



**OLD WUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Woughton on the Green

**Present:** Councillors King (Chair), Bennett, Blomley, Brown, Humphries, Kenyon. The Clerk, Mrs K Hill and Ward Councillor Bint were in attendance. There were 7 members of the public present. The Chair welcomed those present & outlined the running order of the meeting.

**Public Forum: Not part of the formal minutes but recorded as a service to the residents:**

(Q&A session on budget consultation)

Q: what is the expected final amount of project spend for 2012/13? [A: £15240.00]

Q: what is the estimate final spend against budget for operational/capital projects? [A: £26,515.00].

Q: what the expected amount of reserve remaining at year end? [A: £33416.00]

Q: is other income (allotment rentals) included? [A: no. When budget drawn up 8 months ago there was no idea of what income was likely to be and rents now go into separate bank account to build up reserve for future management projects]

Q: what will the 2013/14 project spend be on? [A: (if agreed later in the meeting) to be on the boundary treatment/s to ensure security at the allotment site] Chair stated Council would always seek grant funding to support any large projects.

General: There was some confusion around the budget figures posted on the website and it was agreed that a more up to date way of informing the residents of actual spend and reserves level at regular intervals must be devised. Resident gave Clerk a letter from environmental services in response to complaint about pigeon mess under bridge. Clerk to scan and return to resident. Resident asked about allotment management. Cllr Bennett said the council had agreed in principal to a management team and full report for decision to be presented at a later meeting in New Year. There being no further comments or questions the public forum closed at 7.52pm.

Item		Action
	<b>Ward Councillor report:</b> Cllr Bint thanked everyone for their attendance and interest since the inception of the Parish Council in May & commented on the community spirit he felt was displayed by the residents in Parish matters. He urged all residents to contact either himself or Ward Councillor McDonald if they had any concerns or needed advice. A resident asked about the status of the Ward Boundary review. Cllr Bint explained that 3 plans had been submitted: one each from MK Council, MK Lib Dem party and a private submission from Lorraine King. [Cllr King was happy for residents to contact her to discuss the submission outside of the Council]. Residents would have to wait until January decision of recommendation by Boundary Commissioner to comment further. Cllr Bint then wished everyone a happy festive season.	
2012/153	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs Howson (illness), McDonald & O'Neill (holiday). Accepted	
2012/154	<b>Declarations of pecuniary interest by councillors:</b> 2012/159: Cllr Brown on planning application 12/02458/FUL 2012/162: Cllrs Blomley (beneficiary on expense schedule)	
2012/155	<b>Agree Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The minutes of the 19th November 2012 meeting was unanimously accepted as a true & accurate record with following addendum: Cllr Humphries is to be recorded as the seconder for expense schedule minute reference 2012/149. Minutes were agreed & signed by the Chair.	
2012/156	<b>Communications update:</b> Website: With reference to confusion caused by the budget schedule available on the website, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr King and Clerk would put together a layout & means to report budget/spending that makes easier reading/understanding for website.	LK Clerk



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	Noticeboards: Keys cut, Alum keys obtained. Policy for notice board use and councillor contact for public printed and on noticeboards.	
<b>2012/157</b>	<b>Receive an Environment log update:</b> Updates: Pigeon prevention under Newport Bridge vandalised by pigeons. To be rectified. Once established that pigeons have moved on, the area will be cordoned off and cleaned.	
<b>2012/158</b>	<b>Planning:</b> <i>[Cllr Brown took no part in the discussion, decision or vote]</i> 12/02458/FUL: single storey rear extension. The Lodge, The Green. No objections but build materials and finishings to match existing.	
<b>2012/159</b>	<b>Consider 2013/2014 budget and agree precept:</b> It was agreed unanimously to set the budget at £26600.00 for 2013/2014. It was also agreed by a majority vote to set the precept at £26600.00. <i>[Approximate expected shortfall due to council tax change to be £1330.00 without grant or £266.00 with grant]</i> which equates to approximately £59 for a Band D property. Figures to be confirmed at 19/12 cabinet meeting of MK Council and confirmed at January meeting.	Clerk
<b>2012/161</b>	<b>Update on road safety issue junction The Green/Newport Road and the way forward:</b> It was unanimously agreed to liaise with MK Council to conduct a safety audit.	Clerk
<b>2012/162</b>	<b>Consider &amp; approve the payments schedule:</b> <i>[Cllr Blomley took no part in the discussion, decision or vote]</i> The payments schedule was circulated in advance. Total payments of £1265.77 was requested. Payments unanimously approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded by Cllr Kenyon.	
	162/1/1 Salaries to staff +admin	478.15
	162/1/2 A H Contracts (dog/litter bin collection + cleaning mtnc)	317.40
	162/1/3 Anglian Water – allotment usage 18/8/12-20/11/12	430.37
	162/1/4 Noticeboard expenses	39.85
162/2	<b>Receive any statements of the current financial position:</b> Bank Reconciliations noted. No questions or comments	
<b>2012/163</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> No response from Parks Trust regarding meeting to discuss ROW through allotments. Ongoing.  Central Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan Consultation: Cllr Humphries gave a brief overview to those present on the rationale behind Neighbourhood Plans. CMK in unique situation as example of parish with every possible type of property within its parish boundaries. Cllr Humphries read the wordy document and submitted a considered response that was aimed at being both supportive and helpful on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Humphries urged members of the public to use the link (below) to follow the progress of the 8 Vanguard Councils. <a href="http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy/displayarticle.asp?ID=86338">http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-policy/displayarticle.asp?ID=86338</a>	Clerk
<b>2012/164</b>	<b>Dates of future meetings:</b> 2013: 21/1; 18/02; 18/03 (in village hall)	

There being no further business to discuss, this part of the meeting closed at 9.15pm

**Members of the public were wished a happy Christmas and new year and thanked for their attendance and interest over the past 8 months.**



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