



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 on Tuesday, 19th March, 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs R Graham, R Haine, I Hussein and E Kelly-Wilson

Absent:

Apologies: Cllr A Palmer

In attendance: Will Allen (Environment and Premises Manager acting as clerk to the committee)

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- EPC23/24-57 **To note councillors' apologies for absence**
It was RESOLVED that the apologies for absence listed above be noted.
- EPC23/24-58 **To note councillor's declarations of interest in matters on the agenda**
No declarations of interest were made.
- EPC23/24-59 **To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the committee**
It was RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2024 be approved as a correct record of proceedings.
- EPC23/24-60 **Public Speaking Time**
There were no representations from members of the public.
- EPC23/24-61 **To review planning applications due for determination by Milton Keynes Council**
- EPC23/24-61i **24/00334/FUL - Bull And Butcher 30 Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes MK2 2BA**
It was RESOLVED that no comments be made on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-61ii **24/00259/HOU - 45 Napier Street Bletchley MK2 2NF**
It was RESOLVED that no comments be made on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-61iii **24/00313/HOU - 22 Manor Road Bletchley MK2 2HW**
It was RESOLVED that no comments be made on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-61iv **24/00305/FUL - Queensway House 207 - 209 Queensway Bletchley Milton Keynes MK2 2EE**
It was RESOLVED that no comments be made on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-61v **24/00132/FUL - 1 St Martins Street Bletchley MK2 2TZ**
It was RESOLVED that no comments be made on the proposed development.
- EPC23/24-62 **To note a report showing income and expenditure against budget which fell within the remit of the committee**
It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.
- EPC23/24-63 **To receive a progress report on the council's carbon reduction goals**
It was RESOLVED that a report which detailed the progress made towards the



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council's carbon reduction goals since the last meeting of the committee be noted. Insulated valve jackets had now been fitted at Newton Leys Pavilion as recommended in the action plan. A full planning application on electrical vehicle charging points at Newton Leys Pavilion had now been submitted to Milton Keynes City Council by the provider (with a letter of support as previously agreed by the town council).

EPC23/24-64 **Community Infrastructure Projects**

EPC23/24-64i **To note the outcome of the town council's most recent CIF application**

The Environment and Premises Manager confirmed that the town council's most recent CIF application (2024-2025) for the provision of photovoltaic panels at Newton Leys Pavilion had not been successful.

It was RESOLVED that this information be noted. The chair of the council noted that no similar applications for solar panels had been approved either and there had been a focus on SIDs.

EPC23/24-64ii **To receive an update report on 2023-2024 community infrastructure fund projects**

It was RESOLVED that a written report giving details of progress with the three 2023-24 community infrastructure fund projects be noted. The town council had completed its work on the SIDs and signage projects and was waiting for MKCC to complete its work on these projects.

It was RESOLVED that the proposed positions of three planters on Aylesbury Street as shown in a written report on the amended third project be approved.

It was further noted that all spending on these projects had been completed within the financial year and the projects should be completed early in 2024-2025.

EPC23/24-65 **To consider responding to a statutory consultation on an experimental traffic order restricting parking at entrances to the Blue Lagoon**

It was RESOLVED to respond to a statutory consultation from MKCC on parking restrictions at the entrances to the Blue Lagoon in support of the proposed measures.

EPC23/24-66 **To consider an update report relating to the Newton Leys to Blue Lagoon Redway, bund and any further incursion prevention measures**

It was RESOLVED that a written report be noted which updated the committee on progress on the new red way from the Blue Lagoon to Newton Leys and the construction of the bund between the car park and pitches at Newton Leys Pavilion.

It was RESOLVED that installation of wooden bollards be approved in an area of the site to prevent fire parking at the sports hall fire escape. It was advised that officers consider whether up to eight such bollards might be required rather than the four originally suggested.

EPC23/24-67 **To consider supporting a "Hedgehogs R Us" initiative by selling hedgehog highway surrounds from Sycamore House**

Members considered correspondence requesting that the town council sell "hedgehog highway gateways" but it was felt that the project was unsuitable for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford for several reasons.



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- EPC23/24-68 **To consider obtaining feasibility reports for creating a small community orchard on land owned by the town council next to the allotment site at Newton Leys**
The committee had been provided with an indicative quote for a feasibility study on land at the rear of Newton Leys Allotments with a view to creating a community orchard.

Following discussion it was RESOLVED to continue research on this project and particularly to explore a less formal, wilder type of orchard than the community orchard at Newton Leys

It was further RESOLVED to approve expenditure on the feasibility phase of this project up to the cost of £900.
- EPC23/24-69 **To note future changes to management of TCV Green Gym at Pinewood Drive**
It was RESOLVED that changes to the management of the Green Gym at Pinewood Drive be noted. The Green Gym would no longer be organized and managed by a paid coordinator from The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) but would now be run by an independent volunteer group though this would still sit under the umbrella of TCV.
- EPC23/24-70 **Landscaping and maintenance matters**
- EPC23/24-70i **To receive a report on allotment site occupancy and maintenance**
It was RESOLVED to note the report showing that allotment occupancy was now at 100%. It was requested that officers gather information from allotment tenants on their reason for taking up/holding an allotment as a baseline of useful data.
- EPC23/24-71 **To receive a report on work to fulfil the MKCC devolved landscaping contract**
It was RESOLVED to note the written report circulated with the agenda which was an update on landscape maintenance since the last meeting of the committee.
- EPC23/24-71i **To consider the opportunity for the town council to provide landscape maintenance services to Stoke Hammond Parish Council on land to be adopted by that council within Newton Leys**
It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND to full council that the town council should supply a quotation to Stoke Hammond Parish Council for delivery of landscape maintenance services on areas of public open space in Newton Leys within the parish of Stoke Hammond. A sum to be quoted for the works had been provided in a confidential report. It was not felt appropriate to include tree/shrub and hedge work in the quotation because if these services were to be delivered in the locations specified there would be an adverse impact on the capacity of the landscaping team.

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm