

Woughton Community Council

FULL COUNCIL

24th November 2025

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Nick Scott (Vice-Chair), Eamonn Bobey, Tony Coughlan (until 18.36hrs), Donna Fuller, Penny Glasgow, Michael Holland, Charlie Marsh, Ruth McMillan, Deanna Norris, April Rennie, Liz Simpkins, Lorna Webb, Alan Williamson

Also present:

Steve McNay (Council Manager)

Tash Darling (Youth and Community Manager)

FC 103/25 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from:

Cllrs Margaret Ferguson, Michael Ferguson, Stacey Munkley, Luke Louis and D'Anne Mordecai (not noted in the meeting, but were provided in advance).

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FC 104/25 Declaration of interests:

Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting, and any additional interests not previously declared.

No declarations were made.

FC 105/25 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:

- Monday 27th October 2025

Cllr Smith proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

This was seconded by Cllr Scott.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

FC 106/25 Chair's Announcement(s)

The Chair noted the following points

- Community Lunch, in partnership with Mears, takes place on Thursday 18th December. £2 deposit to confirm your place (refundable) – please contact Cllr Smith.
- Santa Tour dates and times were shared.
- Tinkers Bridge RA trip to the Christmas market – 4 tickets left if anyone wants to go.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 107/25 Questions from the public:

There were no questions.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 93/25 Milton Keynes Council Ward Councillors report:



Cllr Smith provided a brief update. Still people struggling – lots of housing issues. Please contact Ward Councillors if needed.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 109/25 2 minute Estate updates from councillors

Beanhill

- Xmas event on 18th December, linking with the Santa tour, doors open at 5pm.
- Fly tipping
- Mucky roads where works are taking place.

Coffee Hall

- Santa sleigh mentioned.
- Housing on Rochfords with solar panels fitted (via SHDF), and residents very happy with the savings and the work that was undertaken from Mears.
- Christmas Fayre at New Chapter taking place, with Friends of New Chapter organising. 5th December, 3.30 – 5pm.

Eaglestone

- Issue with disabled parking bays, following road resurfacing. Haven't been reinstated and causing difficulties. No response from MKCC and consideration re: DDA.
- Big fly tip in Hawkmoor Close. Rat traps also being installed as a growing issue.
- Yellow bollards also being blocked, causing issues when emergency services attended.
- Green bins haven't been collected and no missed collection option on the MKCC website. Clarification that collections should continue over the winter. Cllr Smith will investigate what has happened.

Leadenhall

- Ongoing issues with parking at school 'rush hour' times.

Netherfield

- Shop issues seem to have reduced – maybe seasonal?
- SHDF is moving along – drop in on Thursday
- Fly tipping has increased on the estate
- Bingo on Friday.

Peartree Bridge

- 20th December sees the decorating of the tree between 1.30 – 2.30pm.

Tinkers Bridge

- Drop in saw ASB and MKC, but no TVP
- SHDF now on the final few houses, mainly the 'hard to access' properties and snagging estate wide.
- Fly tipping also very visible.
- Road closed for potholes for the fourth time – this time, only one pothole sorted again.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 110/25 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

- a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Maggie Ferguson**. No report.
- b) MKALC - **Cllrs McMillan, Cllr Rennie & Cllr Smith**. Meeting in Feb.
- c) Parishes Forum - **Cllrs McMillan & Cllr Smith**. Meeting in two weeks
- d) Sustainable MK - **Cllrs Ferguson and Rennie**. Nothing, but meeting planned on 3rd December.

RESOLVED – noted.



FC 111/25 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

- a) Planning, Licensing and Development 6th October 2025
- b) Operations and Resources 13th October 2025
- c) Services and Communities 20th October 2025

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 112/25 Council Managers report

The Council Manager provided information about activities and spending since the last meeting of Full Council. Full details within the papers pack. Cllr Simpkins noted that the work that was undertaken on the Griffin, following some vandalism, has been well received and the repairs have led to full refurbishment. The Council Manager gave an overview of the way this had worked, noting that all involved had worked well to get it resolved.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 113/25 Direct Elections to NALC committees

Details of candidates standing for NALC committee elections, with a view to clarifying the WCC vote(s) were shared and suitable candidates agreed, with the Council Manager to submit the formal votes from WCC.

