

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 15th January 2013, at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook
commencing at 7.30pm**

192/12 Members Present

Cllr R Chopra	Cllr L Harris
Cllr C Ennew	Cllr D Jones
Cllr N Forrest	Cllr A Kahin
Cllr I Fraser	Cllr D Kendrick
Cllr T Fraser	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr J Goss (Chair)	Cllr M Petchey
Cllr P Halton-Davis	Cllr P Williams

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
E Webb, Administration Officer

193/12 Apologies for Absence

Council resolved to accept apologies from
Cllr Kent

194/12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Pafford – Agenda Item No. 9bi
Cllr Kendrick in his capacity as Vice Chair of Fishermead Residents
Association declared an interest in the unresolved complaint made by the
Fishermead Residents Association

195/12 Members of the Public

Mr T Baines, Chair and Mrs J Baines member of the Fishermead Residents
Association
Mr K Bejon, Willen resident

196/12 Presentation

Kaye Dwight, Project Manager, Community and Employment Programmes
Milton Keynes College and Diane Jeavons, Milton Keynes Council gave a
power point presentation (circulated to all members) on the Neighbourhood
Employment Programme and CPPC funding. Questions were taken from
members.

197/12 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 18th December 2012

The Minutes of the previous meeting of Council having been circulated to
Members were taken as read and approved as a correct record and signed
by the Chair.

198/12 Chair's Report

The Chair advised Council BALC had been issued with 4 invitations to the
garden party at Buckingham Palace on the 30th May. Councils were invited
to nominate a councillor (preference will be given to long serving
councillors). Nominations to be sent to the Chair or Clerk to Council.

199/12 Clerk to Council's Report

Clerk to Council drew members attention to the new format of reporting on
actions from previous meetings (Minute No.160dii/12) as opposed to his
written report and invited Council to determine their preferred method of
reporting. Council resolved to approve the new format of reporting.

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200/12 Correspondence

Council noted and accepted the schedule.

201/12 Ward Members' Reports

Council received the following reports from Members.

- i. Cllr Pafford raised his concerns about the style and format of the agenda and the management of the Springfield Centre.
Advised that in response to issues raised with Milton Keynes Council concerning the bus service in Woolstone, the bus company were now monitoring the situation.
- ii. Cllr Petchey invited Council to respond to Milton Keynes Budget Consultation on the proposed charge for collection of bulky household items as this could have a detrimental impact, with an increase in fly tipping on the environment of Fishermead.
Council instructed the Clerk to Council to write to Milton Keynes Council to this effect and include Springfield and Oldbrook, also the loss of neighbourhood wardens
- iii. Cllr I Fraser advised Council that she together with Cllr T Fraser and Cllr Petchey had attended a "facebook" conference which they had found very informative, they would be submitting a written report to the Communications Committee.
She would also be attending the final meeting of the "Gold" committee which had been set up to deal with the shooting incident on Fishermead.
- iv. Cllr Chopra advised Council that due to the severe weather conditions the state of the pot holes on Willen had deteriorated and he considered them to be a risk to roadusers.
The Clerk to Council advised that the Environment Officer (Land) had reported a number of highway defects which they had assessed as being low priority. The Environment Officer (Land) will be joining Milton Keynes Council officers on their next inspection to gauge how they assess the defects.
- v. Cllr Kendrick advised Council of the following:
His disappointment at the response from Milton Keynes Council re Planning Application - 12/01993/FUL - Change of use of residential dwelling to house in multiple occupancy, with 5 lettable rooms at 23 Perran Avenue
Clerk to Council advised that Jane Harrison, Private Sector Housing Manager had offered to update Council on their procedures and Council instructed the Clerk to Council to invite her to the February meeting.
Fishermead MK6 2DE (Minute No. 154/12)
Planning & Policy Committee Minutes No 96/12 – his dissatisfaction with the unsubstantiated allegations contained in the minute and he informed Council that he would be speaking on behalf of the applicant.
- vi. Cllr Forrest advised Council that
he had moved to Newton Leys but had been advised by Milton Keynes Council that he could complete his term of office.
He had had preliminary discussions with the Citizen Advice Bureau on holding a community event in Oldbrook and requested Council's approval to proceed with the project; full details of the project and costs involved to be considered at a future meeting of Council. Council gave approval to continue the discussions with a view to participation in the wider parish.
- vii. He had been interviewed by the BBC in relation to the shooting incident on Fishermead and explained that they had set up the Somali Youth Club/homework club to help the young people.

