

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 12th December 2006, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum, (Chair), Cllr Tripp, Cllr Perrott, Cllr Wright, Cllr Stabler, Cllr A Williams.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr B Morsley, Cllr Byfield.

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 Stabler that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November be signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

Downs Barn Bus Shelter: Milton Keynes Council have advised that some progress has been made on the shelter.

5. NACRO & MKC YOUTH WORKER REPORT:

NACRO: A Steering Group is to be formed, the first meeting will be in early January at Downs Barn Pavilion.

Youth Worker: Gavin Watts had advised that he would be attending this meeting, but was absent. Rob Ward will be contacted and asked why the Youth Worker has not attended a meeting since June.

6. LORINOR PLACE: AJS Contracting have further surveyed the site and have suggested that the concrete paths should ideally be removed at the same time as the surface rubbish is removed. They have submitted a revised quote of £2,950 (Synergy quote £2,750 did not include any of the paths). Following talks with the Parks Trust they have offered to licence the transport corridor to the Parish Council instead of us fencing it. It was agreed that this offer be accepted. A quote of £1,050 has been received from Synergy to mow the area fortnightly from 1st April to 30th October 2007. It was proposed by Cllr Trip and seconded by Cllr Wright that the AJS quoted be accepted.

Landscape Depot:

There are serious concerns about the use of the Landscape Depot by ISS Waterers. It is apparent that this area is not large enough for the amount of vehicles, equipment etc that they have. Cllr Morris (MKC), has been contacted by residents, to make contact and enquire how this is progressing.

7. PLAY AREA GRANT – DOWNS BARN:

Phillip Snell had not applied for the grant as there had been no confirmation as to where the balance of money would come from. Steve Crowther has now agreed that the balance can be paid out of the S106 grant, therefore the application has now been made to WREN. Parish Manager to try and obtain information as to where the £95,000 S106 money from Beds Pilgrims has been allocated to be spent.

8. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:

The Capital Bid for £250,00 to make the building into a single storey one, has been rejected. MKC will still go ahead with a lift. Parish Manager had suggested to Jonathon Lee that a fold up stairlift may well be adequate. This will be pursued.

9. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:

New Sign: A price for an easily cleaned aluminium sign (3ft x 3ft) is £176. It was agreed that the website address should be added and that the colour should be green on white.

It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Williams that up to £200 be spent on the sign.

10. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Ceiling Repair: One of the ceiling panels is badly bowed. It was agreed that the RJS quote of £130 be accepted to replace the panel, artex and repaint.

11. ALLOTMENTS:

Hills Close & Gifford Gate Sites: Both sites had break-ins two weeks ago, the fence was cut and all sheds broken into. Nothing was taken.

Transfer of Larkspur Avenue Site: The transfer is going ahead and we are advised that a total of £1456 was spent on this site by MKC last year. They have offered to carry on the maintenance of the site at a cost of £750 per year. RJS has quoted £150 for the mowing, therefore it was agreed that GLPC would maintain themselves.

Following discussion it was agreed for budget purposes that the rent on our own sites should increase from £1.65 per pole to £2 per pole, per annum (effective 1st April), and that the Larkspur Avenue site should also pay the same.

Sandy Close Landscape Depot: Parminder Dhap has advised that he has made an official application for the transfer of the Landscape depot.

12. LOCAL CENTRES:

Downs Barn: MKC are currently paving the grassed area around the shop.

Neath Hill: To pursue MKC with regard to the replacing of trees (where necessary).

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Electrical Appliances Checks: Parish Manager advised that all electrical appliances have been inspected for safety, at all pavilions and the office.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 9th January at 7pm, (joint meeting with FGP).**

The Meeting closed at 9pm