



# 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, 14th November, 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs R Graham, R Haine, I Hussein, E Kelly-Wilson, E O'Rourke and A Palmer

**Apologies:** Cllr A Segebrecht

**In attendance:** W Allen (Environment and Premises Manager acting as Clerk) A Brown (Finance Manager)

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- EPC23/24-37 **To note councillors' apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Councillor Segebrecht who was unable to attend the meeting in person, he attended via a digital link and therefore was unable to vote on any items.
- EPC23/24-38 **To note councillor's declarations of interest in matters on the agenda**  
No declarations of interest where made
- EPC23/24-39 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee**  
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2023 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- EPC23/24-40 **Public Speaking Time**  
There were no representations from members of the public.
- EPC23/24-41 **To review planning applications due for determination by Milton Keynes Council**
- EPC23/24-41i **168280 - License Request - Bliss Bar & Restaurant, 35a Aylesbury Street, MK2 2BQ, Application Details Supply of alcohol (on sales) Monday to Sunday, 1000 – 0200hrs. Late Night Refreshment, Live & Recorded Music (Indoors) Monday to Sunday 2300 – 0200hrs. Opening hours Monday to Sunday 0900 – 0230hrs**  
It was RESOLVED to request that the licencing authority consider  
i whether the licence should operate as late as requested  
ii whether, if the requested times were permitted and in the event of live or recorded music being played, SIA licensed door security staff should be in place after 11pm.  
The reason for making these comments was previous experience at these premises and concerns about public safety.
- EPC23/24-41ii **23/02246/HOU - 12 Montserrat Court Newton Leys MK3 5PR - Removal of existing shed and replaced with ancillary accommodation (revised proposal following the approval of application ref. 23/01464/HOU)**  
It was RESOLVED to make no comment on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-41iii **23/02319/HOU - 67 Simpson Road Bletchley Milton Keynes MK1 1BE - Erection of two storey side and single storey front extensions, removal of existing chimney**  
It was RESOLVED to make no comment on the proposed development.



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- EPC23/24-41iv **Item for information only - Cornerstone 30654500 - Proposed installation of base station - Granby Industrial Estate, MK1 1AX**  
It was RESOLVED that this item be noted.
- EPC23/24-42 **To receive an update report on allotment site occupancy and maintenance**  
It was RESOLVED to note a report circulated with the agenda which showed that there had been a high turnover of allotment plots during the recent renewal period but that re-letting had gone well and there were now only 4 remaining vacant plots across all sites.
- EPC23/24-43 **To consider whether ponds should be allowed on plots at allotment sites owned by the town council**  
Following discussion it was RESOLVED that ponds be permitted on all allotment sites subject to adoption of the following mitigations and requirements:
- ponds must not have a surface area of more than 1.5m<sup>2</sup> and should be no more than 40cm deep at the deepest point
  - ponds must be positioned at least 1m away from any plot edge
  - tenants must complete a pond request form seeking permission prior to installation and must not install until permission has been given in writing by the town council
  - ponds must be suitable for wildlife and have a means by which animal life can safely enter and exit (such as an angled slope, rocks or ramp).
- EPC23/24-44 **To receive an update report on landscape maintenance progress and to approve expenditure on an additional piece of equipment for the maintenance of banks**  
It was RESOLVED to note an update report circulated with the agenda which included details of the landscape work completed since taking over this service on 4 September 2023. Councillors expressed their appreciation and satisfaction with the work undertaken to date and asked that this be conveyed to the employees involved.
- It was RESOLVED to purchase a Scag SWZ48 bank mower from RT Machinery at a cost of £9,450 for the purpose of maintaining banks across the council's landscaping area. The funds for this purchase will come from the 2023-2024 landscape revenue budget.
- EPC23/24-45 **To receive an amended carbon audit commissioned to understand the council's current carbon footprint and consider actions therein**  
It was RESOLVED to note the amended carbon audit report. Councillors were reminded of an email requesting members to join a working group which would work toward an action plan based on the findings of the report.
- EPC23/24-46 **To consider whether the approved community infrastructure fund project to install planters along sections of Queensway should be reconsidered**  
Following discussion about the progress of the Town Deal Public Realm Improvement Project and current parking arrangements in Queensway it was RESOLVED to seek approval from MKCC to relocate the CIF approved planter project from Queensway to Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford. It was considered this was the best use of public resources given current uncertainty about public realm improvements.
- EPC23/24-47 **To note a report showing income and expenditure against budget which falls within the remit of the committee**  
It was RESOLVED to note the report dated 6 November 2023 which showed income and expenditure against budget for the areas which fall within the remit of this



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The meeting closed at 8.39 pm