



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 Community Hall - Newton Leys Pavilion, Furzey Way, Newton Leys on Tuesday, 11th July, 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs K Ely, R Graham, R Haine, I Hussein, E Kelly-Wilson and E O'Rourke

Absent:

Apologies: Cllr A Palmer

In attendance: Will Allen (Environment and Premises Manager) (Clerk) and John Fairclough (Support Services Manager)

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- EPC23/24-14 **To note councillors' apologies for absence**
It was RESOLVED to note the apologies as listed above
- EPC23/24-15 **To note councillor's declarations of interest in matters on the agenda**
No declarations of interests were made.
- EPC23/24-16 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee**
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- EPC23/24-17 **Public Speaking Time**
There were no representations from members of the public.
- EPC23/24-18 **To review planning applications due for determination by Milton Keynes Council**
- EPC23/24-18i **23/01135/FUL - Travis Perkins 64-66 And 70 Simpson MK1 1BA - Full application for demolition of existing unit and the erection of 4 apartment blocks comprising 98 units with associated landscaping and parking**
As noted on the agenda this item fell outside the remit of the committee because of its scale but was included in anticipation of a referral to full council on 25 July 2023. The application was discussed but officers were not asked to obtain any additional information.
- EPC23/24-18ii **23/01350/FUL - Wrights Vehicle Solutions Dane Road MK1 1JQ - Change of use from Sui Generis to B8 employment (storage and distribution) use with associated fenestration alterations and formalisation of parking**
It was RESOLVED to make no comment on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-19 **To consider any suggestions from members about projects for the 2024-25 Community Infrastructure Scheme to be approved on 25 July 2023 at full council**
It was RESOLVED to recommend to full council that an application be made for community infrastructure funding towards the cost of solar panels at Newton Leys Pavilion.
- EPC23/24-20 **To receive an update report on preparations for delivery of landscaping services from 1 September 2023 and to consider any recommendations contained therein**
It was RESOLVED to note the contents of the report which showed progress on key elements relating to the devolution of landscape maintenance to start in September



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- EPC23/24-21 **To receive an update report on land transfer of football pitches at Newton Leys and plans for immediate maintenance of land and to consider alternative proposals for letting of the pitches**
It was RESOLVED to note the contents of the pitch update report which included the incursion prevention measures planned, the means by which the pitches will be maintained and gave details of the interest received by clubs wishing to make use of the pitches. In addition, the report confirmed that the transfer of the pitches had completed on 23 June 2023.
- It was RESOLVED to continue to pursue interest from clubs and negotiate the best possible arrangement for the forthcoming season with a view to taking a proposal for decision at the full council meeting on 25 July 2023.**
- EPC23/24-22 **To receive a financial report showing income and expenditure against budget on matters falling within the committee's remit**
It was RESOLVED that a report showing income and expenditure against budget circulated with the agenda be noted.
- EPC23/24-23 **To approve purchase of updated signage to be added to the fingerpost in Stannier Square and to approve purchase of additional signage to be displayed on Queensway indicating direction of Albert Street WCs**
It was RESOLVED to purchase replacement and additional fingerpost signs directing members of the public to Albert Street Toilets from Broxap at a cost of £801. It was further RESOLVED to go ahead with purchase and installation of 6 signs from Source Graphics at a cost of £131.40, to be added to the rear of parking restriction signage on Queensway, directing members of the public to Albert Street Toilets.
- EPC23/24-24 **To receive an update report on allotment site occupancy and maintenance**
It was RESOLVED that an update report on allotment site occupancy showing 8 vacant plots and 39 on the waiting list be noted.
- EPC23/24-25 **To note arrangements for issuing of allotment renewal notices 2023-24**
It was RESOLVED to note the arrangements for allotment renewals from October 2023 which included a 10% increase to 33p per square metre as previously agreed at full council on 27 September 2022. Renewal notices would be sent out in the last week of August with payment required by 1 October 2023. Payments would be accepted by card or online and tenants would be offered the ability to sign tenancy agreements electronically using DocuSign software already in use by the council.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm