

Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council

Full Council Meeting Tuesday 15th December 2009 Minutes

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Present	Keith Ely (Chair), Robin Bowen-Williams, Sam Browne, Monica Burt, Tim Haynes, Sue Kettles, Beryl Quigley, Shirley Rolfe, Lisa Courtney (Town Clerk). In the absence of the Chair, agreed that Keith Ely should Chair this meeting.	
Also present	5 Members of the public regarding agenda item 8.3	
FC268-09	Apologies Apologies were received from: Bruce Abbott, Tony Keller, Angela Kennedy, E'Amonn O'Rourke, Joan Thomas, Alan Webb No apologies or advice received from Danny Galvin	
FC269-09	Notification of any other business Beryl Quigley – Drayton Road speed limits / accidents	
FC270-09	Declarations of interest Sue Kettles declared a personal interest in agenda item 8.3 being a local resident of Serpentine Court	
FC271-09	Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 17th November 2009 These were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair	
FC272-09	Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting There were none	
	Agreed to bring forward agenda item 8.3 at this time	
FC273-09	Travellers' Site – application No 09/01942/FUL The members of the public present complained about the lack of information around this application. The Chair reminded all that this is an application submitted by MK Council and it is also that council which is responsible for all planning matters, including ensuring that local residents are informed of the application. The Chair advised that details are included in the Town Council's agendas, minutes, newsletter and on the website. There had also been a well publicised public meeting in October (the Town Council's Full Council meeting) at which a number of officers from MKC had been present along with approximately 70 members of the public.	

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	<p>It was further noted that a public meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 16th December at the Town Council offices (although the Town Council is merely hosting this event, it is not a Town Council meeting) and members of the public will be able to air their views and concerns at this meeting.</p> <p>The following response to the application was agreed: That Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Town Council strongly objects to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that there is no identified need for this site. When the site was allocated into the local plan (approx 2004/05) there was a very real problem with travelers in Milton Keynes. At that time, there were many illegal encampments on grass verges throughout MK and especially within the Bletchley/Simpson area. This is no longer the case and therefore the very need for this site is questionable. (b) That there is a lack of reference, detail and information within the application regarding privacy, parking, traffic and road safety. There is insufficient information regarding details of how this site impacts on the locality with specific reference to privacy, parking, traffic and road safety (c) There is a lack of reference, detail and information within the application regarding the impact of noise and general disturbance to the existing locality both during the site development and once the site is operational (d) There is a lack of reference, detail and information within the application regarding the impact of noise and general disturbance on the residents of the site from the local area, for example the busy A5 road runs past the site and the noise from this will have a considerable impact on the residents of the travelers site and no consideration appears to have been given to this <p>The Town Council is holding a comments book in the office and residents are invited to call in and register their response to this application. The comments book will remain in the offices until 4th January 2010.</p>	<p>Clerk to send response</p>
<p>FC274-09</p> <p>FC274-09.1</p> <p>FC274-09.2</p>	<p>Regeneration Committee</p> <p>The draft minutes from the meeting on 3.12.09 were noted.</p> <p>Recruitment</p> <p>The Clerk reported that interviews were taking place on Wednesday 16th December for both the post of Regeneration Officer and</p>	

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FC274-09.3	<p>Administrator.</p> <p>Parish Regeneration Fund The list was reviewed with a general agreement that this represented the views of the Town Council and synergy should be sought between the requests / requirements of the Town Council and the Lakes Steering Group</p>	Clerk to progress via Lakes Steering Group
FC275-09	<p>Spotlight on Bletchley The draft business plan was noted with recognition that this was work in progress and that a finished proposal would be submitted to council for approval when complete.</p>	
FC276-09 FC276-09.1 FC276-09.2	<p>Community & Grants Committee Meeting on 1st December 2009</p> <p>The draft minutes were noted with no comment</p> <p>Tescos Planning Application - 09/01951/FUL – Installation of a combined cooling heating and power plant It was noted that the deadline for a response to this application is 4.01.10 and therefore a response needed to be made at this Full Council meeting (rather than the January C & G meeting).</p> <p>The following response was agreed: To object to this application on the grounds of lack of sufficient information with particular regard to the information about the environmental impact.</p>	Deputy Clerk to advise MKC Planning
FC277-09	<p>Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 8th December 2009 The draft minutes were noted with no comment</p>	
FC278-09	<p>2010/11 Town Council Budget The budget papers as attached to agenda were noted and further discussed, the following budget was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to set a total budget of £513,367.00 (breakdown of which is included in the budget papers as attached to the agenda) (b) to set a precept budget of £504,256.20 (being Band D equivalent figure of 4382.55 x £115.06) (c) Difference in precept and total budget (£9,110.80) to be met from reserves (d) That the Band D equivalent figure for 2010/11 therefore be set as £115.06 being the same as 2009/10 figure <p>It was further agreed to proceed with the production of the annual precept leaflet and this should be progressed by the Executive Committee.</p>	Clerk to advise MKC and prepare papers accordingly Clerk / Executive to progress
FC279-09	<p>Town Council Community Officer Report Noted with no further comments</p>	
FC280-09	<p>Thames Valley Police</p>	