202/12 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

No Deputations had been submitted for consideration at this Meeting
The Chair of the Fishermead Residents Association advised Council that

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he fully supported their request to Milton Keynes Council re the proposed bulky waste charge and the loss of the wardens;
had received numerous requests for interviews regarding the shooting incident on Fishermead ; the Residents Association are of the opinion that problems on the estate have decreased and are very happy with the way the police have handled issues.

As there has been no progress with their complaint they asked that it now proceed to stage 4.

Cllr I Fraser proposed and Council resolved to appoint Cllr Jones to act as mediator and lead member to deal with the complaint.

203/12 To Receive Reports from Committees

203a Minutes of the Planning Committee

Chair: Cllr M Petchey

Council noted and accepted the minutes

203b Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee

Chair: Cllr I Fraser

Council noted and accepted the minutes

bi. Draft Minute No. 83/12 - Draft Budget 2013-2014

The Chair of the Committee invited and Council agreed to take this item with Agenda Item 10.

bii. Draft Minute No. 84/12 - Precept 2013/14

This item to be considered separately under Agenda Item No. 10

203c Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on the 2 January 2013

Chair: Cllr K Kent

Council noted and accepted the minutes

203d Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on the 14 January 2013

Chair: Cllr K Kent

The minutes were tabled.

di Minute No. 74/13 – Servicing of the Committee

Cllr Pafford proposed and Cllr Chopra seconded the motion that Minute No. 74/13 is referred back to the Committee. A recorded vote being requested Council resolved to refer the item back to the Committee as follows:

For: Cllrs Chopra, Ennew, Halton-Davis, Kahin, Pafford and Petchey

Against: Cllrs T Fraser, I Fraser, Jones and Kendrick

Abstained: Cllrs Forrest, Goss and Williams

dii Minute No. 75/13 – External Consultancy Appointment

Council agreed in principle to the appointment of an external consultant but referred the item back to the Committee to draw up a service specification and to get costs; the findings to be brought back to Council.

204/12 Draft Minute No. 83/12 - Draft Budget 2013-2014

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On the conclusion of a lengthy debate and on the request of a recorded vote **Council resolved** to approve the draft budget as proposed by the Finance and Administration Committee for 2013/2014

For: Cllrs Ennew, Forrest, T Fraser, I Fraser, Goss, Jones, Kendrick, Petchey and Williams

Against: Cllrs Chopra and Pafford

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Abstained: Cllrs Halton-Davis and Kahin

204/12 Precept 2013-2014

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On the conclusion of a lengthy debate, Cllr Petchey proposed and Cllr Chopra seconded an amendment to the proposal that the precept is increased by 2% and on the request of a recorded vote, Council voted against the amendment as follows

For: Cllrs Chopra, Ennew, Halton-Davis, Kahin, Pafford and Petchey

Against: Cllrs Forrest, T Fraser, I Fraser, Goss, Jones, Kendrick and Williams

Abstained: There were no abstentions

Standing Orders were suspended in order to accommodate public involvement from the Chair of the Fishermead Residents Association

Standing Orders were resumed

After a further debate and on the request of a recorded vote, Council resolved that the Precept level for 2013/2014 should be increased by 4.9% to £411,327. The recommended figure represents an increase of £19,214 compared to the revised tax base figure for 2012/2013 of £392,113.

For: Cllrs Forrest, T Fraser, I Fraser, Goss, Jones, Kendrick and Williams

Against: Cllrs Chopra, Ennew and Pafford

Abstained: Cllrs Halton-Davis, Kahin and Petchey

The Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee thanked the RFO for all the work she had done on the budget and precept.

The Chair of Council thanked the Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee for her work on the budget and precept.

The Chair of Council and the Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee to draft letter to residents on the increased precept

205/12 Woolstone Play Equipment

Council resolved to approve a Parish budget of up to £7,500 (additional £4,500 contribution to be made by Milton Keynes Council) and instructed the Community & Environment Committee, at its meeting in January, to proceed with the selection (from a range of options approved by Milton Keynes Council) and order a wooden sports wall.

