Woughton Community Council

Full Council

21st September 2026

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Eamonn Bobey, Margaret Ferguson, Donna Fuller, Penny Glasgow, Michael Holland, Luke Louis, Charlie Marsh, Stacey Munkley, D'Anne Mordecai, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Lorna Webb, and Alan Williamson

Also present:
Steve McNay (Council Manager)
Mable Kong Rawlinson (Business Services Manager / Deputy Clerk)
Marta Sobis (Responsible Finance Officer)
Tash Darling (Youth and Community Manager)

FC 70/26 Apologies for Absence:
Apologies were received from Cllrs Norris, McMillan, Coughlan, Michael Ferguson and Rennie.
RESOLVED

FC 71/26 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.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 72/26 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:
To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on:

- Monday 27th July 2026

It was proposed by Cllr Smith that these were a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Webb and RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote

FC 73/26 Chair's Announcement(s)
The Chair gave updates on the following:

- No café at EAC or NF next week
- Job Club at No 99 Thursdays 1 – 3pm
- No Games Night on Thursday
- Chari Yoga at No 99 Thursday 10 – 22
- Tuesday 22nd December is Mears Christmas Meal – contact Cllr Smith for details.

RESOLVED - noted

FC 74/26 Questions from the public:
No questions were posed.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 75/26 2-minute Estate updates from councillors

To give an opportunity to all councillors to provide a brief update on activities and issues from the estates they represent.

Beanhill.

- Fly tipping remains an issue, but slightly better.
- Empty properties are being accessed – if people see activity in those properties, ring police.

Coffee Hall

- Fly-tipping is increasing.

Eaglestone

- Significant issues remain with the works at Harrier Court with 'snagging' outstanding. Disappointment was noted, due to the time this has taken.
- Concerns noted around bin collections on some roads – please leave on property boundary.
- Positive meeting with ES councillor and Council Manager and TVP. Actions agreed to try and reduce ASB at the local centre
- Playground at Griffin Park has had some works completed.
- Fly-tipping also noted.

Leadenhall

- Cars racing on Grafton Street on Sunday evenings is keeping people awake.
- Litter pick at the weekend – 12 – 15 black sacks full.

Netherfield

- Lights at the ABC park remain not working after 2 years.
- Hide Flats not refurbished under the SHDF project and no clarity on proposals for any works to be done.
- Bingo on Friday.
- Any SHDF snagging via Dave Turner at Mears.
- HMO use, without permission or licence, is a concern. Cllr Munkley to be provided with the up to date list.

Peartree Bridge

- Issues with 'wagons' parking near Dino field half on the pavement.
- Fewer geese

Tinker Bridge

- An update was sent by Cllr Rennie and read by the Council Manager:
  Raised beds have been renewed. I have some planks left if anyone can make use. Things a lot quieter on the estate with house in full closure. I have a fantastic working relationship with TVP at the moment. Will attend meeting with the on 25th at Blue Light Hub.
  RESOLVED - noted

FC 76/26 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Maggie Ferguson –** nothing to note
b) MKALC - **Cllrs McMillan, Rennie & Smith** – meeting in November
c) Parishes Forum - **Cllrs McMillan & Smith** – Hate Crimes, CSAS training and issues around the Bowl summer concerts all addressed.
d) Sustainable MK **- Cllrs Ferguson and Rennie –** nothing to note
RESOLVED - noted

FC 77/26 Ward Councillors Report(s)

Cllr Fuller updated the meeting on activities from the Woughton and Fishermead Ward:

- Met with Highways around addressing issues – positive feel
- MKCC have been awarded a grant from Environment Agency to address some of the flooding issues – potential for 'swales' to be installed.
- TVP relationship feels more positive
- LOTS of casework happening

The Council Manager also read the report from the Ouzel Valley Ward Councillors, focusing on works they would like to see happen on Peartree Bridge, notably along the canal to enable children to play next to the water.

RESOLVED - noted

FC 78/26 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

a) Planning and Licensing 6th July 2026
b) Services and Communities 20th July 2026

RESOLVED - noted

FC 79/26 To present the Conclusion of the External Audit

Following the sending of the final report from PKF Littlejohn (the external auditors), council received this and noted the content. Officers, notably the RFO were thanked for their work on this and the 'clean' audit provided.

