

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 20th October 2009 Minutes

Minute Ref	Narrative	Action
Present	Angela Kennedy (Chair), Robin Bowen-Williams, Monica Burt, Keith Ely, Beryl Quigley, E'Amonn O'Rourke, Alan Webb, Lisa Courtney (Town Clerk).	
Also present	3 officers from MK Council in respect of agenda item 6 (Ian Haynes – Planning Dept, Stuart Andrews – Project Manager and Linda Ellen – Housing) and approx 60 members of the public with an interest in agenda item 6	
FC216-09	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from: Bruce Abbott, Sam Browne, Tim Haynes, Tony Keller, Shirley Rolfe, Joan Thomas</p> <p>No apologies were received from: Danny Galvin or Steve Grimes</p>	
FC217-09	<p>Notification of any other business Monica Burt – St Martin's Hall Lisa Courtney – Radio 4 interview</p>	
FC218-09	<p>Declarations of interest Keith Ely declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 23, being St Martin's Hall as referenced above</p>	
	With the approval of the Full Council, the Chair moved forward agenda item 6 – Travellers Site at Fenny Lock	
FC219-09	<p>Traveller's Site at Fenny Lock 3 officers from MK Council gave a presentation about the site and explained how this site is included in the local development plan (2000) as "in principle" development land for a traveller's site. The purpose of this presentation and information session was to consult with the Town Council and local residents about the detail of the development before a planning application proper is submitted.</p> <p>Fenny Lock will be a permanent site with 10 pitches, it is anticipated that the planning application will be submitted soon but is not finalised in design.</p> <p>The Chair allowed a public session and there followed a number of questions and answers from the public to the MKC officers about the development.</p>	

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	<p>There was a general concern amongst the public that this was a “done deal” and that the consultation was pointless as the decision to develop had already been made.</p> <p>MKC Officers confirmed that this is in the local plan and therefore the principle of a traveller’s site in this area had already been agreed, if however, there were strong, valid planning objections to this development then it could potentially be refused (application would be determined by MK Council Development Control Committee which consists of councillors, not officers).</p> <p>The following was agreed:</p> <p>(a) to include details on the Town Council website about the application (once it is submitted) and to also include details of how to object to a planning application and what are relevant grounds for objection.</p> <p>(b) That further public meetings could be held once the application is submitted and these could be held at the Town Council offices</p> <p>(c) That the Town Council strongly objects to these proposals and the formal reasons for objection will be determined on valid planning grounds once the application is submitted.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all the members of the public and the MKC Officers for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk / MKC Officers</p> <p>Clerk bring item forward as appropriate</p>
	<p>There followed a 10 minute adjournment of the meeting to allow the members of the public to leave the meeting</p>	
FC220-09	<p>Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 15th September 2009 Theses were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair</p>	
FC221-09	<p>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting There were none</p>	
FC222-09	<p>Committee Responsibilities These were accepted and noted</p>	
FC223-09	<p>Regeneration Committee</p> <p>FC223-09.1 The next meeting on 5.11.09 at 7.30pm was noted</p> <p>FC223-09.2 There were no further representatives and agreed that this matter should be carried forward to the November Full Council meeting</p> <p>FC223-09.3 The report from the Regeneration Officer was noted with thanks</p> <p>FC223-09.4 It was agreed that due to the low turn out at the meeting that night, the issue regarding the future of the Regeneration Committee be deferred to the November Full Council meeting</p>	<p>Clerk to carry forward</p> <p>Clerk to carry forward</p>

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FC224-09 FC224-09.1 FC224-09.2 FC224-09.3 FC224-09.4	<p>Community & Grants Committee Meeting on 6 October 2009 The draft minutes were noted with no comment</p> <p>Dog and Litter bins – Full Council agreed to enter into the contract with AH Contractors for a fixed term contract to 31.03.2012</p> <p>Grant applications: £1,500 for Unity Cyber Centre £1,500 for MK Council to run Year 9 youth club £7,600 for Festive Road for lantern parade</p> <p>All of the grant applications were agreed along with a general agreement that the process of the lantern parade be reviewed for future years</p>	Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk
FC225-09 FC225-09.1 FC225-09.2	<p>Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2009 The draft minutes were noted with no comment and copies of papers relating the market and allotment market groups were circulated to those not present at the F & GP meeting</p> <p>Road Resurfacing Schemes Agreed to put forward Brooklands Road and Water Eaton Road</p>	Clerk
FC226-09	<p>Sending of Agendas Agreed that the sending by electronic means is a recognised and accepted means of communication and that those that wish to receive agendas by email should be able to do so.</p> <p>Further agreed that the printed copy will always remain the formal, written precedent.</p> <p>It was agreed to trial sending of electronic agendas for a 3 month period and to then review. Testers to be Angela Kennedy, Tim Haynes and Tony Keller (subject to them agreeing to this process as not all present at the meeting)</p>	Clerk to set up trial
FC227-09	<p>Town Council Community Officer / Parish Ranger Report These were noted with no further comments</p>	
FC228-09	<p>Thames Valley Police Details of new inspector and crime statistics noted with no comment</p>	
FC229-09	<p>Connect MK Agency Forum Details as per the agenda were noted with no comments</p>	
FC230-09 FC230-09.1 FC230-09.2	<p>Unity Cyber Centre The minutes were noted</p> <p>Representatives on the Cyber Centre Agreed to express concern at the lack of meetings and patterns of meetings as this meant that people felt unable to commit to anything specific and that meetings should be clearly and properly advertised. Agreed Alan Webb to be Town Council representative</p>	Clerk write to Cyber Centre accordingly

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FC231-09	<p>Community Parking Partnership Scheme Projects considered were: (a) land at BT, Tavistock Street (b) car park belonging to Co-Op by Sunlight Soap advert (c) Westfield Road for library users</p> <p>Agreed that there should be an amount considered as part of the 2010/11 budget although this would be more formally considered as part of the budget setting process</p>	Clerk
FC232-09	<p>Town Council Budget Agreed that draft budget should be produced for consideration at November Full Council meeting. To work on principle of 0% increase with a view to cutting some budget headings to ensure that no overall increase is achieved.</p>	Keith Ely and Clerk
FC233-09	<p>Parish Review Working Group Details as per the agenda were noted</p>	
FC234-09	<p>MK Council Standards Committee Details as attached to the agenda were noted</p>	
FC235-09	<p>Reports from other Meetings These were reported and noted as per the agenda</p>	
FC236-09	<p>Forthcoming Meetings Details and attendees agreed as attached calendar of meetings.</p>	
FC237-09	<p>Correspondence Noted as per the agenda</p>	
FC238-09	<p>Any other Business Monica Burt – Monica raised the query around St Martin’s Hall and queried the rumour about planning application being submitted for a community church – No response or advice available at the meeting</p> <p>Lisa Courtney – The Clerk made all aware of a recent Radio 4 interview given with MK Council around the work of parish and town councils</p>	
FC239-09	<p>Questions from the Public None although these had already been addressed in minute reference FC219-09</p>	
FC240-09	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Agreed as Tuesday 17th November 2009 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall</p>	
FC241-09	<p>Town Council Vacancies No candidates present and agreed to carry this item forward to the November Full Council meeting</p>	Clerk to carry forward

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.40pm