



OLD WOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2013 at
7.30pm in St Mary's Church Woughton on the Green

Present: Councillors King (Chair), Bennett, Blomley, Brown, Howson, Humphries, Kenyon, & McDonald. Were summoned to a General Meeting of Old Woughton Parish Council to be held on the above date, time & place, when the business set out below will be transacted.

OWPC Minutes of 16/09/2013

Lorraine (chair) opened the meeting welcoming our guest speaker namely Keith Tilly chairman of Stony Stratford's London Road Allotments.

Keith proceeded to give us an overview of their allotments, 168 plots all 5 pole in area, originally rented from MK Development Corp. Who passed on ownership to MKBC, from which they are now rented under a 20 year lease. Annual rents were increased. Grass cutters purchased, site shop selling compost, seeds & fertiliser etc. Neighbouring associate members could make purchases. Fund raising events include a Town Fayre and an open day for plant sales and a raffle. The committee consists of 12 members whose duties oversee grass cutters and shop cover. A sub committee carry out plot inspections before next meeting, give help to plot-holders when needed and re-let vacated plots to keep waiting list moving.

No toilet facility, water taps have been installed; a petrol shredder has been purchased. There is a no burning rule, instead 3 times a year 4 standards green bins provided and emptied. There are set rules on the plot rental agreement which have been read through and signed by the tenants. There is a 50% reduction for those aged 60 or over by the 31st March. A late payment fine of £2 is payable. Tenants are responsible for vermin control. No chickens or livestock allowed on plots. There is a friendly community spirit amongst the plot-holders who endeavour to maintain a good working relationship with nearby neighbouring houses.

PUBLIC FORUM

Issues included mainly related to the usage of Pavilion sports area behind Lucas Place and The Close, foul language, litter and improper use of dog poo bin.

Branches over hanging the pavement at face level alongside Parkside Hotel wall.

The canal bridge pigeon poo problem is still outstanding.

Bonfire smoke from the allotments – complaints received.

Buses route 18 issue raised by Phil Wareham, supported by Stuart Simmonds representing MKC and Andrew Newton from the Chaffron Way Waitrose store were involved in the discussion. The bus service reduced again, constant route changes, no stability in the timetable and lack of information. Various suggestions to improve the route, including connections from Bletchley to CMK via a stop at the new Waitrose store.

A working group is being set up with a councillor from Simpson & Ashland, Campbell Park and OWPC (Stuart Bennett).



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Item		Action
2013/072	<p>Apologies: None.</p>	
2013/073	<p>Declarations of interest by councillors: None</p>	
2013/074	<p>To agree the minutes of the previous meeting & review of actions: The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as a true copy. The minutes were signed by the Chair at the end of the meeting.</p>	
2013/075	<p>Updates: Communications:</p> <p>Environment log and consideration of actions:</p> <p>Other issues: Canal boats (Walton Park moorings): Noted some canal boats were returning to moor up before the required time had expired. Number 18 bus: ongoing issue. Working in conjunction with Ward councillors and Simpson and Ashland Parish.</p> <p>Road safety issue: To formally thank MKC for the road surfaces profile changed along Newport Road – Woughton on the Green.</p>	
2013/076	<p>Capital Asset Transfer: The Parish Council, after Discussion, resolved that the current MKC approach conflicts with the community interest and we ask that the CAT approach be stopped. The Parish aims were to protect green spaces and the right to roam for now and future generations and to have a well maintained and run sports centre which minimally impacts the lives of the local residents.</p>	
2013/077	<p>Allotments: A Survey of Sheds and greenhouses on tenants plots, delegated to all councillors working in pairs. Unanimously approved. LK proposed we set a work budget of £500p.a. seconded by AH all in favour. Motion carried A fowl keeping policy has been formulated. All in Favour. Maintenance. Alan Reynolds submitted a quote for the extra pieces of clear up needed. LK proposed that this can be delegated to the allotment team. All in Favour. Boundary hedging, along the western edge, needs work doing cutting back. Assistance sought from The Parks trust which was refused, too costly. Invite quotes from contractors for the work needed in time for our November meeting if possible, for a decision, all in favour. Rents, to hold an open meeting with the tenants, open discussion with the allotment group, date? All in favour.</p>	
2013/078	<p>Dog Bins Proposal to install an additional Dog bin adjacent to canal bridge 90 at</p>	



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	a cost of £200 + vat. 7 voted in favour, 1 against. Authority to oversee installation delegated to Judith & Mike.	
2013/079	<p>The Parks Trust Regarding access across the patch allotments disagreement, PT has now submitted new information. It was felt we needed to take property law legal advice. Approximate cost £500 plus any disbursements, PMcD and LK to take forward. LK proposed. RB seconded, all in favour.</p> <p>Kissing Gate: Kissing gate locked shut (opposite village hall) seek to get right of way maintained, submit application to CMK, all in favour</p>	
2013/080	<p>News Letter Colin Smith residing in Passmore has volunteered to produce the layout and publish f.o.c. AH commented the last issue was boring and needs livening up, more colours extra artwork etc. LK requested all items /features be sent to her for consideration. Judith to proof read all items submitted</p>	
2013/081	<p>Neighbourhood plan: AH gave an overview, his recommendation is for us to wait, too costly, hold fire and watch what's going on. Key Factors from the SIB campaign could formulate our "parish plan" in future. All in favour</p>	
2013/082	<p>Annual Return/Budget: To produce a draft for public consultation by the November meeting, a working group AH (chair) SB & RB. To seek any views from residents. All in favour</p>	
2013/083	<p>Website: All agreed on the website developer.</p>	
2013/084	<p>Grants for Trees: Grant for additional "Trees 4 Cities" is £1,700 which includes a grant of £850 from MKC, Proposal to accept from LK, seconded by RB. All in favour. MKC will maintain. MB enquired how many trees would be planted in the Baskerfield Grove area; up to 20 established and 14 saplings</p>	
2013/085	<p>Complaints Procedure: A complaints procedure to be established following action from the internal audit. SB to look at ways and means.</p>	
2013/086	<p>Part 2: Confidential Meeting closed. Date of next meetings:- 18/11/13 & 20/01/14</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm

Accepted as an accurate record

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