



Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council held at Sports Hall - Newton Leys Pavilion on Tuesday, 12th July, 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S Porter, A Segebrecht, Clark, R Haine, E O'Rourke and A Palmer

Absent: Cllr L Campbell

Apologies: Cllrs R Graham and E Kelly-Wilson

In attendance: Delia Shephard (Town Clerk)

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- EPC22/23-1 **Members' apologies for absence**
It was RESOLVED that the apologies for absence listed above be noted.
- EPC22/23-2 **Members' declarations of interest in matters on the agenda**
No declarations were made.
- EPC22/23-3 **Public Speaking Time**
There were no representations from members of the public.
- EPC22/23-4 **Review of planning applications due for determination by Milton Keynes Council**
- EPC22/23-5i **21/03766/FUL - 64 -66 And 70 Simpson Road, MK1 1BA - Demolition of existing buildings supplies warehouse and construction of 103 residential units with associated parking and landscaping**
It was RESOLVED to note that additional information had been provided in respect of this application which was yet to be determined.
- EPC22/23-6 **Specification for Christmas Lights contract for the next 3 years**
It was RESOLVED that the draft specification included in the agenda pack be approved with no amendments. Members noted that a formal tendering process would now take place in accordance with the Town Council's financial regulations.

It was RESOLVED that officers seek information to enable the preparation of a long-term infrastructure plan (including financial implications) which, if adopted, would facilitate improvements to the annual display. The Clerk noted that any works to be undertaken would be costed by MK Council's Highways Department's approved contractor (Ringway) and permission for all infrastructure works would be necessary from MK Council.
- EPC22/23-7 **Options for submission of a Community Infrastructure Funding bid to Milton Keynes Council for recommendation to Council**
The Clerk advised that all members of council had previously been asked on several occasions to put forward ideas to be researched or CIF projects. None had been received which meant that the timescale for development of ideas was now tight. Any applications would need to be approved by full council on 26 July 2022 in order to meet the scheme deadline for applications on 26 August 2022. The Clerk noted that projects would need to be costed and included in the budget and financial plan for 2023-2024.



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Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that the following options (in order of priority) be researched for consideration by full council:

- 1 Installation of planters on Queensway and Aylesbury Street with a view to deterring pavement parking and improving the appearance of the town centre
- 2 Installation of signage on the Bletchley Leisure Centre Multi Storey car park building with additional signs at locations to be determined in the town centre with a view to encouraging use of this parking facility
- 3 Acquisition of Speed Indication Devices for deployment around the town (no locations specified) with a view to deterring speeding

EPC22/23-8 **Consideration of specification for environmental/carbon audit for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford and development of climate change action plan**

Members reviewed a carbon footprint report for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Carbon which had been generated using the Centre for Sustainable Energy's impact tool. The Clerk advised that the development of an environmental/carbon audit for the Town Council's own activities was overdue and a specification was required to enable this work to go forwards or to agree another approach. It was RESOLVED to allocate this item of business to the Climate Change Sub-Committee to enable preparatory work to be done and reported back to the next meeting of the Committee.

EPC22/23-9 **Date for meeting of the Climate Change Sub-committee**

It was RESOLVED to hold a meeting of the Climate Change Sub-committee on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 5 pm to be held at Sycamore House.

EPC22/23-10 **Report on allotment site occupancy and maintenance**

The Clerk advised that this report had not uploaded properly to the meeting pack and therefore a copy would be supplied to all members after the meeting. As this was a standing agenda item a further report would be supplied at the next meeting. Meanwhile the Clerk advised that occupancy rates were high on all sites.

EPC22/23-11 **Update report on progress with transfer of Newton Leys Football pitches**

Members discussed the written report on the transfer of Newton Leys Allotment football pitches which had been circulated with the agenda. It was RESOLVED to note the report and the fact that the pitches were not yet in a satisfactory condition for transfer to the Town Council or for Milton Keynes Council to approve the transfer. It was RESOLVED to take no further action on the other issues raised in the report (ie landscaping works, CCTV to protect the site) until a realistic transfer date was imminent.

EPC22/23-12 **To consider a proposal for landscaping of former pump house site at Manor Road**

Members considered a written report proposing that landscaping works be undertaken on the site of the former lock up building on Manor Road near Water Eaton Road Allotments in order to introduce new topsoil and seed the area with native wildflowers and grasses. Low level fencing would also be introduced to prevent parking on site. It was anticipated that works would cost a maximum of £600 excluding signage and could be undertaken in house.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the proposed works as set out in the report and to refer the matter of the signage to the Climate Change Sub-committee.



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The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

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