206/12 Potential New Parish Council Headquarters

Nothing to report

207/12 Community Asset Transfers

Clerk to Council drew members' attention to the meeting on Tuesday 12th February, 5.45pm at the Woolstone Community Centre to discuss the Community Asset Transfer of the Willen Pavilion/Willen Sports Ground and encouraged members to attend. Cllr Pafford advised Council that the current Management Committee, Church Groups and Great Linford Parish Council were interested in acquiring the property.

Clerk to Council advised that he was currently working on the Stage 2 application for the Fishermead Sports Ground, deadline for the application Friday 18th January 2013. He went on to advise that the application requires an Equality Policy and circulated a draft policy for members to consider.

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Council resolved to adopt the policy with two amendments as directed. The policy to go the relevant Committee to be reviewed at a later date.

208/12 Committee Terms of Reference

Council noted that the amendments had been made and agreed that the Terms of Reference should be reviewed again in 2013 prior to the Annual Meeting of Council

209/12 Committee Appointment

Council confirmed the appointment of Cllr Forrest to the Planning & Policy Committee

210/12 Training Courses and Conferences

Council noted the details of the following training courses and conferences and bookings as agreed at the December meeting had been made.

Event	Date	Venue	Content	Cost £
Councillor Induction	30 January 2013 6pm – 8.45pm	County Hall Aylesbury	Reported at December meeting	
LGA /NALC conference	30 January 2013 9.45-3.40	London	Reported at December meeting	
Accounts and Finance	6 February 2013	County Hall Aylesbury	Reported at December meeting	
NALC Members Policy Lunch	22 February 2013	London	Reported at December meeting	
Mediation Training	March 2013, daytime	Acorn House	Reported at December meeting	

211/12 Committee Meeting Dates

Council noted the forthcoming Committee meetings
 Communications – Wednesday 23rd January 2013, 6.30pm
 Community & Environment – Monday 28th January 2013, 6.30pm
 Planning & Policy – Monday 4th February 2013, 7pm
 Finance & Administration – Tuesday 5th February 2013, 6.30pm
 Personnel – Monday 11th February 2013, 7pm at the Parish Office

212/12 Actions from December Council Meeting

Council noted the update on actions from the previous meeting

212a. Minute No. 180/12 - The Chair of the Fishermead Residents Association requested the Parish Council to support their request for funding from the Safety Initiative for railings at the front of the Pirate Park at Kernow Crescent –

Waiting for information from Milton Keynes Council

212b. Minute No. 181a - Motocross at Pineham wherein the Committee had resolved to take legal advice, and had asked the Clerk to Council to instruct a barrister conversant with Planning Law.

Clerk to Council in discussion with a barrister

212c. Minute No. 181d1 – Springfield Meeting Place - Council instructed the Clerk to Council to arrange a meeting with the Trustees of the Springfield initiative to discuss their future use of the building.

Clerk to Council waiting to hear back from the Trustees

- a copy of the original Terms of Conditions for the Springfield Meeting

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Place be forwarded to members of the Committee – **emailed to Committee members**

- the existing Parish Council’s Terms and Conditions be accepted for both the Oldbrook and Springfield Centres amendments – **amendments incorporated**
- A travel plan for full capacity use by regular user groups be submitted to Committee – **to be requested where applicable**

212d. Minute No. 181diii - Flooding Area Oldbrook Green – quotations received and will go to the next meeting of the Community & Environment Committee

212e. Minute No. 181div - Public Consultation (Play) – Woolstone – covered under Agenda Item No. 11

212f. Minute No. 181f - Parish Magazine Contract - Tender to be advertised in the local media, Parish notice boards and Parish website – week commencing 21st January 2013

212g. Minute No. 182/12 - Under this item Council discussed the letter from NALC on the Localisation of Council Tax Support and resolved to send a modified version of the NALC template letter to Mark Lancaster MP, Mark Carrol DCLG and Eric Pickles – letter sent to all parties

212h. Minute No. 183/12 - Community Asset Transfer – Willen Pavilion – letter expressing interest - emailed Milton Keynes Council

212i. Minute o. 184/12 - Oldbrook Green – Christmas Fayre – letter to Manager of the Cricketers – letter delivered on the 20th December 2012

213/12 Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 19th February 2013

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