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	<p>The crime stats were noted with no comment and agreed that these should not be copied in future but are available in the office for review should any councillor or member of the public wish to see them. It was noted that details are awaited regarding the PCSO stats and visit of the new Inspector.</p>	
FC281-09	<p>BALC – Development Needs Assessment Agreed that training should be requested for: New councillors Chairmanship Code of Conduct</p> <p>Individual councillors were encouraged to send their individual responses to the Clerk as this could form part of the Town Council's own training needs analysis – responses to Clerk by 24.12.09</p>	<p>Clerk to respond to BALC</p> <p>All Councillors</p>
FC282-09	<p>MK Heritage Event Details as per the agenda were noted. Tony Keller had requested this agenda item and in his absence agreed that no further action be taken at this time</p>	<p>Tony Keller should the matter require further discussion / decision.</p>
FC283-09	<p>Membership to Committees The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) that 5 members of the Executive are ex-officio members of all committees (ie C & G, F & GP, Regeneration, Executive) (b) that all councillors (other than Executive) are members of the C & G OR F & GP committee thereby making total membership of 11 councillors to each committee (c) that there are a maximum of 11 councillors as members of the Regeneration Committee and this should be made up of 5 members of Executive, 3 members from C & G and 3 from F & GP (d) that Sue Kettles (new councillor) and the 2 vacant seats (Granby and Eaton South) should become members of the F & GP Committee as this is currently under subscribed (e) that the Standing Orders are amended to reflect the changes as above and ratified at the January 2010 Full Council meeting (f) Committee membership therefore agreed as: <p>Executive: 5 members being Angela Kennedy (Chair) Robin Bowen-Williams (being Chairman of F & GP) Keith Ely (being Vice-Chair) Tony Keller (being Chair of Regeneration) Alan Webb (being Chair of C & G)</p>	<p>Clerk to progress</p>

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	<p>*To denote member of committee by virtue of being a member of the Executive</p> <p>C & G 11 members being Alan Webb (Chair)* Robin Bowen-Williams* Samantha Browne Monica Burt Keith Ely* Danny Galvin Tony Keller* Angela Kennedy* Beryl Quigley Shirley Rolfe E'Amonn O'Rourke</p> <p>F & GP 11 members being Robin Bowen-Williams (Chairman)* Bruce Abbott Keith Ely* Tim Haynes Tony Keller* Angela Kennedy* Sue Kettles John Rowley (see FC295-09) Joan Thomas Alan Webb* 1 x vacancy for Eaton South</p> <p>Regeneration 11 members being Tony Keller (Chair)* Robin Bowen-Williams* Sam Browne (from C & G) Keith Ely* Angela Kennedy* Tim Haynes (From F & GP) E'Amonn O'Rourke (from C & G) Shirley Rolfe (from C & G) Alan Webb* 2 x vacancies from F & GP to be agreed</p>	<p>Clerk to c/fwd to January F & GP</p>
FC284-09	<p>NALC's Local Council Awards 2010 The following was agreed: (a) To enter for the Council of the year award (b) To enter Clerk for the Clerk of the year award</p>	<p>Clerk Vice Chair</p>

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FC285-09	Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2010/11 Noted that the limit is retained at £6.15 per head	
FC286-09	Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill Noted with no comments or further action	
FC287-09	Office Opening Hours over Christmas Details as per the agenda were noted and agreed	
FC288-09	Code of Conduct and Declarations The presentation from SLCC was noted along with the pocket guides from the Standards Board for England.	
FC289-09	Reports from other Meetings These were reported and noted as per the agenda with specific reference to: (a) Safer Communities Review 9.12.09 – Tim Haynes reported and advised that MKC is considering equipping the Parish Wardens with enforcement powers – agreed to object to this proposal (b) Parish Assembly meetings – the death of Cllr Bert Tapp from Castlethorpe was noted with respect and agreed to send a letter of condolence to his wife and family.	Clerk Robin Bowen-Williams
FC290-09	Forthcoming Meetings Details as per the agenda were noted.	
FC291-09	Correspondence Noted as per the agenda plus letters from MK Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) regarding the appointment of Kevin Wilson to the LSP	
FC292-09	Any other Business Beryl Quigley – Beryl reported on the increased accidents of late along Drayton Road, primarily believed to be due to speeding traffic as it leaves 40mph to 30mph zone. Agreed to write to MKC requesting accident records for this area for the past 4-5 years and that this should be further discussed at a forthcoming F & GP meeting	Clerk – c/fwd to F & GP
FC293-09	Questions from the Public None	
FC294-09	Date and Time of Next Meeting Agreed as Tuesday 26 th January 2010 at 7.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall	
FC295-09	Town Council Vacancies John Rowley was present to stand for co-option to the Granby seat. John gave a brief presentation in support of his application. Agreed to co-opt John Rowley to the vacant seat of Granby.	Clerk to progress with John / MKC as appropriate.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm