

**30 APRIL 2009**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the WEST ROW BOWLS CLUB, CHAPEL ROAD, WEST ROW on Thursday, 30 April 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls (Chairman) Cllr H T Hitt  
Cllr B J Sulman (Vice Chairman) Cllr J W McGhee  
Cllr J Barker Cllr N A Roman  
Cllr J M Bloodworth Cllr M K Smith  
Cllr D W Bowman Cllr G H Taylor-Balls  
Cllr G A Hayes (arrived 7.10pm) Cllr A J Wheble (arrived 7.25pm)

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer, 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 M J Ball and A F J Peachey.

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

There was no police information.

b. Base information

Sqn Ldr R Fryer spoke about arrangements for the Air Race celebration event.

c. County Council information

There was no County Council information.

Standing orders were then re-instated.

5. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

The CEO reported that following further site visits and research by members of the Mildenhall Charity and Fund Raising Trust, the plans for additional equipment for the Children's Playground have been amended. Members studies plans of the suggested new equipment and layout.

**It was resolved to accept the kind offer from the Mildenhall Charity and Fund Raising Trust to donate approximately £100, 000 to fund additional play equipment in the Recreation Way Children's Playground and to appoint Hags Play to supply and install the new equipment.**

The playground will be completely closed for approximately five weeks whilst the new equipment is installed and the aim is for the installation to be completed ready for the beginning of the school summer holidays.

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 March 2009 were approved. There were no matters arising.

## 7. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There were insufficient members present to form a quorum for the Planning Committee meeting on 31 March 2009 so the business of the meeting could not be considered. Cllrs McGhee and Hitt added their apologies. The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 April 2009 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

## 8. MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Recreational Management Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2009 were confirmed with the addition of apologies for absence from Cllrs Roman and Wheble and the fourth paragraph being amended to read "Prior to the meeting in the David Rogers Room, members with Cllr Barker attended a presentation in the Boardroom that showed proposed schemes for additional play equipment in the Children's Playground."

**It was resolved to accept the report on repairs required to the riverbank and to ask May Gurney to carry out the site survey and design proposal at a cost of £4171.97.**

**It was resolved to accept the report on improvement work required to the Pavilion and Jubilee Centre hot water system** (to be discussed at item 16 on agenda).

## 9. CHAIRMAN'S ITINERARY &amp; REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

a. Itinerary

Newmarket Town Council Civic Reception, Memorial Hall, Newmarket – 6 March 2009.

FHDC Councillors' Dinner, Bell Hotel, Mildenhall – 25 March 2009.

Art Exhibition, Catholic Church, Newmarket – 24 April 2009.

b. Reports

Meet Your Councillor at Isleham Marina – 21 February 2009 – Cllr Bowman

## 10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports for the end of fourth quarter 2008/2009: Financial Summary – Cashbook and Financial Budget Comparisons were received with thanks.

## 11. QUALITY PARISH STATUS

The minutes of the Quality Parish Status Working Group meeting held on 17 April 2009 were received.

## 12. QPS MINUTES

The groups and tasks as outlined in the Quality Parish Status minutes were discussed and accepted as listed

## 13. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) **It was resolved to grant £125 to Mildenhall & District Twinning Association.** Cllr J Barker declared an interest. (Section 137)

b) **It was resolved to grant £500 to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.**

c) **It was resolved to grant £100 to Newmarket & District Youth for Christ.**

d) **It was resolved to grant £200 to Suffolk Family Carers.**

## 14. SCC LOCALITY OFFICER

The report by Cllr Bowman of the SCC Locality Officer's attendance at the West Row Surgery was received. Members were keen to receive further information and advice on the scheme and its future implications.

## 15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

Members noted the Boundary Committee further Draft Proposals and letter from FHDC/St Edmundsbury/Waveney District Councils regarding the Suffolk Local Government Boundary Review. **It was resolved that Mildenhall Parish Council strongly reiterates its original opinion on the reorganisation of Suffolk Local Government and supports the East/West plus Ipswich option.** Cllrs Roman, Smith and McGhee declared an interest.

## 16. PAVILION/JUBILEE CENTRE HOT WATER SUPPLY

**It was resolved to accept the quotation from Inviron for work required to the hot water supply in the Pavilion and Jubilee Centre in the sum of £5653.70 plus VAT.**

## 17. SUBSCRIPTIONS

**It was resolved to renew MPC's subscription to a) Suffolk Acre in the sum of £) and b) SALC in the sum of £891.20.** Cllr J Barker declared an interest in both.

## 18. OLYMPIC TORCH

Members congratulated Cllr B J Sulman on the report he had prepared putting forward the case for Mildenhall to be included in the route for the Olympic Torch in 2012. **It was resolved to send the report to the County Committee with a copy to Lord Coe.**

## 19. SALC SURVEYS

It was agreed that the Chairman and CEO will complete the annual SALC Service Survey and the SALC Annual Survey of Councils.

## 20. SALC ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

It was noted that the annual SALC Training Programme for 2009/2010 is available in the Parish Office.

## 21. FHDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

It was noted that the FHDC Local Development Framework, Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document and the Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy have been received. **It was resolved to empower the Planning Committee meeting on 12 May to consider the document and to forward representations on behalf of MPC by the due date of 22 May.**

## 22. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for April 2009 totalling £8, 484.25 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and J M Bloodworth signed the relevant cheques.

## 23. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for April 2009 totalling £5, 608.14 were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and J M Bloodworth signed the relevant cheques.

24. LARK IN THE PARK

**It was resolved to grant the request from the model aircraft team who will be performing at Lark in the Park to mow a 100m x 30m landing strip on the Jubilee Field.**

25. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- Thank you letters from: Voluntary Network, Sea Cadets, Age Concern, Eastern Counties Yorkshire Terrier Club and Suffolk Family History Society Mildenhall Group.
- FHDC Presentation evening and discussion on the impact of Fuel Poverty.
- Suffolk Preservation Society – copy of letter to Boundary Committee.
- Riverside Middle School – thanks to Councillor for concern re pedestrian crossing.
- Cambs & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Development Plan re further consultation.
- FHDC special Town & Parish Forum, 5 May.
- EEAPTC re Regional Government.
- SALC re provision of advice.
- NALC Annual Conference & Exhibition 4-5 September 2009.
- MoD Fly the Flag for Our Armed Forces Day 27 June (MPD to order a flag in the sum of £10).

26. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr G H Taylor-Balls raised the matter of the recent suspension of financial transactions at West Row Post Office pending an enquiry. **It was resolved to write to the Post Office with a copy to Richard Spring MP pointing out the hardship this was causing to West Row residents having to travel further afield to carry out their post office transactions.**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.