

# GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of the FGP Committee, held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 at the Parish Office.

### 1. **PRESENT.**

Councillors Stabler [Chair] Allum, Wright, Morsley, Tripp, Markley, Byfield and Figg

### 2. **APOLOGIES.** Received from Councillor M Williamson.

### 3. **COUNCILLOR VACANCY.** Mrs Jackson did not attend

### 4. **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS.** None

### 5. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

It was proposed by Cllr: Allum and seconded by Cllr: Wright that the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006 should be signed as a true record.

### 6. **MATTERS ARISING** [not on the agenda]

Cllr: Markley asked if the press release about the Rocla Pipe Development had been done. Cllr: Stabler confirmed that the road infrastructure had been agreed by EP but as the housing application was still subject to negotiation following many comments. EP had postponed considering the application in March. EP was being pressed by Cllr: Stabler to say what changes were being made to the scheme. If necessary a press statement could be issued by the Parish Council once the revised housing scheme was available for comment.

### 7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- a. **Vodafone mast lamppost H4 20 PD Danstead Way Pennyland**  
Agreed
- b. **Vodafone mast lamppost H3 31 TO Monks Way Tongwell**  
Agreed

### 2. **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION CLAIM.**

Cllr: Morsley had contacted the Discrimination Conciliation Service [DCS] by telephone and E-mail, before the deadline confirming that the Parish Council wished to proceed with conciliation. But the DCS had closed the case and referred it back to the Disability Discrimination Council. It appeared that due DCS organisational inefficiencies Cllr: Morsley's messages had not been passed on. The DCS were now trying to reinstate conciliation with Mrs Edwards.

### 3. **FINANCE MATTERS.**

a) The meeting debated the purchase of a projector and screen. Not everyone was convinced that the use could warrant the cost. Some Councillors who has seen a projector used at the last Parish Council meeting thought that such presentations could increase understanding of issues. Increasingly Milton Keynes Council made use of CD ROM's for consultation documents, rather than paper documents. In future planning applications might be presented as CD ROM's. The key questions were: - Who would operate the laptop and projector? Although not a large cost is it worth the expense? Can sufficient use be justified? Ought the Council to use more up to date technologies?

It was proposed by Cllr: Figg, Seconded by Cllr: Allum that FGP recommends the Parish Council should purchase a projector and screen. Carried: - 4 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention.

Cllr: Figg suggested the Stantonbury Park Farm CD ROM could be presented at the next Council meeting. Cllr: Stabler agreed to look at the information on

the disc. He would also ask MKC about the format of future planning applications.

***ACTION Cllr: Stabler***

The meeting then voted on which projector to recommend to the Parish Council. Cllr: Figg proposed the Dell 2300 MP and Cllr: Markley proposed the Dell 1100 MP. The voting was 2 in favour for each projector and the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the Dell 2300 MP.

b) Street Dreams had asked the Parish Council if they wished to pay by instalments or lump sum. The project would begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March and take four months to complete. It was agreed unanimously that the consultancy fee should be paid in equal instalments. ***ACTION Parish Manager***

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS SUB GROUP.**

The meeting discussed the protocol for editorial control, management and placing web information on the site and this was agreed in principle. It was agreed that the processes outlined in the protocol would be discussed with the Parish Manager before it was presented for approval to the Parish Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Progress on the web site was slowing and it was agreed that the Communication Sub-Committee would meet on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2:0 pm at the Parish Office to review the situation.

#### **5. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

A Mrs Allnatt of Andrews Croft had complained to the Council about a tree branch in the Marsh Drive playing fields hedge damaging her fence. A photograph of the offending branch was inspected.

***Cllr: Figg, a neighbour of Mrs. Allnatt, declared a personal interest and took no further part in the discussions.***

The Leylandii were the responsibility of the Parish Council who had been aware for some years that they were getting very tall and perhaps should be properly managed. It was agreed by all that Richard Sharp should be asked to remove the overhanging branch.

Cllrs: Allum and Wright would inspect the site and consider what further action was necessary for other trees in this planted area and report back to the Council. ***ACTION Cllrs: Allum & Wright***

**The meeting closed at 20:48**

**Date of the next FGP Meeting  
Will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7:30**