The candidates for the Directly elected Clerks that will be submitted are:

- Stephanie Bennet
- Sarah Greatorex
- Shar Roselman
- Steve McNay

The candidates for the Directly elected members that will be submitted are:

- David Newman
- Miranda Wixon
- David Suiter
- George McCaffery

The Council Manager agreed to submit the votes, as noted.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 114/25 Service Plan ideas – update (via Services)

Councillors continued to contribute to the development of the 2026/27 Service Plan, alongside updates on further inclusions that have happened since the last meeting. These included the proposal from Cllr Coughlan to develop a Repair Café at EAC, which led to some further discussion around detail on this idea (liability, timings, venue, etc.), with clarity that support has been offered from existing Repair Cafes that are already in action within the wider city, notable Phillipa Tipper.

Also included healthy lifestyles (5k run) cycling, healthy eating options in cafes, minibus provision and some other elements.

The minibus proposal also prompted discussion, with a request for further, more detailed proposals with costings attached.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 115/25 Budget update (via Operations)

The Council Manager provided an update of the recent budget proposal made to Operations Committee for comment and any further input from wider council, prior to Decembers budget and precept agreement. It was agreed that operations will make a formal proposal at the December meeting, to be passed to Full Council for final ratification.

RESOLVED – noted.



FC 116/25 Consultation outcome - Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England – consultation results and government response

Brief details of the proposals regarding the standards and conduct of local councillors, following the recent consultation were provided in the papers pack, alongside a link to the full document. Queries were raised about the removal of allowances and whether any 'backpay' would be returned in the event that any suspension was found to be invalid.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 117/25 Ratification of the Fleet Insurance for the coming year

A paper covering the quotes for fleet insurance with a proposal that we retain the services of our current provider was provided.

Proposal:

That council agrees to the appointment of James Hallam for provision of fleet insurance for the coming year, with a cost of £5,700.

Proposed by Cllr Rennie. Seconded by Cllr Williamson

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

FC 118/25 Information regarding a consultation into 'Proper Practices'

Details of a consultation into 'proper practices' for smaller authorities (under £6.5million) regarding presentation of accounts and suitability of the internal audit process was provided. Councillors considered that this was better for officers with fuller insight to complete.

Proposal:

That council delegates feedback to this consultation to the Council Manager and Responsible Finance Officer.

RESOLVED – noted.

FC 119/25 Agreement on name submissions for the two (2) new roads on the former Cripps Lodge site

Following initial discussions at Services Committee, the council was encouraged to agree and submit proposals to MKCC regarding the naming of the new roads being created as part of the Cripps Lodge development, in line with the naming conventions. There was significant discussion, with consideration of whether to continue the 'manorial lands' theme that covers Netherfield, whether councillors could be commemorated in road names (e.g. Wilson and / or Bobey) and whether considering previous users of the land could be included (e.g. Peace Land). After discussion, the following were proposed:

- Acre Lodge (Acre being a unit of land and Lodge being a reminder of the 'Cripps Lodge' development)

Proposed by: Cllr Norris. Seconded by: Cllr Bobey

RESOLVED by way of majority vote.

- Terrier (a manor that follows a topographical arrangement, linking closely to Netherfield design).

Proposed by: Cllr Marsh. Seconded by: Cllr Smith

RESOLVED by way of majority vote.

An additional request was also made, in that the Council Manager makes a request to MKCC that the flats within the development are named after the two (2) councillors noted, namely Wilson and Bobey.



RESOLVED – noted.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 15th December 2025, to commence at 6.00pm. Held at Council Chambers, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:10PM

Chair _____ Date _____

