

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on **21th July 2009** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present : Cllr. Macaulay (Chair) Cllr. Allum, Cllr. Byfield, Cllr. Markley, Cllr. Stabler, Cllr. Tripp,
Cllr. Pickhaver, Cllr. Mace, Cllr. McMillan and Cllr. Wallis.

- 1. Apologies** - Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Loftus, Cllr. Teesdale and Cllr. Foskett.
- 2. Declarations of Members Interests** – none noted.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on the 16th June 2009 were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Allum.
- 4. Public question time** – two prospective councillors were present and invited to observe the meeting.
- 5. Matters arising** - there were no matters arising from the previous meeting.
- 6. NAG Report** - Cllr Markley advised that the environmental audits were complete and findings would be discussed on 6th August to identify actions, by MKC, Fire Service and TVP. The priorities highlighted in the public survey were not recognised “on the ground” during the audits. The next NAG meeting is 10th August.
- 7. Recreation and Environment Committee.** A verbal report was given by Cllr Allum.
 - a) Resolution proposed by Cllr. Mace, seconded by Cllr. Markley. All agreed “To agree to the payment of taxi fares for councillors assisting with the Summer 2009 programme activities and who do not have their own transport and where alternative travel arrangements are not available. The process will follow the one currently adopted for councillors attending parish council meetings. The cost would come out of the Summer Project Budget.
- 8. Finance and Planning Committee.**
 - a. **Planning applications.**
 - i. 09/00911/FUL 26 Colesbourne Drive Downhead Park – no comments
 - ii. 09/00943/FUL 4 Barbury Court Giffard Park – no comments.
 - iii. 08/02005/FUL 71 Bramble Avenue Conniburrow. GLPC recommendation of refusal of retrospective planning permission, proposed by Cllr. Markley seconded Cllr. Mace.
 1. This application appears to be an overdevelopment of the site and in contravention of Adopted Local Plan 2001 – 2011 planning policy. D2 (ii) Relate well to and enhance the surrounding environment.
 2. If approved there should be a condition that whole dwelling should be retained as a single-family dwelling and not be subdivided internally to form two or more separate dwellings.
 3. If approved there should be a condition that new garage space should be retained for this sole purpose and not be converted to form another habitable room or an additional separate dwelling.
 4. The applicant should be required to demonstrate that there is sufficient parking space associated with the proposed development. As per the Dec 2008 Review of Residential Parking Standards proposals a 3/4 bedroom house in Zone “3” should have 2 allocated parking spaces, plus 0.5 unallocated parking space.
 5. It should be required that the boundary wall and garage wall be set back 250mm from the centre of the boundary line of the adjacent land in the ownership of Mr. Douglas at № 73. Not only do the walls presently encroach on the adjacent land but also any new guttering and drainage would overhang into the neighbor’s demise unless set back 250mm.
 - iv. 09/01109/FUL 20 Longcross Pennyland GLPC comments: Because of the addition of the new living, bedroom and bathroom facilities without direct access to the existing dwelling, except via the conservatory, GLPC would like a condition to apply that the property shall remain a single-family dwelling.
 - v. 09/01110/FUL 52 Wedgewood Avenue Blakelands - no comments
 - b. **Church House Hotel.** Submission made to Planning Inspector relating to appeal in progress.
 - c. **Amendment to resolution to purchase gazebos** noted and agreed.
 - d. **Parish signs resolution to allow Parish Manager to agree cost of erecting signs in August not exceeding £1,000,** noted and agreed

9. Financial

a. Marsh Drive O² telecoms mast.

- i. To agree to the appointment of Mouchel to advise GLPC on the Heads of Terms and the proposed way forward in the agreement between all parties. Costs to be paid by O². Proposed by Cllr: Markley seconded by Cllr Allum, all agreed.
- ii. To agree to the appointment of a solicitor to assist with the legal documents for the four party agreement. Costs to be paid by O². Proposed by Cllr. Allum seconded by Cllr. Mace, all agreed.

b. Monthly payments schedule, proposed Cllr. Allum seconded Cllr. Tripp, all agreed.

10. Vacancies. Interview and appointment of candidates for two wards.

- i. After a presentation and questions from the only candidate, Diana Fitchett was selected to be co-opted councillor for Pennyland and Bolbeck Park Ward.
- ii. Two candidates had applied for the Downs Barn vacancy. Festus Akinbusoye had been interviewed on the 24th March and was unable to be present. After a presentation and questions from the second candidate, David Pettingell, Council voted to co-opt Festus Akinbusoye as councillor for Downs Barn Ward.

11. Councillor items.

- a. Section 106. Cllr. Stabler had attended the MKC presentation and advised that useful notes from the meeting are available from the Parish Manager.
- b. HiMO's Cllr. Wallis and others from GLPC had attended a lively meeting which confirmed that there was much still to be done to resolve HiMO concerns. Cllr. Stabler suggested that GLPC might arrange a public meeting to identify and discuss HiMO issues affecting residents.
- c. Lorry parking Blakelands. Cllr. Tripp had made comments and suggested alternative bay locations in Yeomans Drive and Delaware Drive to MKC.
- d. Consultation responses on gambling to be made on an individual basis by councillors.

12. Correspondence none reported.

13. Date of next meeting agreed as 15th September 2009.

14. The meeting was closed at 21:30pm

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