



OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 18th February 2013 at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Woughton on the Green

Present: Councillors King (Chair), Blomley, Brown, Howson, Kenyon, King, McDonald, & O'Neill. The Clerk, Mrs K Hill and 14 members of the public were 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:

Church warden asked all attendees to use either the Old Swan pub car park or the top car park at the Mercure Hotel and not park outside the church when attending meetings.

Environmental issues: Resident wanted it noted that the pigeons that roost on the Canal bridge are still there despite the work undertaken by MK Council and that there is an unhealthy build up of pigeon guano. [Clerk to log again with Environmental Services].

Resident asked about the building work to a property in The Green. Cllr Brown informed resident it was tidying up the existing Barn, hence no permission needed. Cllr Brown has spoken to contractors and the home owner who has promised to clean the road. [Clerk to report to envservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk / 01908 252570].

Resident informed Councillors/Clerk about the responsibility for the Towpath maintenance with regard to debris as mentioned in the newsletter. Inland Waterway Association as well as the Anglers Association are organisations to contact with a view to organising a clean up of the tow path and surrounding vegetation. IWA will provide equipment to assist a clean up. [Clerk to contact MKC as well as above organisations].

General: Passmore signage: Requested for bridge between Netherfield/Passmore (On Passmore side signage says Netherfield; on the Netherfield side labeled Tinkers Bridge [Clerk to apply under new capital expenditure program]).

There being no further business, the open forum closed at 7.51pm

Item		ACTION
2013/017	Apologies: Cllr Humphries – reason of holiday. Accepted	
	Declarations of interest by councillors: None	
2013/018	Agree the minutes of the previous meeting & review of actions: It was agreed to remove the following from the minutes of the meeting of the 21 st January 2013: Minute reference 2013/004 Cllr O Neill has resigned as editor deleted. New editor sought. It was unanimously agreed that with that alteration the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	Clerk
2013/019	Updates: <i>Communications:</i> Cllr King to ensure newsletter is available on website. Clerk to place newsletter on noticeboards Editor's note to be introduced Notice-board policy to be printed and placed on boards for public Councillors details on noticeboards: Woughton North and South need to be recognised. Clerk to revamp. <i>Environment log and consideration of actions:</i> Latest version on website. Passmore work party being organised through residents association.	LK Clerk SON/LK Clerk



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	<p><i>Newport Road/The Green Road Safety project:</i> Capital expenditure grant requested.</p> <p><i>Staff Issues:</i> L Essam has accepted voluntary redundancy. The Council thank her for everything she has done for them and wish her well in the future. K Hill has agreed to a permanent contract with the Council as from 1 April 2013.</p>		
2013/020	<p>Reports to note on outside meetings attended by Councillors and Clerk: Cllr McDonald: attended BALC finance training. Very helpful. Cllrs Benett, [Clerk note: amended at the meeting] Bromley, Brown & Kenyon attended a meeting facilitated by Simpson & Ashland Council on road safety on the H9. There were several proposals all designed to make the access to the H9 safer. [Document outlining the proposals available from the Clerk]</p>		
2013/021	<p>Planning: Report back on decisions: 12/02458/FUL: Construction of single storey extension to rear (re-submission of 12/01427/FUL), The Lodge The Green, Woughton On The Green. Permitted</p>		
2013/022	<p>Consider & note the payments schedule and money transfer to call account: The payments schedule was circulated in advance. Total payments of £2330.97 was requested. Payments noted and cheques signed after the meeting. It was unanimously RESOLVED that £20,000.00 would be transferred into a call account.</p>		
	2013/022/1	Salaries to staff +levies + admin	£1851.97
	2013/022/2	Community spend	£419.00
	2013/022/3	Allotment maintenance	£60.00
2013/023	<p>Receive statements of the current financial position: Bank Reconciliations noted. No questions or comments.</p>		
2013/024	<p>Consider a response to the Core Strategy (modifications): The Council decided to lodge the following comments: The Parish Council feel it is socially responsible to ensure that social infrastructure in the form of medical facilities, schooling and community facilities (shops, meeting places) are provided if the areas outlined in the modifications are incorporated into the core strategy and would wish to see their inclusion. The emphasis on the re-vitalisation of Central Milton Keynes will result in the decline of local centres which is unacceptable. It is further noted that there is no provision in the strategy to build local centres within the new development areas. The Council feel this is unsatisfactory and goes against the ethos of creating a community spirit. The Council also felt that the dualing of the A421 was vital to cope with increased traffic flow. [Clerks note: added Approach to junction 13]</p>		



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<p>2013/025</p>	<p>Consider the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) recommendations for Ward boundaries in Milton Keynes: After much discussion the following proposals were put forward (recorded vote asked for) 1. To support MK Council proposal: For: Cllrs Brown and O'Neill. Against: Cllrs Bennett, King, Kenyon, Howson, Blomley, McDonald Proposal defeated. 2. Support the Commission's suggestions For: Cllrs Bennett, King, Kenyon, Howson, Blomley, McDonald Against: Cllrs Brown and O'Neill Proposal carried.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2013/026</p>	<p>Consider additional comments to the Council's Cycling Strategy consultation: After much discussion the following proposal was put forward (recorded vote asked for) To support asking for the addition of the redway via Baskerfield Grove For: Cllr Bennett. Against: Cllrs Brown, King, Kenyon, Howson, Blomley, McDonald Abstention: Cllr O'Neill Proposal defeated.</p>	
<p>2013/027</p>	<p>Consider on comments or actions on the Informal consultation regarding the footpath diversion, Woughton-on-the-Green: Since the agenda was posted on noticeboards it was found that this requested ROW has been used for the past 10 years. It was unanimously agreed that as the footpath had been substantially refurbished, the Council would note its agreement to the ROW request. It was noted that a kissing gate would be needed to facilitate access/egress. Clerk to contact Parks Trust.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>2013/028</p>	<p>Dates of future meetings: 18 March in the village hall 22 April – Annual Parish meeting in St Mary's Church 20th May the Annual Council meeting in St Mary's Church</p>	

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.42pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.