

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 22nd June 2021, 7.30pm
at the
Discovery Suite 1, Christian Centre, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, MK6 2TG**

The meeting was open to the Public

38/21 Members Present

Cllr T Baines (Chair)	Cllr D Kendrick
Cllr R Golding	Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Greenwood	Cllr C Odunewu
Cllr P Halton-Davis	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr J Howard	Cllr M Petchey
Cllr K Jones	Cllr D Priest
Cllr K Kavarana	

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
T Jones, Community Clerk

39/21 Apologies for Absence

Council noted apologies from
Cllr V Dixon – illness
Cllr N Oguntola – personal commitment

40/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Pafford – Agenda Item No. 12, Geoff Taylor Educational Trust and
Agenda Item No. 16, Community Asset Transfer Scheme
Cllr Howard - Agenda Item No. 16, Community Asset Transfer Scheme
Cllrs Halton-Davis, Kavarana and Kendrick - Agenda Item No. 12, Geoff
Taylor Educational Trust

41/21 Members of the Public

4 Residents

42/21 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

No deputations, petitions or questions had been submitted.

43/21 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on the 18th May 2021

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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45/21 Chair's Report

The Chair advised Council that he had attended two meetings - Thames Valley Police PCSO Community Policing matters.

- 46/21 Clerk's Report**
The Clerk advised Council that he assumed that all Members had now submitted their elections expenses to Milton Keynes Council.
- 47/21 Correspondence**
Council noted the schedule of correspondence received during the last month.
- 48/21 Ward Members' Matters/Reports**
Council noted that no questions were submitted prior to the meeting. The Chair responded to a question from Cllr Pafford on the current situation of the construction site at the junction of Pencarrow Place and Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead.

Council noted that no written reports had been received. Cllr Kavarana thanked the Landscape Team for their recent work in Springfield on shrub clearance.
- 49/21 Devolved Landscape Service – 2023 Onwards**
Council received the presentation slides from the Milton Keynes Council's workshop held on the 24th May 2021 which were for information only. Council noted that Options 4a and 5 were emerging as the preferred options, with a decision required by the Parish in late 2021 on the final option. Council agreed the need for a longer contract period.
- 50/21 Councillor and Staff Basic Life Saving Training (3 hour)**
Council resolved to commission Hazzard Alley Safety Centre to deliver the training at a cost of £37.50pp. Cllrs Baines, Greenwood, Halton-Davis, Howard, Jones, Kavarana, Kendrick, Odunewu, Pafford Petchey and Priest to attend the training. The training to be delivered at one of the Community Centres.
The Clerk to provide information on First Aid at Work training for those interested in doing the extended training.
- 51/21 CCLA Property Investment Fund**
Having previously made a decision at their February 2020 meeting (Minute No. 205d/20) to invest in the fund, Council received, considered and noted further information relating to the CCLA Property Investment Fund (Fund Profile and Scheme Information) and resolved to proceed with investing in the fund.
- 52/21 Consideration of Grant Application
Geoff Taylor Educational Trust**
Cllr Pafford spoke to the item.
Council resolved to award £10,000 to the Geoff Taylor Educational Trust to support its activities during the current financial year.
- 53/21 Parish Council Allotments – Annual Rent Review - 2022/23**
Council noted that the rent will increase to 43.64 pence per square for 2021/22 and resolved to increase the allotment rents for 2022/23 in line with the Consumer Prices Index (CPI inflation) figure for May 2021 (2.1%)
- 54/21 Draft – Proposed (Alcohol) Public Spaces Protection Order**

Council noted that the current (Alcohol) Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is due to expire in October 2021 and resolved that the PSPO in its current form should be renewed to cover the whole Parish area.

55/21 MK Gallacticos – Report No. C/01/21

Council noted the report and having accepted the recommendations in the report, resolved to approve the request from MK Gallacticos to use Woolstone Sports Ground for weekday evening football training sessions. A Service Level Agreement incorporating the recommendations to be drawn up between MK Gallacticos and the Parish Council.

56/21 Milton Keynes Council Community Asset Transfer Scheme – Willen Pavilion and Woolstone Community Centre.

Council having previously made an expression of interest to Milton Keynes Council in acquiring Willen Pavilion and Woolstone Community Centre through the Community Asset Transfer Scheme, received a verbal report from the Clerk detailing an initial meeting between the Parish Council and the Pavilion Management Committee in which a number of different future options were discussed, including the potential for the Committee to continue managing the facility after any transfer.

Council noted that a similar meeting has not been held to date with the Management Committee of the Woolstone Community Centre.

Council noted that it is the current intention of Milton Keynes Council that any transfers are completed by the end of March 2022.

Having received the above information, Council agreed an in-principle decision to proceed with the transfer of the Willen Pavilion subject to an agreement with Milton Keynes Council on repair issues and subject to reaching an agreement with the Management Committee on how they and the Parish Council would work together.

With regard to Woolstone Community Centre, Council recognised the value of the asset to the community and the need to retain it for future community use. A meeting to be arranged to explore if a partnership approach might be reached to protect the long-term future and viability of the Centre.

57/21 Coronavirus Pandemic– Parish Council Response, Further Measures and Contingency Planning

Council noted that the anticipated lifting of all Coronavirus restrictions scheduled for June 21 had been delayed for a further 4 weeks – a decision is anticipated on 12 July on whether the restrictions will be lifted or extended again.

Council noted the actions carried out in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and resolved that Committee meeting would not be held between now and July Council meeting, with delegated powers used in the interim. Online editorial meeting of the Communications Committee to be held on the 29th June. ~~29th~~

- 58/21 Parish Council 2-Way Radio System – Lease Renewal**
Council resolved not to renew the lease for its 2-way radio system.
- 59/21 Parish Councillor Vacancies – Oldbrook, Springfield & Willen Wards**
Consideration of Candidates for Co-option as a Parish Councillor
Council considered 4 candidates for Co-option as a Parish Councillor to fill the vacant seats on the Oldbrook [2], Springfield & Willen wards. Council received presentations from the prospective candidates, Ms D Reynolds, Mr P Dunn, Mr F Mensah and Mr T Fraser and resolved to co-opt Mr Francis Mensah to fill the vacant seat on Springfield, Mr T Fraser and Ms D Reynolds to fill the 2 vacant seats on Oldbrook and Mr P Dunn to fill the vacant seat on Willen for the period to May 2024
- Cllr Priest left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item.
- 60/21 Planning Report**
Council received and noted the planning report, detailing the responses to Planning matters made under delegated powers.
- 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 Council therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2) the public and press be excluded.**
- 61/21 Parish Council Community Hub**
The Clerk advised Council that regular meetings continue to take place between the Parish Council, Stenton Obhi and Smith Jenkins. The Clerk updated Council on the draft project programme for a hybrid application to demolish the pub with outline planning application for the Community Hub, with several elements underway to support both the hybrid and subsequent reserved matter planning application. It is anticipated that the planning application will be submitted week commencing 26th July 2021 and the current building demolished and a new fence erected by the end of November 2021.
Council resolved to delegate to the Working Party, the decision of selecting and appointing the preferred demolition contractor at the conclusion of the tender process - the tender to be uploaded to the central Government portal and subject to evaluation and recommendations by Currie Brown, Quantity Surveyors.
- 62/21 Date of Next Meeting**
Tuesday 20th July 2021, 7.30pm