

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office,  
6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 23rd August 2010.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman  
Cllr. C. DeMyers-Robinson  
Cllr. D. Edmonds  
Cllr. J. Nicholas  
Cllr. K. Thomas  
Cllr. M. Walton  
Cllr. C. Williams  
Cllr. T Wylie  
Cllr. N. Warden (Arrived 19.40)

**Also present:**

Councillor Stuart Burke  
Mr R Walker – Brookfield Rangers  
Minutes taken by: Carole McMillan – Deputy Parish Clerk

**The Chair requested that Council approve a change in the order of proceedings to take Item 7 – Finance prior to Item 5 – Reports.**

**1. Apologies**

**RESOLVED** to receive apologies from Cllrs. C. Osler and I. Stewart.

**2. Declarations of interest**

**RESOLVED** to note that there were no declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest declared.

**3. Public time**

Mr Walker from Brookfield Rangers informed members that since the Parish Council awarded the grant funding of £750 for the football kit for the Under 12's, that he was having difficulty in obtaining the required three quotations, as not all suppliers can provide the kit colours.

Mr Walker asked members if it would be acceptable to order the kit from the quote he had received.

**AGREED: Mr Walker to liaise with the Deputy Clerk on a supplier the Parish Council had previous used to assist with obtaining the quotes. Once three quotations had been sought it would be acceptable to place the order.**

**4. Minutes**

Members were asked to agree the Minutes of the meeting and to receive reports on any matters.

Councillor Wylie raised that he did not agree that the minutes of the In-camera session accurately reflected the discussion which took place.

**AGREED: To defer signing the In-camera minutes until the minutes had been reviewed.**

## **7. Finance**

Members received a monthly report and list of payments for approval.

CLlr Nicholas asked for member's authority to move funds between accounts as illustrated in red in the finance reports, this was unanimously agreed.

CLlr Burke advised for accuracy on the finance report the grant funding of £997.75 was his NAG money.

CLlr Nicholas informed members that the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance needed to be raised from £450,000 to £720,000 as advised by Mazaars.

**AGREED: To pay £185 for the insurance premium.**

## **5. Reports**

**RESOLVED** that Members received reports from:

- *The Deputy Clerk*

Members agreed this was an excellent report and confirmed that some of the content would be discussed under the in camera session.

- *Police*

There were no Police present at the meeting. Cllr Livingstone informed Members that he had recently attended a Joint Parish Meeting to meet the new Inspector, Larry Johnson. Cllr Livingstone also advised the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 at 5pm at Wolverton if any members wish to attend. Cllr D Edmonds expressed an interest but would need to check his diary.

- *Ward Councillors*

*Councillor Stuart Burke*

Cllr Burke informed members that the vandalism to the windows at Emerson Valley Rugby Pavillion amounted to £25,000. Cllr Burke also raised the issue concerning anti social behaviour at Killerton Close where they have been unsociable activity all hours of the day and night. Cllr Edmonds confirmed the basket swing which was attracting problems has been removed on a temporary basis.

Cllr Burke advised members he had just returned from holiday but will do a report regarding how the Prodigy concert went.

*Councillor Chris Williams*

Cllr Williams updated members that the Bowl concert was the best organised event with the exception of parking problems at Favell Drive and Rutherford Gate.

Cllr Williams and Cllr Ferrans' spent a considerable number of hours on the day resolving residents' complaints. Cllr Williams stated 28 vehicles were ticketed and 3 cars towed away.

Cllr Williams confirmed to members there are currently two gangs of workmen carrying out repairs in Favell Drive area.

Parish Protocol – Cllrs Williams and Livingstone stated the parish councils' version was by far the better version and confirmed it is very close to bring to all parish councils' to sign up to.

- Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr Thomas stated that when the grass is cut in Kingsmead there still appears to be areas where it is a foot high which appears to be missed by the lawnmowers.

Cllr Thomas said he had nothing too much report as the Planning and Environment Committee meeting had been a short one but applauded the safety measures proposed at Caroline Haslett School.

Cllr Thomas confirmed that the minutes of the previous meeting could not be signed as a true record as the members present were not at the previous meeting.

Cllr Walton advised members she attended a NAG meeting and is arranging with the police to walk around the Furzton area but was waiting for the police to contact her to arrange this.

Cllr Williams confirmed the Police had contacted him to arrange dates and members suggested that Cllr Walton contact Sgt Lee Brace.

- Community Committee

Cllr De Myers Robinson informed members that attendance at the last three meetings had been poor and that the Committee had to consider quorum. Members agreed to consider reviewing meeting dates next year as August is the main holiday period.

Cllr De Myers Robinson updated members regarding the following grant applications:

Food Bank – Awarded £1,500

Kingsmead Pre-School – Did not attend the meeting therefore the grant was not considered. The Deputy Clerk has contacted them again informing them of the date of the next meeting if they wish to attend to enable their application to be considered.

Cllr De Myers Robinson noted that the Deputy Clerk is still in the process of obtaining three quotations for the Notice Boards. The Deputy Clerk agreed to have all the quotations ready for the next Community Committee meeting.

## 6. Allotments

**Terms & Conditions**

Cllr Warden apologised to Council that he had not completed the revised Terms and Conditions as agreed.

**RESOLVED** to defer this to the next full Council Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Members discussed how to inform allotment tenants of the rent increase for the year 2011/12 and agreed to attach the note as per the Deputy Clerks’ email previously circulated, to the Invoices to be raised in September ensuring tenants received the required one years’ notice.

It was resolved unanimously to join the National Society of Allotments & Leisure Gardeners Limited for the sum of £55 + VAT and to invite Karen Kenny to the Parish Council meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**8. Correspondence**

**RESOLVED** that members noted that the correspondence list had been previously circulated including:

- Letter from BALC introducing John Gibbs who takes over from Lesley Blue.
- Milton Keynes Mediation – Thank you letter for the grant previously awarded.
- Milton Keynes City Orchestra – Invitation to an event 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm. Cllrs Nicholas and Thomas expressed an interest in attending.
- Email received from Eric Cooper requesting assistance from the parish council to help him complete his CILCA portfolio. Members agreed Mr Cooper can have access to any documents that are in the public domain.
- Members agreed that a letter be sent to Cllrs G Small & N Leonards thanking them for their contribution to the council.

**9. To agree and note events/meeting dates:**

**RESOLVED** to note that the next meetings would be held on:

Planning & Environment Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2010
Community Committee	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2010
Parish Council	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2010

The following apologies were noted:

- Cllr Wylie - Planning & Environment meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Cllr Williams - Parish Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September

SIGNED.....Chair