



# Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council held at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road MK2 2RA beginning at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 September 2018

**Present:** Cllrs Sam Browne, Ron Haines, Michael McDonald, Keith Ely, Ed Hume

**Absent:** Cllr Mohammed Arshad, Angela Kennedy, and Mohammed Rohim, E'Amonn O'Rourke, Sean Porter

**In attendance:** Diane Holland, Finance & Procurement Manager

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- FP18/19-33 **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Angela Kennedy and Mohammed Arshad
- FP18/19-34 **Minutes of previous meeting**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2018 with no amendments.
- FP18/19-35 **Declarations of Members' Interests**  
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None  
Other Interests – None
- FP18/19-36 **Public Speaking Time**  
There were two members of the public present
- A member of the public raised concerns regarding overflowing, waste bins belonging to Al Ansar Restaurant which were not regularly emptied and which had now been moved to the rear of the property.
- It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Haines would investigate as bins had been emptied today.
- The same member of the public raised a further issue regarding waste left in black sacks on the public highway in Lennox Rd.
- It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Haines would investigate he explained that this was caused by residents putting their waste out too early prior to collection. It was further **agreed** these complaints should be forwarded to Ward Councillors.
- FP18/19-37i **Planning Matters**  
The following planning application to be considered by Milton Keynes Council was reviewed and discussed.
- Application No 18/02032/FUL Tudor House Western Road Bletchley Proposed new chalet bungalow in rear garden
- It was **RESOLVED** to oppose the planning application on the grounds of over development and loss of privacy.



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- FP18/19-38 **Bank Statements and Reconciliations**  
It was **RESOLVED** to note that the bank statements and reconciliations up to the end of August 2018 had been checked and signed by a member of council.
- FP18/19-39 **Payments**  
It was **RESOLVED** to ratify a list of payments made or due to be made since the last meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee on 21 August 2018 which had been tabled.
- Diane Holland advised Council that MKC were becoming increasingly anxious that the Town Council's proposed move to Bletchley Library had still not happened and they were receiving no rent as they had anticipated.
- It was **RESOLVED** that a retainer should be offered to MKC and the matter be referred to Full Council. It was further requested that the Clerk should make available figures for proposed rent at the next Full Council Meeting to decide on a suitable sum.
- FP18/19-40 **Financial Management Reports**  
It was **RESOLVED** to note financial management reports showing detailed income and expenditure for the financial year to the end of August 2018.
- FP18/19-41 **Draft balance sheet**  
It was **RESOLVED** to note the draft balance sheet at 31 August 2018.
- FP18/19-42ii **Bletchley Market**  
To note the market income for the year to date and to compare with previous years' performance.
- Cllr Michael McDonald advised members' that due to roadworks in the Queensway the Market had ceased trading for a full week during early September 2018 and this would be reflected in the takings for that period.
- It was **RESOLVED** to agree the market income
- FP18/19-42iii To discuss progress, review market terms and conditions and make recommendation to full council.
- It was **RESOLVED** that a formal statement by means of an editorial should be made highlighting that it was **not** the intention to close the market but that more work was being undertaken to enhance and progress the market.
- Cllr Haines advised Council that there had been mis-representation on Facebook regarding the market and that this equally needed addressing.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the current terms and conditions should continue for a period of no less than 3 months before undertaking a further review and that two councillors should draft a proposal for Full Council to consider.



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- FP18/19-43i **Member Training**  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree member training and other relevant preparation to commence the budgeting process
- FP18/19-43ii **Provisional timetable for budgeting**  
It was **RESOLVED** to agree the timetable for budgeting but to remove the due date of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 for agreeing projects relating to the Parish Infrastructure Scheme
- FP18/19-44 **Parish Infrastructure Scheme**  
Discussions highlighted the following possible schemes compliant with the Parish Infrastructure Scheme:-
- a) Cllr Ed Hume proposed a resolve to parking issues at Rowlands Close
  - b) Cllr Browne proposed to address the speeding issues along the Queensway by means of a zebra crossing.
  - c) Cllr Ely proposed that the "Welcome" signage into Bletchley was out of date and not only needed repositioning but would require the addition of "Newton Leys". Two signs would be required.
  - d) Cllr Ely further proposed that the redundant bus stop outside Home Bargains in the Queensway could be removed to make way for 4 further car parking spaces at an anticipated cost of approximately £7-£8,000.
  - e) Cllr Haines further proposed the possibility of reinstating either the bollards or possible fencing near Taylor's Estate Agents in the Queensway whereby drivers were continually mounting the kerb causing a serious threat to life.
  - f) Cllr Hume proposed calming measures should be put in place by the bank in Queensway in addition to speed cushions and that speed cushions should be further installed in Eaton Avenue although it was thought that MKC may already have this planned
- FP19/19-45 **Pre-School provider at Newton Leys**  
No update report available - deferred

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm