



## Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

### Minutes of the Full Council of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council held at the Methodist Hall, Queensway, Bletchley on Tuesday 02 January 2018 beginning at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Samantha Browne, Richard Graham, Angela Kennedy (Chair), Ed Hume, Michael McDonald, Ron Haine, Sean Porter, Ethan Kelly-Wilson, Keith Ely, E'Amonn O'Rourke, Lewis Webster,

**Absent:** Cllrs Wajeeha Khan, Peter Kuling and Mohammed Arshad

**In attendance:** Alison Kennedy, Regeneration Officer

#### Min Ref

- FC2017/18-223      **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Rohim, Hewitt, Reeves and Rolfe,
- FC2017/18-224      **Declarations of Interests**  
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None  
Other Interests – None
- FC2017/18-225      **Public Speaking Time**  
No members of the public were present
- FC2017/18-226.i      **Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 as a correct record of proceedings following an amendment under minute reference FC2017/18-217. The sentence of which read "*The tenure mix of the affordable housing would be approximately 70% affordable rents and 30% shared ownership*" was amended to read "*The tenure mix of the affordable housing would be approximately 70% affordable rents and 30% shared ownership, in line with Milton Keynes Council requirements*".
- FC2017/18-226.ii      It was **RESOLVED** to note the draft minutes of the Newton Leys Building Committee held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and to accept all recommendations therein. It was noted that the minutes of a meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 12 December 2017 were not available.
- FC2017/18-227      **Planning applications**  
The following planning applications submitted to the Local Planning Authority for determination were reviewed.
- i      **17/03241/FUL – 109 Western Road, Bletchley MK2 2PR**  
It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the proposed development.
  - ii      **17/03238/DISCON – Land to the South of Penn Road Bletchley**  
It was **RESOLVED** to make an objection to the discharge of *Condition 18 – "Notwithstanding the submitted details, prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, a Construction Management Plan shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority*
    - i. *The parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors*
    - ii. *Loading and unloading of plant and materials*



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- iii. Storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development
- iv. The erection and maintenance of security fencing/hoardings and lighting
- v. Welfare and other site facilities
- vi. Construction traffic routing and signage
- vii. Working and delivery times
- viii. Measures to control the emission of dust, dirt, noise and vibrations during construction”

The objection was raised as councillors had concerns about health and safety protection, continued disruption to local residents and not allowing conditions to be discharged until the building works have been completed.

A recorded vote was requested. Cllrs Browne, Hume and Porter voted in favour of the resolution. Cllr O'Rourke voted against the resolution and Cllrs McDonald, Kelly-Wilson, Webster, Ely, Haine, Graham and Angela Kennedy abstained from voting.

iii **17/03212/REM - Land at Eaton Leys, Galley Lane, Little Brickhill**

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the proposed development on the basis of councillors not seeing full plans for any future development along with the proposed construction of a road.

iv **17/03293/FUL – 21 Oliver Road, Bletchley MK2 2LP**

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the proposed development.

v **17/03337/DISCON – Land known as Newton Leys, South of Bletchley Landfill, Drayton Road, Milton Keynes**

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the discharge of the condition.

vi **17/03357/DISCON – Land at East of Jersey Drive, Arran Way, Newton Leys**

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the discharge of the condition.

vii **17/03360/FUL – 83 Pinewood Drive, Bletchley MK2 2HU**

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment it was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the proposed development.

viii **17/03367/FUL – 22 Garrowmore Grove, Bletchley MK2 3NW**

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the proposed development.

ix **17/03233/OUT – Land at Levante Gate, Galley Lane, Little Brickhill**

During extensive discussion members raised concerns about the proposed development including concerns about location of gas mains and increased traffic flow but as this was an outline application only members expressed the view that they did not have sufficient information to make informed decisions and therefore it was **RESOLVED** to make no comment. (Cllr Haine left the meeting.)

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**Financial Matters**

**Approval of payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive a list of payments due to be made which had been tabled at the meeting.

**Budget**

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(Cllr Haine returned to the meeting)

(Cllr O'Rourke left the meeting at 20.11, Cllr O'Rourke returned at 20.13.)

