

Woughton Community Council

Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th March 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Jordan Coventry (Vice-Chair), Elina Apse, Janette Bobey, 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), Steve McNay (Council Manager).

FC 257/21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Terri Page (Work commitment).

AGREED

Cllr Lauren Townsend was not in attendance or gave her apologies.

NOTED

FC 258/21 Declaration of interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

FC 259/21 Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

FC 260/21 Chair's Announcement(s):

The Chair asked residents to remember to social distance during the St Patrick's Day celebrations.

The Chair also asked the meeting to undertake a minutes silence in memory of Cllr Tina El-Shabrawry.

NOTED

FC 261/21 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

FC 262/21 Ward Matters arising:

There were no ward matters arising.

NOTED

FC 263/21 Feedback from meetings with Outside Bodies:

- a) Woughton Welfare Trust - **Cllr Elina Apse – Nothing to report.**
- b) MKALC - **Cllr Elina Apse, Cllr Sue Smith – No meeting has taken place.**
- c) Parishes Forum - **Cllr Janette Bobey, Cllr Sue Smith – meeting to take place on Thursday 18th March 2021.**

NOTED

FC 264/21 To note the minutes from the following Committees:

- a) Planning, Licencing & Development – Monday 15th February 2021.

NOTED

FC 265/21 To update council on a planning appeal submitted and to consider any additional response for the following planning application:

Planning application no: 20/01597/FUL.

Proposal: Erection of a new dwelling with double garage.

At: Land Adjoining 4, Holmfield Close, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK6 3AB.

RESOLVED

1. That council notes the report and previous papers relating to this application.
2. That council notes the recommendation from the Planning, Licensing and Development Committee.
3. That council is concerned about access to the site.
4. That council is concerned about the potential loss of trees.
5. That council is concerned about the impact of this planning application to wildlife and biodiversity.
6. That the Council Manager submits anything further to the relevant authorities in line with the relevant cut off dates.

FC 266/21 To update council on fly-tipping and litter issues:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on fly tipping and litter issues.

RESOLVED

1. That council notes the report.
2. That the relevant officers pursue the idea of training and enforcement powers.
3. That this issue is reported on as needed, due to the public interest in the issue, specifically once the financial situation is clearer and any impact is mitigated.

FC 267/21 To update council on the election preparations and impact upon Woughton Community Council:

The Council Manager updated the meeting on election preparations and impact upon Woughton Community Council.

The meeting was informed that an election will take place on Thursday 6th May 2021 to fill each vacancy for the Beanhill Ward and the Leadenhall Ward.

RESOLVED:

1. That council notes the report.
2. That council supports residents who may wish to become councillors.
3. That a full induction programme is provided to any new councillors post May 2021.

FC 268/21 To agree an early Annual General Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish, due to the potential for remote meeting regulations to change and to consider the potential impact of the removal of remote meeting regulations in May 2021:

The Council Manager recommended an early Annual General Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish, to be held before Friday 7th May 2021, due to the potential for remote meeting regulations to change and to consider the potential impact of the removal of remote meeting regulations in May 2021.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report.
2. That Council agrees to hold both the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual General Meeting before Friday 7th May 2021, via remote meeting / streaming.
3. That both these meeting take place under the Remote Meeting regulations (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.
4. That a contingency plan is in place to manage meetings during the Council Year of 2021/2022, whether remote meetings are legally allowed or not.
5. To review the situation at the April meeting of Full Council.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 19th April 2021, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and live on the Woughton Community Council Facebook page.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:16PM

Chair _____ Date _____