

## OLD WUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the general meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors King (Chair), Brown, Howson, Humphries & O'Neill. Ward Cllr Bint & the Clerk, Mrs K Hill were in attendance. There were 12 members of the public present. The Chair welcomed those members of the public present & outlined the running order of the meeting:

**Open Forum:** Resident asked what was being done about the pigeon problem under the Newport Road bridge. Chair informed the resident that when the nesting season was officially over (October) MKC would be clearing the nests & placing preventative measures under the bridge to stop pigeons from roosting there again. It was suggested that signage be placed under the bridge to stop people feeding the pigeons as it not only encourages the pigeons to roost but encourages rats who eat the leftover grain & seeds. As this was on the environmental log, the Council agreed that it could ask the Clerk to look into possible signage. It was also agreed that an article would be placed in the next newsletter & on the website. An allotment holder asked for a report back on the allotment vermin control measures in place. Chair said that as none of the Cllrs with responsibility for allotments were at the meeting, the report would be held over until next meeting. Tenant asked that it be noted that rats had eaten his entire sweetcorn crop. Chair promised to look into this matter with urgency. Ward Cllr Bint gave a report back on previous actions [reported under Ward Cllr report]. This part of the meeting closed at 7.50pm

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>2012/089</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Cllrs Bennett, Blomley & McDonald reason of holiday; Cllr Kenyon – reason illness. Apologies accepted.	
<b>2012/090</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
	None	
<b>2012/091</b>	<b>To agree the minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
	The minutes of the meeting of the 20 August 2012 were accepted as a true & accurate record & signed by the Chair.	
<b>2012/092</b>	<b>Ward Councillor report:</b> Mowing program now back on track after the weather problems experienced; Growing groundswell of support against proposed builds by the Parks Trust on identified sites of interest (paddocks in WOTG being highlighted); Newport Road repairs will be done as soon as possible; The problematic length of "road" in The Green area repairs currently underway, & will be done at the Council's expense, on this occasion but not in future years; major road infrastructure investment program taking place on grid roads, redways & MK centre. There will be short term inconvenience but for long term gain. Resident asked him about update on fibre optic installation. Cllr Bint replied that BT were being very economic on informing Councils when & where exchanges were being enabled & infrastructure & capacity installed.	
<b>2012/093</b>	<b>Clerk's report &amp; review of actions:</b> <b>2012/060:</b> Professional book arrived <b>2012/080:</b> Professional memberships secured. <b>2012/062:</b> Response from Parks Trust regarding withdrawal of land (paddocks) for proposed development received. <b>2012/043:</b> Potholes/traffic calming measures in Newport Road: Newport Road & 2 x traffic calming ramps to be repaired. Potholes on schedule for filling. No date set. <b>Clerks Report:</b> Grit bin request to MKC Passmore still awaiting response. Unanimous decision to accept the Clerk's report	
<b>2012/094</b>	<b>Environment log update:</b> Noted & updated. Items added: 30mph sign H7 side Newport Road - faded needs replacing Road sign for The Close The Close garages access/egress surface needs repairing Footpath in front of The Close badly uneven, dangerous	

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<b>2012/095</b>	<b>Communications update:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> newsletter well received. Next one due out in November. All articles to Cllr O'Neill by end October. Chair asked for more feedback on website & newsletter & encouraged groups to advertise community events.	
<b>2012/096</b>	<b>Reports on meetings attended</b>	
	Cllr O'Neill was unable to attend the meeting on the new benefit system implications, however residents were urged to contact the Clerk or Cllr O'Neill for information.	
<b>2012/097</b>	<b>Report back on planning applications</b>	
	12/01368/TCA: tree removal: Lucas Place: permission granted 1212/01427/FUL: Single Storey extension: The Green. Refused permission	
<b>2012/098</b>	<b>Policy approval:</b>	
	Equality; Redundancy; Health & Safety; Environment & Volunteer policies unanimously adopted.	
<b>2012/099</b>	<b>H&amp;S officer appointment</b>	
	It was agreed that Cllr Bennett will take on a supporting role for H&S with the Clerk, subject to his agreement.	
<b>2012/100</b>	<b>Consider &amp; agree a strategy for Mobile Library signage</b>	
	It was unanimously agreed not to install any signage for mobile library services but to place a calendar on the notice boards & on the website for residents' information.	Clerk Webmaster
<b>2012/101</b>	<b>Consider &amp; agree new signatories for bank accounts</b>	
	It was agreed that subject to acceptance, Cllr Blomley is to be asked to be a signatory on the account. Clerk to organise necessary mandates for completion & signature & lodgement at the bank.	
<b>2012/102</b>	<b>Consider comments to be lodged on the government consultation on Localising Support for Council Tax scheme</b>	
	It was unanimously agreed not to lodge any comments at this stage.	
<b>2012/103</b>	<b>Consider comments to be lodged on the Ward Boundary Review</b>	
	<i>8.49pm Chair suspended the meeting to take comments from the Cllr Bint &amp; Sam Crooks. Both gave a brief review of current situation &amp; indicated that it was their considered opinion that lodging a positive comment would be more beneficial. A further review for commenting on will be issued in January 2013. Meeting resumed 8.55pm</i>	
<b>2012/103</b>	It was decided, by majority vote, to comment that the Parish Council wishes to stay within their current ward.	
	<i>9.03pm Ward Cllr Bint &amp; Cllr O'Neill left the meeting</i>	
<b>2012/104</b>	<b>Agree on supplier &amp; installer for new notice boards for Woughton on the Green &amp; Passmore areas:</b>	
	Unanimously agreed to offer tender to R Gazeley with installation work to be done by the Neighbourhood Fix it team. Clerk to action.	Clerk
<b>2012/105</b>	<b>Consider &amp; agree on appointing an Internal auditor</b>	
	Unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs Sweet. Clerk to action	
<b>2012/106</b>	<b>Clerks home office risk assessment</b>	
	Agreed unanimously. Assessment signed off by the Chair	

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<b>2012/107</b>	<b>Code of Conduct adoption &amp; Register of Members Interest forms.</b>		
	MKC Code of Conduct for parishes unanimously adopted.		Clerk issue
<b>2012/108</b>	<b>Approve Standing Orders changes:</b>		
	Changes to Standing Orders unanimously approved.		Clerk issue
<b>2012/109</b>	<b>Consider &amp; approve the payments schedule</b>		
	The payments schedule was circulated in advance. Total payments of £1069.04 was requested & unanimously approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded by Cllr Howson		
	109/1	Salary	282.82
	109/2	Interim administrators fees/expenses to date	74.42
	109/3	Salary	193.87
	109/4	Incidental expenses for parish council	105.53
	109/5	A H Contracts (dog/litter bin collection)	204.00
	109/6	SPS	138.00
	109/7	SLCC – membership	36.40
	109/8	Incidental expenses	19.99
	109/9	Anglian Water	14.01
<b>2012/110</b>	<b>Budget vs actual with year end projected figures</b>		
	Noted. To be placed on website		Clerk
<b>2012/111</b>	<b>Correspondence noted. Copies available for public to view at meeting.</b>		
<b>111/1</b>	Parks Trust re land in Paddocks designated for building. Noted		
<b>111/2</b>	Letter from resident regarding traffic noise levels on roads in parish. Clerk to ask MKC for monitoring		Clerk
<b>2012/112</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings:</b>		
	15/10; 19/11; 17/12; 2013: 21/1; 18/02; 18/03		

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.40pm

Agreed as an accurate and true record of the meeting & signed by the Chair 15/10/2012