

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th October 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Elina Apse, Janette Bobey, Tina El-Shabrawy, Margaret Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Brian Hepburn, Phillip Hopcraft, Luke Louis, Ruth McMillan, John Orr, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Tash Darling (Youth Manager & Safeguarding Lead), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Lorna Williams (Caretaker Manager), Samone Winsborough (Responsible Financial Officer / Operations Manager).

FC 192/20 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Terri Parish (Work commitment).

AGREED

Cllr Carole Baume (Woughton & Fishermead Ward – Milton Keynes Council).

NOTED

Cllr Lauren Townsend not in attendance - no apologies given.

NOTED

FC 193/20 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 194/20 Minutes of previous Full Council meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 195/20 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair said that she had no announcements, but gave the dates for the following committee meetings:

- Monday 19th October 2020 - Planning, Licencing & Development.
- Monday 26th October 2020 - Services & Communities.
- Monday 2nd November 2020 - Resources & Finance.
- Monday 9th November 2020 - Operations.

Arrangements will be circulated soon for the Remembrance Service.

The current and former members of the Beanhill Residents Association Management Committee were congratulated for obtaining a silver accreditation by Milton Keynes Council, and for assisting residents with the recent clear up on the estate.

NOTED

FC 196/20 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 197/20 Ward Matters arising:

Cllr John Orr asked for preventative measures to stop vehicles parking on the grass verges throughout Tinkers Bridge.

Cllr Maggie Ferguson said that the flooding on Broadlands, Netherfield is still an issue, Cllr Ferguson said she has contacted Anglian Water on numerous occasions who keep saying that there are awaiting a response from the gas supplier's, this has been going on now for a long time, the warning signs are not visible, and at least five people on mobility scooters have become trapped.

The Chair asked the Council Manager if he could contact the gas supplier's and arrange a meeting with them to try and sort the problem out.

Cllr Brian Hepburn said that a meeting hosted by the Beanhill Residents Association will be taking place soon to discuss crime related issues on the estate.

RESOLVED

That the Council Manager to contact the gas supplier's to arrange a meeting to try and sort out the flooding problem on Broadlands, Netherfield.

FC 198/20 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust – Cllr Elina Apse – A meeting had recently taken place but there was nothing further to report.

b) MKALC - Cllr Sue Smith – The meeting held via Zoom video call on Wednesday 30th September 2020, discussed the Planning White Paper and the Milton Keynes Council Tenancy Agreement.

d) Parishes Forum - Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith – A meeting had recently taken place via Zoom video call which discussed a Covid-19 update and how Milton Keynes Council was doing, the Council Manager and Leader of the Council did a presentation on the services provided by Woughton Community Council, along with West Bletchley Council and Simpson & Ashlands Parish Council, there was also a discussion on the “Together We Can” document, the next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th December 2020.

NOTED

FC 199/20 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Resources & Finance – Tuesday 1st September 2020

b) Operations – Monday 7th September 2020

c) Planning, Licencing & Development – Monday 21st September 2020

d) Services & Communities – Monday 28th September 2020

NOTED

FC 200/20 To consider the following planning application:

Application no: 20/02245/FUL

Proposal: Full planning permission for the erection of 66 residential dwellings including a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom bungalows, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom houses and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with associated access, driveways/parking, garden amenity, open space, soft landscaped areas and associated works in connection with the development.

At: Cripps Lodge, Broadlands, Netherfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 4JJ.

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the report.
2. That Council believes that there should be a local lettings policy for this development.
3. That Council would like to ensure that the built in waste bin cupboards are of an appropriate size and situated for this development.
4. That Council is concerned about the proposal for a two tier rent level.
5. That Council believes that all rental income should sit in the Housing Revenue Account.
6. That Council approves this planning application.
7. That the Council Manager responds to the application, based upon feedback from the Council.

FC 201/20 To update the meeting on the new Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and to consider any feedback for the consultation:

The Council Manager informed the meeting about the new Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) by Milton Keynes Council.

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the report and attached 'Draft Biodiversity – Supplementary Planning Document, September 2020'.
2. That Council approves the new Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
3. That the Council Manager completes the feedback form in line with the Council's decision.
4. That the Council Manager to work on a Biodiversity policy, and map of appropriate sites in the Woughton Community Council area.

FC 202/20 To update the meeting on the Covid-19 response and future planning:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on the Covid-19 response and future planning.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to the recommendations within the paper attached, namely:
 - a. Virtual meetings continue for the time being, reviewed monthly.
 - b. Investigate further IT and communications training for Officers and Councillors.
 - c. Prepare plans for any further 'lock down' or restrictions, including the re-tasking of Officers where appropriate.
 - d. Work with our statutory sector colleagues around vulnerable community members.

- e. Continue to focus on engagement through use of pop up cafes, trailer (where possible), online events, Facebook updates and similar.

FC 203/20 To consider and discuss the draft 2021/2022 budget:

The Council Manager Informed the council of the initial budget planning, likely loss of the Local Council Tax Revenue Support grant (LCTRS) and impact on the 2021/2022 financial year and service delivery.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report.
2. That Council notes the attached Budget Version 1 2021/2022.
3. That Council agrees to the Senior Managers to continue to work on contingency plans to address the potential shortfall if the LCTRS grant is removed, to include discussions with the principle authority to explore options, make clear the impact of unfair funding and encourage continuing support to the most vulnerable within the city.
4. That comments are provided to the Council Manager and Responsible Financial Officer by Thursday 5th November 2020, for inclusion in the final draft budget.
5. That Council considers the level of precept for 2021/2022 for inclusion in the next draft of the budget.
6. That the final draft budget is presented to Full Council at the November's meeting for agreement.
7. That a full consultation programme with residents is undertaken now asking them for their priorities and views and a second consultation with draft budget options between 20th November 2020 and 6th January 2021 to inform Full Council prior to the final agreement of the budget at Full Council on 18th January 2021.
8. That the Council Manager to produce publicity documents on the budget for Councillors to use when communicating with their residents, and for Officers when residents get in contact.
9. To publicise the consultation dates and accompanying documents on the Woughton Community Council social media sites.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 16th November 2020, 6:00pm, via Zoom video call and Facebook Live.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:23PM

Chair _____ Date _____