

Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings & Property Portfolio Committee held remotely in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, on Tuesday 13th April 2021 commencing at 6.30pm

Given the current Government advice in relation to public gatherings, members of the public were not able to physically attend this meeting to observe proceedings, they were however able to access and participate at the meeting through the use of Microsoft Teams – see the Parish Council website <https://www.campbell-park.gov.uk/> for details.

Commencement of Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Councillors then reflected on the duke's contribution to public life, with Cllr Baines talking about his own participation in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and a memorable encounter with the duke while serving with the Armed Forces in Germany.

Members and public were advised that the meeting would be recorded.

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Members Present

Cllr T Baines	Cllr K Jones
Cllr T Fraser	Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr R Golding (Chair)	Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Greenwood	Cllr D Pafford

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council

122/20

Apologies for Absence

Committee received and approved the following:
Cllr T Uranta – personal commitment

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Members of the Public Present

None

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th March 2021

The Minutes of the meeting, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None

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Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Additional Application (Minute No. 92/20, 109/20)

Committee noted that further to submitting an expression of interest to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) regarding the potential acquisition of the

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play area adjacent to Fishermead Sports Ground, MKC have put the transfer on hold while a wider review of play areas across Milton Keynes is undertaken, with one outcome of the review being a more expansive future programme of transfers across each Parish / Town Council area.

- 128/20 Parish Council Defibrillator Maintenance** (Minute No. 78/20, 93/20, 110/20)
Item deferred to the next meeting – nothing to report.
- 129/20 Dolben Court/Newport Road Allotments Perimeter Fencing** (Minute No. 79/20, 95/20, 111/20)
Committee noted that the renewal of the gates and part of the fencing at the Newport Road allotment site had been completed.
- 130/20 Tree Maintenance Work at CPPC Sites** (Minute No. 82/20, 96/20, 112/20)
Committee noted that the semi-mature Hornbeam tree had been planted at Woolstone Sports Ground to replace the recently removed diseased Horse Chestnut tree at the site.
- 131/20 Play Area Improvements – Pirate Park, Kernow Crescent** (Minute No. 97/20, 113/20)
Committee noted that the Working Group had yet to hold its first meeting.
- 132/20 Additional Dog Bin Provision** (Minute No. 98/20, 114/20)
Committee noted that it had not been possible to source a suitable alternatively styled dog waste bin for Kernow Crescent Play Area. Arrangements have been made to replace the bin with a stock item, including a notice that the bin is strictly for dog waste only.
- 133/20 Litter Bin Emptying Arrangements – Parish Council Land** (Minute No. 115/20)
Committee noted that Warner’s of Bedford have been retained for the emptying of litter bins on Parish Council land from April 2021 onwards.
- 134/20 Memorial Request – Parish Council Land** (Minute No. 118/20)
Committee were advised that the memorial would be fashioned from a 150mm x 150mm timber post no higher than 600mm, with a plaque located on the top.
- 135/20 Annual Landscape Review**
Item deferred to the next meeting – report not available at the time of publication.
- 136/20 Parish Council Land** (Minute No. 106/20)
Committee noted the cost of additional works carried out at Oldbrook Green and Woolstone Sports Ground to prevent illegal encampments. Oldbrook Green Ascot railing £1200.00, Woolstone Sports Ground railing £170.00, both costs not subject to VAT.
- 137/20 Biodiversity Opportunities** (Minute No. 116/20)
Committee discussed opportunities to increase biodiversity in the Parish, noting that wildflower seeds had been purchased to initiate the process.

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Further measures were discussed, with the intention of encouraging residents to become involved as well. Committee agreed the need to develop a Parish Council biodiversity policy in the coming months.

- 138/20 Kernow Crescent Flag Poles**
Committee considered the return of flags to the three poles located at Kernow Crescent, resolving to recommend to Council that an application be made to formally adopt the poles, an ongoing safety and maintenance regime be put in place and that a new partner be identified to work with to develop new flags.
- 139/20 Oldbrook Depot Refurbishment - Retention Fee Payment**
Committee noted the payment to Bucks Builders of £4,851.40 at the end of the 12-month retention period – no defects were identified at the end of the retention period.
- 140/20 Landscape Equipment – Mower Service**
Committee noted the payment of £5655.69 to Turney Groundcare for the winter service and repair of the three ride-on mowers.
- 141/20 Community Centre Maintenance Report - Report No. B&PPC/07/21**
Committee received the maintenance report for the Oldbrook and Springfield Centres.
- 142/20 Springfield Centre – Replacement Windowpane – Report No. B&PPC/08/21**
Committee noted that the preplacement windowpane will be fitted during the next half-term holiday at a cost of £1998.99 + VAT
- 143/20 Woolstone Sports Ground – Request to hold a summer event**
Committee considered a request from Woolstone Pre-School to hold a summer event on Woolstone Sports Ground on Saturday 3rd July 2021, agreeing to grant permission subject to compliance with the Parish Council Small Events Policy. Cllr Pafford agreed to act as a point of liaison between the Pre-School and the Parish Council on the day of the event.

Confidential Item

In view of the terms of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, the following item will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and Committee therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.**

- 144/20 Parish Council Community Hub** (Minute No. 67/19,86/19, 96/19, 115i/19, 207/19, 98/20, 119/20)
Springfield Public House
Committee received a verbal update from the Clerk.
Committee considered a proposed scope of works and fee proposal from Stenton Obhi to progress the project to the stage of demolishing the existing building on the site, resolving to recommend the fee proposal to Council for acceptance.

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Committee agreed that an anticipated fee proposal from Smith Jenkins to apply to demolish the existing building and obtain outline permission for the new Community Hub be forwarded directly for consideration at the April meeting of Council.

145/20 Date of the Next Meeting

Committee noted that the temporary legislation permitting remote meeting expires after 7th May and on that basis a meeting in May would only be convened in the event of any urgent business, and if possible that urgent business be considered at the May meeting of Council instead. Committee noted the possibility of the next meeting not being held until after the anticipated end of social contact restrictions on 21st June, with the delegated powers previously agreed at the beginning of the pandemic used in the interim if necessary.

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