

25 MARCH 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 March 2010 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr B J Sulman (Chairman) Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls
Cllr J W McGhee (Vice Chairman) Cllr A F J Peachey
Cllr M J Ball Cllr N A Roman
Cllr J Barker Cllr G H Taylor-Balls
Cllr J M Bloodworth Cllr A J Wheble (arrived 8.05pm)
Cllr D W Bowman

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer, 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 Cllrs M K Smith & D J Newton & Cllr Wheble had advised late arrival. An apology was received from Stephanie Brookes of the Bury Free Press explaining she was moving on to a new position and thanking Councillors for their welcome and assistance in the past.

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 informed members that about 20 aircraft from RAF Lakenheath will be flying from Mildenhall for a month from mid-May to mid-June whilst the Lakenheath runway is resurfaced. Operations will be limited and measures will be taken to control aircraft noise but the aircraft being moved such as the F15 are much louder than the usual Mildenhall aircraft, so increased levels of noise must be expected.

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 February 2010 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

6. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were insufficient members present to form a quorum for the Planning Committee Meeting on 9 March 2010 so no business could be conducted. Cllr Bowman asked members to ensure they send apologies in advance if at all possible. The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2010 were confirmed. Cllr J M Bloodworth's name was added to the list of apologies. Cllr Barker thanked the DCEO for her work on the SALC LAIS document discussed at item 5.

7. MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Establishment & Policy Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2010 were confirmed.

As no volunteers have come forward, it was resolved to take no further action regarding Community Speedwatch.

It was resolved to increase the petty cash fund from £100 to £200...

It was resolved that MPC should adopt the draft protocol for public participation as presented.

It was resolved that the organising committee for Clubs & Organisations Day shall comprise Cllr J W McGhee (Chairman) plus all members of the Establishment & Policy Committee.

It was resolved to purchase and install a refurbished electrical range cooker for the Jubilee Centre kitchen.

It was resolved to allow the Jubilee Centre to be put on the list as a possible venue for mass vaccination should the need arise in the event of a Flu pandemic.

It was resolved that Mildenhall Parish Councillors who wish to do so may submit expenses claims for travel both inside and outside the parish whilst on parish business. Such claims should be submitted quarterly and comprise a list of meetings attended and the mileage claimed for each.

It was resolved to allow Michael Anderson to provide a headstone cleaning service in Thetford Road cemetery, on a trial basis to be reviewed after three months.

It was resolved to adopt the Parish Investment Policy as presented.

It was resolved to wait until after the Chancellor's Budget until making any investment decision.

It was resolved that MPC may use the services of an investment broker.

It was resolved that the DCEO continues her own research into investment possibilities.

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

a) Itinerary

Opening of Crucial Crew event, Mildenhall Stadium – 8 March 2010.

b) Reports

FHDC Parish & Town Forum – 23 February 2010 - CEO.

West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Forum – 19 March 2010 – Cllr J Barker

9. QPS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the QPS Working Group held on 5 March 2010 were received.

10. CHRISTMAS EVENTS MEETING

The notes on the informal meeting to progress Christmas lights and late-night shopping plans were received.

11. CHRISTMAS EVENTS

It was resolved that MPC wishes to commit to greater involvement and therefore more input from the Parish office into the arrangement of Christmas lights and late-night shopping in Mildenhall in 2010.

12. MILDENHALL MESSENGER

Cllr J Barker presented an update on the Mildenhall Messenger. Cllr Sulman requested accurate costings for the fourth issue as soon as possible.

13. SUFFOLK SPRING CLEAN FORTNIGHT

It was resolved to register for a pack to carry out a litter pick in the parish, not necessarily during the Spring Clean fortnight.

14. MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Members volunteered for the Mildenhall Meet Your Councillor sessions as follows: May: Cllrs Roman and McGhee; June: Cllrs Sulman and Ball; July: Cllr Barker and tbc

15. SUFFOLK ACRE

It was resolved to renew MPC's subscription to Suffolk Acre in the sum of £25.

16. NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

It was resolved to host a film show in conjunction with the Lark Children's Centre as part of National Family Week. It was noted that more publicity is needed than last year.

17. SUFFOLK OPEN WEEKEND PROPOSED BAND CONCERT

It was resolved that MPC agrees in principle to the plan to stage a band concert, free to the community if SCC grant funding can be secured and that MPC will bear the cost of staff hours in the sum of approximately £40. The event will be further discussed at the next meeting of the Recreational Management Committee.

18. GRANT APPLICATION

It was resolved to grant £250 to the Mildenhall Scout Group regarding the World Jamboree, subject to the monies only being paid if sufficient other money is raised to allow the trip to go ahead.

19. BUGGY PARK FOR LARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE

It was resolved to defer a decision on the request from the Lark Children's Centre to install a buggy park until the new car park development is completed.

20. FUN RUN

Cllr J Bloodworth reported that Cllr J Barker has offered to organise a fun run for 2010, subject to help coming forward from two possible groups he has approached. Cllr Barker will report back to the April Council meeting.

21. ACCOUNTS

Accounts for March 2010 totalling £27, 216.28 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs J Barker and D W Bowman signed the relevant cheques. The cheques to Forest Heath Public Radio in the sum of £250, Lark Valley Association in the sum of £17.50 and Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team in the sum of £500 were authorised under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

22. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

None.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Lark Valley Association 2010 programme.

- Mildenhall & District Twinning Assoc Sunday lunch 18 April 2010.
- Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch newsletters.
- Suffolk Link Bulletin.
- SCC Revised Bus Services.
- SCC Submission of Waste Core Strategy Development Plan document to the Secretary of State.
- Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.
- SALC April training sessions.
- West Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership candidates for the vacant place on the board.
- FHDC Health Improvement Strategy.

24. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The CEO reported that the Jubilee Centre roof is leaking due to broken tiles caused by footballs kicked onto the roof. Repairs have been arranged.

The CEO reported that Mildenhall Parish Council funds had been moved from the Bank of Ireland into Lloyds TSB and it was intended to place said funds into a Barclays Bank Bond. Members received the information and unanimously noted their approval.

25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

It was resolved pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1 Schedule 12A that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of personnel matters on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.