

26 MARCH 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 March 2009 at 7.00pm

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

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer, Sgt P Ferrie, PCSO D Miller, Ms S Davidson, two members 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 Cllrs N A Roman, J W McGhee, J M Bloodworth and M K Smith.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have on any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on that item.

4. RECEIPT AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

a. Police information

Sgt Ferrie informed members that the SNT priorities remain unchanged from last month, i.e. speeding, parking and Operation Bindweed (shoplifting). PCSO Miller spoke about the parking issue and informed members that 17 parking tickets have been issued in Mildenhall since the last meeting.

Sgt Ferrie asked that if anyone had suggestions for future SNT priorities they should contact him.

Matters raised by members included use of the new zebra crossing on Queensway, the need for a streetlight over the new 30mph sign on West Row Road and parking in Market Street exceeding the time limit.

It was resolved to write to Riverside School asking that children should be reminded to use the new zebra crossing rather than crossing the road at the existing dropped kerb.

4b. Base information

Sqn Ldr Fryer introduced Sal Davidson, new Community Relations Advisor for RAF Mildenhall. He said that aircraft numbers will soon return to more normal levels.

4c. County Council information

There was no County Council information.

Standing orders were then re-instated.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 February 2009 were approved.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

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The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2009 were confirmed.

7. MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Establishment and Policy Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2009 were confirmed. Cllr J Barker was added to the list of "also present". At Item 11, Cllr G H Taylor-Balls name was removed from the list of those having declared an interest and Cllr J Barker was added.

It was resolved to award a grant of £5000 to Mildenhall Scout Group, the sum to be retained in MPC reserves until the Scouts have achieved the target funding required for their project.

It was resolved to award a grant of £250 to the Voluntary Network.

It was resolved to leave the Parish Council grants policy as it is currently worded.

It was resolved that £500 is moved from Account Heading 510 to Account Heading 520 137 Grants.

It was resolved that Mildenhall Parish Council reserve funds be invested in amounts of approximately £50,000 into a number of savings accounts and possibly a Bond issue.

It was resolved to organise a children's film show in the Jubilee Centre as part of National Family Week.

It was resolved to pay the subscription to Mildenhall & District Twinning Association for 2008/2009 and 2010/2011 in the total sum of £20

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

a. Itinerary

None.

b. Reports

SALC Grants and Funding training – March 2009 – Cllr B J Sulman

9. JUBILEE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the JCJMC meeting held on 16 March 2009 were noted.

10. RETAIL WORKING GROUP MEETING

The report of the meeting of the Retail Working Group held on 12 March 2009 was noted.

11. MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Mildenhall members agreed to attend Meet Your Councillor sessions as follows:

April: Cllr Barker	May: Cllrs Wheble and Bloodworth (tbc)	June: Cllrs Hayes and Hitt
July: tbc	August: Cllrs Sulman and Ball	

12. FOREST HEATH DISTRICT COUNCIL PARISH FORUM

It was noted that the next FHDC Parish Forum will be held on 16 June 2009 at Beck Row Community Centre. Cllrs Barker, Sulman, Wheble and Peachey will attend.

13. MILDENHALL & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

It was noted that the AGM of the Mildenhall & District Twinning Association will be held on 2 April 2009 at Riverside School.

14. WEST ROW WAR MEMORIAL

Members considered a report prepared by the CEO on the refurbishment options for the West Row War Memorial. **It was resolved that the render and brick base should be removed and replaced with four sections of solid re-constructed Portland Stone at a cost of £2840.**

15. MOVING MILDENHALL WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls declared an interest.

Members agreed that if and when a scheme is suggested to move Mildenhall War Memorial, MPC will debate the matter and form a view.

16. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- A. St Peter's Church, West Row. **It was resolved to grant £456.50.**
- B. Mildenhall & District Sea Cadets. **It was resolved to grant £720.**

17. NALC/SALC SESSIONS

It was resolved to send the CEO and another member of the clerical staff to the forthcoming NALC/SALC session at Leeds or Nottingham. It was resolved to send the Chairman and another member of the E&P committee to the Senior Members Day at Hertford on 18 December 2009.

18. COMPUTER SYSTEM

It was resolved to accept the quote from Edge designs for the installation of new computer hardware and software in the sum of £3, 567.

19. SALARY AWARD

It was noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has settled the salary award as applicable from April 2008. **It was resolved to pay the remaining 0.30% increase, MPC having previously implemented the interim figure.**

20. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for March 2009 totalling £22, 808.05 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and J M Bloodworth signed the relevant cheques.

21. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

a Additional accounts for March 2009 totalling £ 747.35 were authorised. Items 6103 and 6105 were signed by Cllrs Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls and G H Taylor-Balls. Item 6104 was signed by Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and B J Sulman.

b Additional accounts for December 2008 totalling £1, 206.59 were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and J M Bloodworth signed the relevant cheques.

22. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- SALC LAIS (previously circulated to all Members).
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- Copy letter and summary from FHDC/Waveney DC/St Edmundsbury Borough to Boundary Commission (previously circulated to all Members).
- SALC training dates (previously circulated to all Members).
- Standards Board for England publication Town and Parish Standard. (previously circulated to all Members).
- Boundary Committee draft proposals news release I. (previously circulated to all Members).
- Response from FHDC/Waveney DC/St Edmundsbury Borough. (previously circulated to all Members).
- Richard Spring MP regarding LGR in Suffolk with copy of his speech to House of Commons.
- FHDC No Excuses Campaign and Spring Clean Suffolk.
- Thank you letter from Newmarket & District Youth for Christ Group.
- NHS Suffolk – consultation on improving out-of-hours care (Cllr Bowman to complete).
- SCC Local Government – influence and shape Suffolk’s future.
- Letter from non-parishioner objecting to circus held on Jubilee Field.
- Suffolk Acre – Vitalising Rural Communities for the 21st Century Conference 13 May 2009.
- SCC extension of temporary closure of Footpath 28.
- SALC Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- Boundary Committee – Structural Review of Suffolk – Further Draft Proposals.
- SCC – Information on disposal of plasterboard.
- SCC – letter of introduction from team leader for Intelligent Transport Systems and Street Lighting.

It was resolved that the Boundary Committee proposals should be discussed at the next Council meeting.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Sulman reported the progress made so far by the QPS Working Group and reminded members that the target date for MPC to attain QPS is February 2010. The next meeting will be held on 17 April.

24. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1 Schedule 12A to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the confirmation of a confidential report forming part of the minutes on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest

A confidential report forming part of the minutes was confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT FORMING PART OF THE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2009

- 24 The confidential report forming part of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 February 2009 was confirmed.