

28 JANUARY 2010

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 28 January 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 Barker Cllr N A Roman
Cllr J M Bloodworth Cllr G H Taylor-Balls
Cllr D W Bowman Cllr A J Wheble
Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls

Also present were: Sgt P Payne, Sqn Ldr R Fryer, County Councillor S Frost, two members of the press, Mrs C Steggles (Chief Executive Officer) and Mrs R Buckingham (Minute Clerk).

It was agreed to discuss items 24 and 14 at 4a to enable the police to voice an opinion.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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

Sgt Phil Payne informed members that the current Safer Neighbourhood priorities are:

-Anti social behaviour and parking around Wentworth Drive.

-Anti social use of mini motorbikes around College Heath Road.

He reported that a clean up is planned in April for the St John's Close area in conjunction with Forest Heath and local residents.

Sgt Payne invited members to an inter-parish quiz evening at the Worlington Hall Hotel on 17 March 2010.

Matters raised by members included: potholes appearing following the freezing weather; motorists disregarding yellow lines and other parking issues outside Lloyds Bank, the takeaway and the corner of Queensway/New Street; the use of mobility scooters and illegal hare coursing in West Row Fen.

24 SCC DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN RECREATION WAY & ST ANDREW'S ST

Following a lengthy discussion encompassing many different opinions, **it was resolved that MPC feels that there is no need for the additional crossing proposed on St Andrew's St.**

14 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Sgt Payne supported the scheme whereby Parish Councils fund speed guns for use by community volunteers. Cllr Wheble stated that MPC has already purchased a speed gun for use in the parish by the police.

It was resolved to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Establishment & Policy Committee.

b. Base information

There was no Base information as Sqn Ldr Fryer was called away from the meeting by telephone at 7.38pm

c. County Council information

County Councillor S Frost informed members of the following:

- yellow criss cross no- parking webbing to be painted on Church Walk and possibly outside the fire station.
- potholes which are dangerous should be notified to SCC.

Matters raised by members included: HGVs still turning down Folly Road despite no-through route signs, mainly due to directions from out-of-date satnav systems and cars parking on grass verges in Mildenhall.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 December 2009 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5 January 2010 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

7. MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Recreational Management Committee Meeting held on 14 January 2010 were confirmed. **It was resolved to purchase two Phoenix Jubilee benches for the duck feeding area from Glasdon, in the sum of £623.82 each plus £38 per bench for the fixing kit. It was resolved to agree to the request from Lark Children's Centre to install a buggy park/shelter outside the Pavilion at their own expense.**

8. MINUTES OF THE QPS MEETING

The minutes of the Quality Parish Status Meeting held on 27 November 2009 were received.

9. MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 15 December 2009 were received.

10. MINUTES OF THE JCJMC MEETING

The minutes of the Jubilee Centre Joint Management Committee Meeting held on 18 January 2010 were received.

11. MINUTES OF THE RETAIL WORKING GROUP MEETING

The minutes of the Retail Working Group Meeting held on 20 January 2010 were received.

12. MINUTES OF THE MILDENHALL HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Mildenhall Highways Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2009 were received.

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

a) Itinerary

RAF Lakenheath 48th Fighter Wing Winter Reception – 8 January 2010.

b) Reports

NALC Larger Councils Conference & Exhibition – Cllr J Barker

CLOGS Meeting at Woodbridge – CEO

It was resolved that if staff are attending meetings on behalf of MPC and lunch has to be paid for this should be reimbursed on expenses.

15. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) **It was resolved to grant £700 to St Peter's Church, West Row.**

b) **It was resolved to grant £250 to Age Concern.**

c) **It was resolved to defer the application from Mildenhall & District Town Twinning Association to the April Council meeting as the Association has already received a grant in the current financial year.** Cllrs Barker and Mrs Gooch-Taylor-Balls declared an interest.

16. GRITTING OF FOOTWAYS AND PATHS IN THE PARISH

It was resolved to form a working group comprising Cllrs Ball, Hitt and Hayes to consider the costs, legal implications and practicalities of improving footway and path gritting next winter.

17. SUFFOLK ACRE QUESTIONNAIRE

It was resolved to reply to Suffolk Acre stating that MPC is unable to respond to its questionnaire on Post Office financial services, as no members have experience of the services. Cllr Barker declared an interest.

18. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was resolved to work towards decorative Christmas lighting for Mildenhall in 2010 and to include Mildenhall Community Partnership in the process.

19. SALC E-BULLETIN RE SUFFOLK OPEN WEEKEND

It was resolved to call a special meeting of the Recreational Management Committee on 11 February to discuss this matter due to deadlines for application.

20. SALC E-BULLETIN RE NALC

The bulletin was noted, any comments to go to Cllr Barker.

21. NALC NETWORKING LUNCH PROGRAMME

The dates were noted. It was noted that there are no lunches planned in the East of England.

22. SAFETY FORUM

The invitation to the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Annual Community Safety Forum on 25 February was noted. Cllr Bowman will attend if other commitments allow.

23. PUMP STATION REMEDIAL WORKS

It was resolved to confirm the CEO's expenditure of £1, 535.73 for pump station remedial works.

25. CIVIC RECEPTION

The Chairman informed members that it has been necessary to change the date of the Civic Reception to 26 March due to a clash with another function.

26. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for January 2010 totalling £49, 335.34 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and J M Bloodworth signed the relevant cheques.

27. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

None

28. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Suffolk Link January Bulletin.
- Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.
- Suffolk Link: Health Questionnaire.
- FHDC email re letters to John Denham.
- Legacy Trust re grants available for events associated with London 2012 – to be considered by the Chairman of the Recreational Management Committee.
- Notice of closure of Waste Recycling Centre on 1 February for improvements
- Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.
- County Councillor C Noble re “The Big Freeze” workshop on 5 February.
- Isleham Parish Council re proposed change to county boundary and move of Isleham Marina from Mildenhall Parish into Isleham Parish – to be discussed at the next meeting of the Establishment & Policy committee.

29. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The CEO asked members for any suggestions of work which could be carried out by Base Scout volunteers.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

The following is an extract from an email received from Sqd Ldr Fryer. This paragraph does not form part of the formal minutes but is added as post meeting information for members benefit.

I did want to give early mention of one event in May, that of the POSSIBLE deployment of a number of RAF Lakenheath's aircraft to RAF Mildenhall for about 10 days, whilst RAF Lakenheath's runway is re-surfaced. At present we don't have the details regarding numbers or exact dates except that it is likely to be May. I know that when the F15s operated from here last year we experienced a dramatic increase in the number of noise complaints and I anticipate the same thing will happen again. Therefore, I wanted to sound the Council members out regarding ways of publicising what will happen, why and so on. I could, for example, arrange a few briefings ?