Members reviewed versions draft budget in order to make any recommendations for amendments/research to the Clerk prior to determination in January. Discussion followed which included consideration of the importance of considering the impact on the electorate whilst also tapering the impact of the MKC grant on balancing the budget over the years up to 20/21 to avoid a significant deficit in a future year.

It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the Clerk to make the following amendments to Version 4 of the budget so as to produce Version 5:

	Changes	Accounting codes
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1	To increase the Christmas lights budget by £4,000	4014-303
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(Cllr Haine left the meeting.)

A proposal to adopt option 2 (2% increase to precept) as set out in the summary of precept information document as a preliminary outline budget pending the vision and strategy workshop outcomes was not voted upon.

It was **RESOLVED** to select option 5 (5% increase to precept) as set out in the summary of precept information document for inclusion in draft Version 5 of the budget for the purposes of discussion at the next meeting when it was expected that the precept for 2018/19 would be set following any further changes to the budget. The Chairman made it clear that the precept and budget could not be ratified until the next meeting but must be set by the end of January.

A recorded vote was requested and Cllrs McDonald, Kelly-Wilson, O'Rourke, Ely, Graham and Kennedy voted in favour of the motion.

Cllrs Browne, Hume, Porter and Webster voted against the meeting. There were no abstentions.

Following considerable discussion about the procedures which had been adopted during the meeting a further motion was proposed to ensure that it was clear that the council still retained the capacity to amend the draft budget.

It was **RESOLVED** that the precept in the draft budget papers would be shown as 5% but the council still retained the capacity to change the budget according to any changes arising from any of the vision and strategy workshops.

A recorded vote was requested and Cllrs Browne, McDonald, Kelly-Wilson, O'Rourke, Webster, Ely, Graham and Kennedy voted in favour of the resolution.

Against: Cllr Hume and Porter voted against the resolution. There were no abstentions.

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## **Request from Bletchley Neighbourhood Policing Team**

It was **RESOLVED** to withdraw this item as funding for the mascot had already been obtained.

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## **Allotments**

**Newton Leys Allotment** - Cllr Kelly-Wilson made members aware that there was no further update available regarding leasing of allotment plots at Newton Leys.

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**Quotations for work** - It was **RESOLVED** to authorise expenditure of £10,615 for maintenance, rubbish removal, re-measuring and staking of allotment plots on Manor Fields and Orchardside on the basis that the Maintenance and General Upkeep Policy is reviewed to ensure that the allotment sites do not require this level of maintenance again.

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## **Review of Festive Market and Christmas Lights**

The Chairman gave an oral report to members following the Christmas lights switch on and festive market on Saturday 2 December 2017. The Chairman expressed concerns regarding the slow trade throughout the day for stall holders and recommended that alternative options should be sought by way on entertainment, rides and stalls in preparation for any future Christmas events or markets.

Members noted that the cost of stalls should also be re-visited at a later date as the number of stalls that left early or did not attend was high comparative to previous years.

The countdown to the light switch on was well attended and the compere did a fantastic job of increasing the numbers prior to the lights being switched on however, the implementation of the switch on by third party contractors was delayed due to a language barrier.

Members discussed the lantern parade and the options available to the council to provide one



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for the next Christmas event. The possibility of moving unspent monies over to the 2018 Christmas event to assist with event costs was discussed but no decision was made at this stage.

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### **Strategic Plan Workshops/ Councillor Surgery**

Arrangements for the vision and strategy workshops on 6 and 20 January 2018 were noted by members. Cllrs Webster, Graham and Porter volunteered to attend the Town Council surgery on Saturday 13 January 2018

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### **Church Street, Fenny Stratford**

Members were informed that a petition had been presented to Milton Keynes Council to remove the limited waiting restriction in Church Street, Fenny Stratford. Milton Keynes Council asked for feedback from BFSTC.

It was felt by members that removing the restriction would impact the economic viability, the residents and visitors of Church Street and following further discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to object to the proposed removal of the waiting restriction in Church Street, Fenny Stratford.

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It was **RESOLVED** that members of the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

(The Regeneration Officer left the meeting.) It was agreed that the Chairman would record information for the minutes

The Chairman advised that it had been hoped to provide updated information on a confidential matter but it was not possible to provide an update at this stage for legal reasons. Discussion of procedural matters followed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

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Approved by Chairman  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2018