

19 MAY 2011

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 19 May 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr A J Wheble (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls
Cllr J M Bloodworth (Vice Chairman)	Cllr J W McGhee
Cllr M J Ball	Cllr A F J Peachey
Cllr J Barker	Cllr J Raine
Cllr D W Bowman	Cllr N A Roman
Cllr D Chandler	Cllr M K Smith
Cllr T Donovan	Cllr B J Sulman
	Cllr G H Taylor-Balls

Also present were: County Councillor C Noble, 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 Sqn Ldr R Fryer, Sgt P Payne and County Councillor S Frost.

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

There was no Base information.

c. County Council information

County Councillor C Noble reported that the SCC AGM will be held next week. The new leader of the Conservative group is Mark Bee, former leader of Waveney Council. He confirmed that the CEO of SCC, Andrea Hill, is currently on leave pending the outcome of internal enquiries. Lucy Robinson is acting CEO.

Matters raised by members included: the poor state of road surfaces at Field Road mini roundabout, King Street near the war memorial, mini roundabout near the Half Moon and at Hampstead Avenue; the view that the path around the lay-by on Field Road near the Esso station is unnecessary and a waste of money; hedges around the 30mph sign at Jude's Ferry needing cutting and a query as to when the roadside verges will be cut. Cllr Noble replied that he will find out when the cut is due but that SCC will now only cut verges once per year. If parishes wish verges to be cut more frequently, they will need to consider whether they wish to carry out the work.

Standing orders were reinstated.

5. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 2011 were confirmed with the following amendment. At item 13, the second sentence was deleted and replaced with "**Following the offer of a £250 donation from Cllr McGhee in his capacity of Chairman of FHDC, it was resolved to accept the offer gratefully and make no charge for tickets. It was also resolved to authorise MPC to make up any shortfall in costs up to a maximum of £350**"

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

None.

7. OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR FORMS

It was confirmed that all Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor forms have been completed.

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) **It was resolved to refer the grant application from Mildenhall & District Museum to the Project Working Group.** Cllr Sulman declared an interest.
- b) **It was resolved to grant £200 to The Voluntary Network for Dial a Ride.** Cllr Taylor-Balls declared an interest and left the room.

9. EVENT WEEKEND

- a) The report by Cllr Ball detailing arrangements for the Band Concert was received.
- b) Cllr Barker gave a verbal update on arrangements for the dance shows.
Cllr Bowman will report back to the next meeting.

10. MILDENHALL TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LEASE

It was resolved to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Establishment & Policy Committee and to ask members of MTFC to attend the meeting.

11. NALC COMMUNITIES IN ACTION CONFERENCES

It was resolved to discuss the matter at the July Council meeting.

12. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for May 2011 totalling £10, 176.04 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs M J Ball and G H Taylor-Balls signed the relevant cheques.

13. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for May 2011 totalling £8, 418.86 were authorised. Cllrs B J Sulman and A J Wheble signed the relevant cheques.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- SCC Trusted Trader Scheme.
- LAIS x 2.
- DIS x 1.
- SNT Mildenhall Sector Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter.
- SALC e-bulletin.
- FHDC Fit Villages Project.
- FHDC Comprehensive Equality Scheme 2010-2013.
- Mildenhall Town Football Club re application for development funds.
- SCC re Pension Fund.
- SCC re Revised Bus Services.
- Cambs County Council re Cambridge & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan.
- Suffolk Acre re Digital TV Switchover.
- SCC re Archaeology Finds Event.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members volunteered for Mildenhall Meet Your Councillor as follows:

June: Cllrs Ball & Smith

July: Cllrs Wheble & Bloodworth

August: Cllrs Barker & Chandler

The CEO reminded all members that they need to fill in the Register of Members Interests form and return to the office by 2 June.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.