

Broughton and Milton Keynes Parish Council

(Including Atterbury: Middleton: Oakgrove)

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, following the Annual Assembly

Held on

Monday 2nd April 2007 in Milton Keynes Village Hall.

Present: Mrs J Brighton (Chair); Mr I Corlett; Mrs B Hulse; Mr A Kidd; Mr R Brown; Mr R Peters; Mrs M. Watkins; Ward Councillors Sam Crooks and Derek Eastman; Mr D Miller – outgoing Clerk; Mrs Helen Ward – new Clerk; and 7 members of the public.

Absent: Mr I Mitchell; Mr P Johnson.

a Welcoming the new Parish Clerk

Mrs Brighton welcomed Helen Ward as the new Clerk to the Council and thanked David Miller for the contribution he had made during the previous four years.

b To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 5th 2007.

The minutes were agreed by the Council and were signed by Mrs Brighton.

c Matters arising from the March Parish Council meeting that cannot wait until the May meeting

Paddock Proposal – land behind Parneleys

David Miller had circulated notes to councillors prior to the meeting, giving an update, following his contact with Ben Ruston, English Partnerships. At the meeting he reported a subsequent conversation with Ben Ruston in which he had learned of MK Council's emphatic rejection of the idea at a meeting between Ben and MK Council the previous week.

In her contact with David Foster, MK Parks Trust, Jenny Brighton reported having become more optimistic that a way forward could still be found.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the four parties – David Foster, Ben Ruston, the appropriate person from MK Council, and the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to find a date suitable for all.

M1 Junction 14 Proposal

David Miller had still not received the extra documents promised at the earlier Parish Council meeting when the presentation had been given.

Action: Clerk to follow up.

d Parish Council Elections, May 2007

Ian Corlett and Barbara Hulse had both indicated that they would not stand for another term. Jenny Brighton formally thanked them for their service to the community over a lengthy period of time.

David Miller reminded councillors of the deadline of Wednesday 4th April at noon, for taking nomination papers to the Returning Officer, MK Council.

e Finance

Dog Waste Bin Emptying

David Miller reported to councillors that he had received a letter on the morning of this meeting from A H Contracts, advising of a price increase of 14% from 1st April, the increased costs being

attributable to a substantial increase in disposal costs being passed on by the waste management company.

Councillors accepted that all other contractors were likely to have increased costs as well so we should investigate other contractors for comparison prices and review the situation in the near future.

Authorisation of cheques

The following cheques were authorised at the meeting:

Treasurer Account			
Net	VAT	Total	Payee
£439.09		£439.09	Mr D Miller – Salary March
£65.09		£65.09	Mr D Miller – expenses March
£505.50		£505.50	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI - Jan – March 07
£124.27	£21.75	£146.02	AH Contracts – Dog Bin Emptying – March
£201.32	£35.33	£236.65	R & P Todd – Grass cutting contract – 12th payment *
£140.00	£24.50	£164.50	DW Bodley & Son Ltd – drainage work – footpath by Birds Cottage
£326.18		£326.18	Bucks Association of Local Councils – BALC and NALC annual subs

* The VAT here is 10p more than it would normally be – this is to correct underpayment through invoicing errors of 5p in each of the two months Nov and Dec 06.

f Planning Applications

Ref No	Date valid	Description	Comments
07/00242/LBC	19-Feb-07	LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS AND ERECTION OF A CANOPY TO FRONT ELEVATION at The Granary, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village, MK10 9AJ	Plans obtained. No further action
72.MK.756	06-Mar-07	Broughton Parcel A North	No further action
07/00386/MKPCR	08-Mar-07	RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION FOR 94 DWELLINGS, INCLUDING LANDSCAPING, CAR PARKING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS PURSUANT TO OUTLINE APPLICATION 06/00947/MKPC at Broughton Gate Parcel J, Land off Newport Road, Broughton	Plans obtained. No further action
07/00301/FUL	02-Mar-07	SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO PROVIDE PORCH LOBBY AND DISABLED TOILET, WITH ASSOCIATED WHEELCHAIR PATHWAY ACCESS RAMP at All Saints Church Willen Road Milton Keynes Village	Plans obtained and response discussed
07/00316/FUL	07-Mar-07	CHANGE OF USE FROM RESIDENTIAL (USE CLASS C3) TO HOUSE IN MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY (RETROSPECTIVE) at 60 Milton Road, Broughton	Plans obtained and response discussed
07/00422/FUL	06-Mar-07	TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION at 3 Webbs Home Close, Middleton	No further action

07/00301/FUL – Extension at All Saints Church, Milton Keynes Village

Jenny Brighton reminded everyone that an earlier application had been made approx two years ago and that application had been refused. Councillors views at that time had been divided and the Parish Council had therefore decided neither to reject or to support that application.

