MAGISTRATES COURT

The formal closure of Mildenhall Magistrates Court was noted with regret as a great loss to Mildenhall and the whole Forest Heath area.

14. MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Cllr M J Ball volunteered as the second member for the Mildenhall Meet Your Councillor sessions in July.

15. SALC SUBSCRIPTION

It was resolved to renew MPC's subscription to SALC in the sum of £917.20.

16. MILDENHALL & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION SUBSCRIPTION

It was resolved to renew MPC's subscription in the sum of £10.

Cllrs Barker and Mrs Gooch-Taylor-Balls declared an interest

17. SALC TRAINING PROGRAMME

It was noted that the SALC training programme for April 2010 to March 2011 is now available. It will be copied and circulated to all members.

18. EAST OF ENGLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

It was noted that the East of England Local Government Association was launched on 1 April 2010.

19. FHDC PARISH & TOWN FORUM

It was noted that the next FHDC Parish and Town Forum will be held on Tuesday 29 June at 7pm in Herringswell Village Hall.

20. RECREATION WAY ZEBRA CROSSING

Members considered the drawing showing the revised position for the Recreation Way zebra crossing opposite the double gates to the Children's Playground. It was agreed that this is acceptable.

21. MILDENHALL MESSENGER COSTINGS

Members considered the document prepared by Cllr Bowman regarding the increased costs of providing four editions per year of the Mildenhall Messenger, in order to comply with QPS requirements. **It was resolved to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Establishment & Policy Committee.**

22. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for April 2010 totalling £18, 048.89 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

23. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

There were no additional accounts. Members noted the document regarding VAT for the last quarter 2009/10.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Thank you letters for grants from Age Concern and Optua.
- Eastern Angles Theatre Company production on 18 May at Beck Row Community Centre.
- SCC re Footpath on the opposite side of the River Lark to be improved during week commencing 14 June.
- Marie Curie Cancer Care Blooming Great Tea Party June 12 – July 12.
- SCC Annual Surface Clearance Programme 2010.
- Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit – involvement in emergency planning.
- June 20 2010 Army Cadets 150th Anniversary march through six towns will pass through Mildenhall between 11.30 and 12.30 and would like to salute the Chairman as they pass the war memorial.

25. CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Chairman reviewed his first year in office. He spoke about the three priorities he had set when he became Chairman and the progress made on each. He thanked all Councillors and staff for their hard work and support,

26. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

It was resolved to change the date of the General Purposes Committee meeting scheduled for 6 May to 20 May to avoid a clash with the General Election.

Members discussed the parking problems caused by the current construction work and the need to find short term measures to ease the situation. **It was resolved to authorise the CEO to work towards finding alternative parking space for contractor's vehicles, considering the feasibility of using either or both of spare unworked allotments on the Lark Road site and the top end of the Jubilee Field adjacent to the baseball court.**

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.