

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 11th April 2006, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Tripp, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Perrott, Cllr Wright, Cllr Morsley, Cllr Pickhaver (observing).

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr M Williamson, Cllr A Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS: There were no interests declared..

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Byfield that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March be signed as a true record.

YOUTH WORKER-MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL: Gavin Watts attended together with a part time worker. He advised that since reorganisation he is the full time worker covering Newport Pagnell and the Great Linford Parish and wished to make contact with as many young people in the parish as possible. The aim is to organise short term projects which would interest the young people, either by using the Energiser bus or venues like the Downs Barn Pavilion. The parish council advised that due to the poor results by the Youth Service over the last few years, they had now employed the services of Street Dreams to carry out a survey and report any problems within the parish. It was requested that the youth service could maybe liaise with Street Dreams. Gavin agreed to attend the June meeting and bring the council up to date with any progress.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

MK Lions: Report has now arrived and shows that up to 15 children attended the sessions.

Loriner Place: Brian Bamber (MKC) advised that he is still waiting to receive the Deed of Covenant from Denton Wilde Sapte (EPs solicitors). It was agreed that a letter be sent to all parties advising that if this is not received with the next 14days, then we will contact the local press.

Blakelands Play Area: Norman Parker is at this time unable to give a firm commitment to meet the cost of the seat installation; however he does not foresee a problem. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Tripp that we have the seats put in and invoice MKC for the cost. The taking out of the old seats could be the most expensive part. RJS will be asked to visit and report.

Redway Repairs-Blakelands: MKC have advised that they had run out of funds, which was why not all the redway had been repaired.

5. DOG FOULING PROTOCOL: Details from the DEFRA website were distributed. It was however agreed that this council would not wish to distribute this as it was both alarmist and patronising. Councillors agreed that the dog fouling poster produced by Malcolm Lane was very suitable and will be put on all notice boards. The policy of the council remains as before, that bins will only be considered in areas where there is a dog fouling problem which could cause a health hazard. Parish Manager will prepare an article for next Newsletter advising people to take the waste home and put it in the black sacks.

6. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

Some of the Perspex windows appear to have been replaced within the last week with glass, for what reason is not known.

7. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

Section 106 Funds: Following our submissions regarding expansion of the facility, nothing further has been heard. Parish Manager will chase this and if possible arrange meetings.

8. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Cricket Pitch: Although the wicket is still fenced prior the start of the season, youngsters have been playing there and have caused considerable damage to the wicket.

9. ALLOTMENTS:

Tyres at Neath Hill: Cllr Allum has yet to arrange collection of the ever increasing amount of rubbish in the car park area.

Sandy Close Site: A second price for larger plants had been received, also a price of £150 to plant the 180 shrubs.

10. LOCAL CENTRES:

Blakelands: John Lewis have advised residents of Bessemer Court that they intend to block off their piece of land at the rear of the bungalows, they will however be given a key to gain access to their fences. John Lewis will also be replacing broken fences. These measures will hopefully reduce the problems with foreign lorry drivers.

Downs Barn: The steps from the pavement to the shops need repair, also the slabs. Parish Manager will report.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

MK Association of Urban Parishes: Letter asking whether we wish to nominate a councillor to be considered as a representative on the stakeholder group of the Transport Partnership. Cllr Stabler agreed to be nominated.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 9th May 2006.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.