Jenny Brighton also reminded everyone that Barbara Hulse and Ian Corlett, as church officers, had declared an interest in the previous application and that interest was also applicable to the new

application. Indeed it could be argued that any church member ought to declare an interest and David Miller had been advised by BALC that it was preferable for all church members to declare an interest and leave the room whilst the item was discussed. Jenny Brighton expressed a wish for all councillors to remain in the meeting and participate in the discussions as she considered their interests not to be prejudicial. Councillors agreed that no one needed to withdraw due to association with the church. A secret ballot was proposed as the vehicle for making a decision whether or not to support or oppose the application, and in the event of a tie, a neutral response would be made.

Barbara Hulse informed councillors of a mistake in the architect's letter that had accompanied the plans, regarding the material to be used for construction. The intention was to construct using matched stone, not brick.

In the ensuing discussion, in which public participation was permitted, the key points made in support of the extension were:

- The church is a public building not just a listed building – community use requires compliance with DDA and Public Health legislation. Failing to meet these requirements would, in due course, result in the church becoming a redundant building, passing into the hands of a body that might not have the resources to maintain it at all.
- The church is used during the week, not just on Sundays, so the benefits would extend to a wider group of people than just Sunday worshippers. Sometimes the usage involves events where people may travel from a distance, for example to weddings, and daytime use by small children and pregnant Mums for whom on-site toilets are a necessity, no reliable alternative provision being within a reasonable distance.
- Alternative plans for constructing toilets inside the building had been rejected by a number of key organisations.
- The proposals have the backing of the Church Council – an elected body, with only a small minority not in favour.

Key points made against the application were:

- The building is a valuable part of our heritage and is mostly in the form it was in when originally built.
- Such an extension would be detrimental to the fabric of the building and be out of scale with it.
- Toilet provision could be made in another way – other local and historic church buildings had managed to accommodate such modern conveniences internally without altering the outward appearance or structure of the building(s).
- The concern that this alteration would be followed by other modifications to the structure in future.

Jenny Brighton closed the discussion and a secret ballot was held.

Voting was as follows: 4 in favour of the application, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

The clerk would write a response in support of the application the following day, but mentioning specifically the materials to be used for construction.

07/00316/FUL – 60 Milton Road, Broughton – change of use

Councillors agreed to object to this application, on the grounds of inadequate allocated parking provision.

Although not a reason for opposing the application, councillors were unhappy that the application was retrospective and it was agreed that this would be mentioned in the response.

Action: Clerk to compose a letter.

Permission Granted			Decision Date
07/00064/FUL	04-Jan-07	REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND LEAN-TO, EXTENSION OF EXISTING GARAGE, INSTALLATION OF 3 ROOF LIGHTS AND ENLARGEMENT OF EXISTING WINDOW TO NORTH ELEVATION, INSTALLATION OF ROOFLIGHT AND WINDOW TO EAST ELEVATION AND INSTALLATION OF ROOF LIGHT TO SOUTH ELEVATION at 2 Burley Cottages, Walton Road, Milton Keynes Village, MK10 9AQ	27-Feb-07
07/00072/FUL	08-Jan-07	PROPOSED PARK AND RIDE SITE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE BUILDING, INCLUDING ACCESS TO A509 AND A5130, FOOTPATH AND CYCLE LINKS, ANCILLARY SHOP, TICKET OFFICE, WAITING HALL, TAXI OFFICE, ANCILLARY OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, ANCILLARY STORES AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES at Coachway And Park And Ride, London Road, Brook Furlong	06-Mar-07
06/02034/ADV	14-Dec-06	TWO NON ILLUMINATED SITE CONSTRUCTION HOARDINGS at Site Off Tongwell Street, Milton Road, Broughton	14-Mar-07
07/00129/TPO	18-Jan-07	TREE PRESERVATION ORDER CONSENT TO FELL FOUR LIME TREES AND ONE HOLLY TREE AND EITHER FELL OR POLLARD TWO FALSE ACACIA TREES at The Old Rectory,	14-Mar-07

