

25 JUNE 2009

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL held in the DAVID ROGERS` MEETING ROOM, JUBILEE CENTRE, RECREATION WAY, MILDENHALL on Thursday, 25 June 2009 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs B J Sulman (Chairman) Cllr G A Hayes
Cllr J W McGhee (Vice Chairman) Cllr H T Hitt
Cllr J Barker Cllr A F J Peachey
Cllr J M Bloodworth Cllr N A Roman
Cllr D W Bowman (arrived 7.15pm) Cllr M K Smith
Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls Cllr G H Taylor-Balls

Also present were: Sqn Ldr R Fryer, County Councillors C Noble and S Frost, three members of Mildenhall Sea Cadets, 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 J Wheble and the police.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the Sea Cadets gave a presentation, showed pictures and answered questions about their trip on the Training Ship John Jerwood. The Cadets thanked MPC for the grant given towards their costs.

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.

4b. Base information

Sqn Ldr R Fryer reported that 12 aircraft from RAF Lakenheath will be temporarily based at Mildenhall for one week whilst the Lakenheath runway is resurfaced. Crews will be specifically briefed on the Mildenhall noise abatement procedures but there will inevitably be an increased level of aircraft noise.

Matters raised by members included military vehicles without number plates on Mildenhall Industrial Estate and vehicles turning out of the Base exit in Beck Row.

c. County Council information

County Councillor C Noble informed members of the following:

- Following the AGM of Suffolk County Council, he is now portfolio holder for adult and community services.
- Locality budget for West Row will be £2, 300.
- Launch of the West Suffolk Autistic Society.
- Following consultation, the Mildenhall drives will be considered by the Rights of Way Committee on 6 July.
- SCC has confirmed it does not own a piece of unclaimed land at Stirling Close, West Row. Cllr Noble offered to contribute locality money to help clear it up. FHDC will also be asked to help. Cllr Noble was asked to raise the matter at next West Row surgery.

County Councillor Stephen Frost introduced himself to members and said he is looking forward to working for the benefit of Mildenhall. Any questions, suggestions or bids for locality money can be emailed to stephen.frost@suffolk.gov.uk

Cllr J Barker proposed a vote of thanks to County Councillor Colin Noble for all his extra work in covering Mildenhall during former County Councillor Roger Pendleton's illness. Standing orders were then re-instated.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 28 May 2009 were approved with the following amendments. At item 5b, Cllr Mrs T A Gooch-Taylor-Balls replaced Cllr G H Taylor-Balls who was incorrectly listed as Vice Chairman. At item 5c, Cllr A F J Peachey was added after Cllr Smith on lines 1 and 2.

6. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 May 2009 were approved.

7. MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Establishment and Policy Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2009 were confirmed.

It was resolved to discuss at the next meeting of the Planning Committee whether a different day and/or time for the meetings would be more convenient for members.

It was resolved to confirm MPC's current practice in allowing hirers of the Jubilee Centre some free-of-charge preparation time, as listed on the accompanying paper.

It was resolved that whilst MPC feels Suffolk Acre's Good Neighbour Scheme to be very worthwhile, no further action will be taken.

It was resolved to grant £150 to St Mary's Parochial Church Council for maintenance for the clock winding mechanism.

It was resolved to take no further action in relation to the grant application from Little Treasures Pre-School.

It was resolved to take no further action in relation to the grant application from Seta Digital.

It was resolved to grant £500 to Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Scheme towards the cost of Shopwatch radios.

It was resolved to grant Riverside Theatre Company the use of the Jubilee Centre for their production up to the value of £400.

It was resolved to appoint Parish Council Internal Audit Service for the financial years 2009/10 (in the sum of £825), 2010/11 (in the sum of £885) and 2011/12 (in the sum of £885).

It was resolved to carry out the required tree work at the Scout Land as detailed on the quote from DM Tree & Landscape Contractors, at a total cost of £2965.

8. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 2 June 2009 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

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

a. Itinerary

Social event at RAF Mildenhall – 6 June 2009.

b. Reports

FHDC Parish & Town Forum – 16 June 2009 – Cllr B J Sulman.

10. APPEALS PANEL

It was resolved that the Appeals Panel should comprise the three committee Vice Chairmen, namely Cllrs Ball, Peachey and Mrs Gooch-Taylor-Balls plus Cllr Roman.

11. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that on the list of Member/Persons Representing the Council on other Bodies Cllr B J Sulman, as Chairman, should now represent MPC on the Mildenhall Town Centre Regeneration Group.

12. MILDENHALL TOWN SURGERY

It was resolved that the Mildenhall Town Surgery will be held from 10.30am to 11.30am at the LEAP Centre at a cost of £20 per month until further notice. West Row Surgery will continue to be held from 11am to 12 noon.

13. NALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It was resolved that MPC should send a representative to the second day of the NALC Annual Conference & Exhibition on 5 September 2009. As Cllr Barker is unable to attend, members were asked to consider who might be available to go.

14. CPRE MEMBERSHIP

It was resolved to renew MPC's membership of CPRE in the sum of £29.

15. MEETING REPORT

The report of a meeting held at FHDC on 22 May 2009 was received.

16. ROAD NAMES

It was resolved to suggest the names Fen Court and Ely Court for the additional dwellings at Hereward Avenue.

17. REPAIR OF LARK RIVER BANK

It was resolved to put forward the plans for the repair of the Lark riverbank (in conjunction with the replacement/relocation of the footbridges) for costing.

18. TVG APPLICATION

It was noted that the Inspector's Report from the Public Enquiry held on 11/12 May 2009 recommends that the TVG Application for the Jubilee Fields be denied, but SCC Rights of Way Committee has to consider the report on 6 July 2009 before a decision is made.

19. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts for June 2009 totalling £17, 381.65 including telepay salaries were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and G A Hayes signed the relevant cheques.

20. ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTS

Additional accounts for June 2009 totalling £2, 171.42 were authorised. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and G A Hayes signed the cheque for item 6295. Cllrs G H Taylor-Balls and B J Sulman signed the remaining cheques.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

The CEO informed members of the following items of correspondence:

- London Organising Committee of Olympic Games – acknowledgement of Olympic Torch bid.
- The Post Office – hope to restore substantive service in West Row.
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Newmarket & District Youth for Christ and Suffolk Family Carers – thank you for grants.
- Thank you letter from a child who held her birthday party in the Jubilee Centre.
- Jacobs re A11 Fiveways – Thetford road improvement private water supply enquiry.
- SCC Rights of Way Committee to consider Mildenhall droves on 6 July 2009.
- Natural England re Summer Wildlife Walks.
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It was resolved to write to the Post Office asking for more information on the situation in West Row.

22. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The CEO informed members of FHDC's proposal to put a temporary barrier across Market Street at the King Street end on market days to prevent unauthorised vehicular access. **It was resolved to support the proposal.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.