RESOLVED - noted

FC 80/26 Council Managers report

A paper outlining issues, actions and spending was presented to council.

RESOLVED - noted

FC 81/26 Events update and festival feedback

To review events and provide any feedback for future planning, council was provided with an overview paper and some suggestions for actions that could be taken. Feedback was offered about the events that have taken place, with a clear view that longer 'lead times' would be preferred.

Proposal:

That a working group be set up to oversee the preparation and provision of events'

Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Glasgow.

RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

In addition to the above, considerable discussion took place around festival and suitable venues, with Two Halls Park being considered as a possible option. It was also suggested that getting Santa Sleigh dates agreed would ensure that these could be presented in the Gazette. In addition, the council considered the content of the feedback received at the festival, provided by the Comm Dev and Events Coor, and the Equality and Diversity Calendar that was included in the paper pack.

The following proposals were suggested in the paper presented and were considered as one proposal:

1. That Council agrees to the six (6) events noted, with dates agreed where stated
2. That council agrees to propose venues for festival for 2027, with a view to assessments being undertaken prior to the end of the year, for agreement by council prior to publication of the events calendar for 2027

3. That where dates remain unclear (events 1 and 2 above), that these dates are agreed prior to the end of 2026, in preparation for agreement prior to the publication of the events calendar for 2027
4. That a priority list of other events is proposed, with a view to agreement of suitable dates and venues prior to the end of the year, for publication of the2027 events calendar, to include any estate based activities and any additional events linked to the Service Plan item around celebrating diversity.
5. That the dates for the Santa Sleigh 2026 are agreed, for including in the Gazette.

Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Simpkins
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote.

FC 82/26 Elections 2027
Cllr Smith discussed the elections coming up in May 2027, with a view to preparing roadshows, training sessions, sit downs with prospective candidates, etc. to work towards contested elections in each ward and sufficient councillors in place to ensure General Power of Competence, at the very least.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 83/26 Renewal for CCTV (Crimewave)
The Council Manager spoke to the paper, regarding the renewal of the contract with Crimewave for the mobile CCTV cameras. A number of issues were noted, including the costs, the view that this should be covered by TVP / MKCC, concern around the fairness and placement of cameras, the option to purchase, rather than have an external group manage and a wish for further detail.
Proposal:
That council is provided with a detailed breakdown of CCTV usage over the past three (3) years contract, to assess benefit. This to be presented at the next Full Council meeting (Oct) for a decision'
Proposed by Cllr Smith. Seconded by Cllr Munkley.
RESOLVED by way of unanimous vote

FC 84/26 An update on the Parish and Customer Services Working Group (PCSWG)
The Council Manager presented the Terms of Reference and recent update sent from the group. Feedback suggested that open meetings and longer term solutions would be helpful
RESOLVED - noted

FC 85/26 Consideration of impact of food insecurity (passed from Services Committee) and consideration of a budget / storage of foodstuffs
Following discussions at Services Committee and the publication of an article in 'The Clerk' magazine, plus national government advice, council considered any actions regarding access to food within the parish. It was not considered that there was any further action needed at this time.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 86/26 Inclusion in The Gazette
To provide details of current Gazette articles and encourage anything further to be submitted posthaste
RESOLVED - noted

FC 87/26 Correspondence and any actions

The Council manger provided some recent correspondence, including a proposal from a group called ‘Poorly Paws’ to instal dog first aid kits. Council requested a full breakdown of costs for each kit.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 88/26 To present a paper on the different Parish bodies
Following a recent paper sent through, presented to council, explaining the roles that MKALC, Parish Forum, BMKALC, and the Parishes Advisory Group (PAG) have.
RESOLVED - noted

FC 89/26 Further discussions on infrastructure wanted
Following some discussions at the previous meeting, clarifications on the various public realm infrastructure projects and proposals that are wanted, including salt bins and other elements. It was agreed that this would come back for further discussion at a later date, with reminders sent round to councillors.
RESOLVED - noted

Date of next meeting:
Monday 26th October 2026, 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 7.25pm

Chair _____ Date _____