g Correspondence

Date received	Sent by	Item	Distribution
7-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Update relating to the most recent Joint Awareness Tasking and Co-ordination meeting.	Forwarded to councillors
8-Mar-07	Jason Smith (local resident, by email)	Complaint about dog fouling	Forwarded to Jenny and Robert
8-Mar-07	NALC	Electoral Commission and NALC letter about the launch of a resource pack for PCs - <i>All about parish and town councils</i>	
8-Mar-07	Bucks Community Action	Big Times – February Newsletter	
9 Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Parish & Town Council Newsletter – March edition	Circulated to councillors
9 Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Members Weekly News, Issue 10, plus attachments	
9 Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Notification of the closure of the Park & Ride at Junction 14, for 11 months	Forwarded to councillors
9 Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Letter proposing a motion for the restoration of Free Postage to overseas troops and their families, asking for the PC to support it.	Forwarded to councillors
13-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Timetable for Extended Schools workshops – the one for our ward is on April 19th at Winterhill Conference Centre	
15-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Statutory Notice regarding the provision of the first primary school for the Eastern Expansion Area, for display on PC Noticeboards for 6 weeks from March 20th	Clerk to organise
15-Mar-07	Thames Valley Police	Community Policing Awards – request to display posters	
15-Mar-07	MK Council	Agenda for Parishes Assembly meeting, March 22nd	NB Not received by Alex

16-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Parish Council elections - revised Consent to Nomination form	Forwarded to councillors
16-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Members Weekly News, Issue 11, plus attachments	
16-Mar-07	MK Partnership (by email)	Note regarding the next meeting of the Eastern Expansion Area Stakeholder Group on Thursday 29th March 2007, at 5.00pm at MKP Offices, in room 306/07, Agenda includes Broughton Gate Parcel H1 & H2 (David Wilson Homes) and Broughton Gate Parcel F - (Careys)	Forwarded to councillors
16-Mar-07	SMP Playgrounds	Invitation to seminar on Play and Leisure provision, Thursday 26 th April at Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth	
16-Mar-07	MK Council	Formal Notice regarding the Diversion of a Public Path (the one to the west of the new Middleton South development)	
16-Mar-07	Bedford Group of Drainage Boards	Copies of their 2006 Annual Review plus leaflets explaining the functions of Drainage Boards.	
16-Mar-07	Department for Constitutional Affairs	Note regarding Memorial Safety	
16-Mar-07	Bucks Community Action	In Focus – March 2007 Newsletter	
16-Mar-07	MK Council	Bus service changes – March 2007	
19-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Private Sector Housing Strategy - Consultation Paper	
20-Mar-07	MK Partnership (by email)	Agendas for the next meetings of the Milton Keynes Partnership Committee and Milton Keynes Partnership Planning Sub Committee	
20-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Report of last Joint Awareness Tasking and Co-ordination meeting	
21-Mar-07	MK Council	Consultation on restricting the operational times on bus lanes	
23-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Safer Neighbourhoods in MK	
23-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Members Weekly News, Issue 12, plus attachments	
26-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Details about a new recycling information booklet	
27-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Consultation on change to defined area for Oakgrove School – papers being circulated shortly	
27-Mar-07	MK Welfare Rights Group	Request for donation	Clerk informed them it will be considered next month.
28-Mar-07	MK Partnership (by email)	Minutes of last UDA Placemaking Group meeting	Monica to read
29-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Graffiti cleaning schedule.	Dates queried as the data looks muddled up.
30-Mar-07	MK Council (by email)	Members Weekly News, Issue 13, plus attachments	
1-Apr-07	Milton Keynes Campaign for State Education (by email)	– note regarding the proposal to close Sir Frank Markham School	Forwarded to Councillors
2-Apr-07	MK Council (by email)	Draft Open Space Strategy – comments invited up to May 18th	
2-Apr-07	AH Contracts	Letter about proposed price increase	Agenda item e

Councillors noted with disappointment that the M1 Junction 14 Park & Ride is to be closed for nearly a year while the improvements are carried out.

The Councillor responsible for reading correspondence in April will be **Richard Peters**.

h Any Other Business

Jenny Brighton reminded councillors that the copy deadline for the spring edition of the newsletter was April 18th and asked for a volunteer to write a contribution from the Parish Council. Jenny agreed to do it.

Items mentioned for including on the agenda for the next meeting: Dog Bins and Notice-boards for Broughton.

i Date of next meeting

May 14th - Parish Council Annual General Meeting.

Signed.....14th May 2007.

DJM