



# Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council

## Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council held at Bletchley Library, Westfield Road MK2 2RA on Tuesday 26 March 2019 beginning at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Samantha Browne, Keith Ely, Richard Graham (Vice-chairman), Ron Haine (present for part of meeting), Ed Hume, Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson, Gary Kenworthy, Peter Kuling, Michael McDonald, E'amonn O'Rourke, Sean Porter, Shirley Rolfe, Rosemary Smith and Lewis Webster,

**Absent:** Cllrs Mohammed Arshad, William Hewitt, Angela Kennedy (Chairman), Mohammed Rohim

**In attendance:** Delia Shephard Town Clerk

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- FC18/19-352 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Arshad, Haines, Hewitt, Kennedy and Rohim.
- FC18/19-353 **Declarations of Members' Interests**  
Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012 made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act Members were required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they held in any items under consideration at the meeting.
- i Pecuniary interests – None declared at this time
  - ii Other interests – None declared at this time
- FC18/19-354 **Public Speaking Time**  
No members of the public were present.
- FC18/19-355 **Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on Tuesday 5 March 2019 as a correct record of proceedings.
- FC18/19-356 **Approval of Recommendations from Finance Committee**  
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the review of the effectiveness of the Council's internal controls for the year 2018/19 as recommended by the Finance and Planning Committee on 19 February 2019.
- FC18/19-357 Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to approve the council's risk management strategy and risk register for the year 2018/19 as recommended by Finance and Planning Committee on 19 February 2019.
- Financial Reports**
- FC18/19-358 Financial reports had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to note the Council's cash and investment reconciliations to 28 February 2019 and to confirm that a member of council had checked the reconciliations against the bank statements.
- FC18/19-359 It was **RESOLVED** to note a report showing income against expenditure to 28 February 2019.
- FC18/19-360 It was **RESOLVED** ratify a list of payments made or due to be made during the period 1



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- February 2019 to the date of the meeting  
FC18/19-361 It was **RESOLVED** to note the balance sheet at 28 February 2019
- FC18/19-362 It was **RESOLVED** to authorise the clerk to set up twelve automatic transfers of £50,000 each per month from April 2019 to March 2019 from the Council's Unity Trust reserve account to the Unity Trust current account (each transaction to be authorised by two councillor signatories) so as to assist with management of the cash flow for the financial year 2019-20.
- Town Council Vehicles**  
FC18/19-363 Following discussion of a report on replacement of the Town Council's existing vehicles it was **RESOLVED** to approve a specification for and quotations for the purchase of Vivaro vehicle and to authorise the purchase of a pre-registered vehicle and the sale via part exchange of the current Peugeot Bippa and Ford Transit vehicles.
- Bandstand**  
FC18/19-364 A budget of £5,000 for performances had been set for the year 2019/20. It was agreed that use of the bandstand would continue this season and officers would make bookings on behalf of the council. All members were invited to suggest potential performers to the office team and it was also agreed to advertise for new musicians including those who would like to perform without payment. (During this discussion Cllr Haines joined the meeting.) Members also discussed monitoring and evaluation of performances. In response to a question the clerk noted that the bandstand was due for redecoration during 2019/20.
- Landscaping Community Consultation**  
FC18/19-365 This item was deferred to the meeting due to be held on 16 April 2019
- S106 Matters**  
The Council had been asked to comment on the need for planning obligations via a Section 106 agreement in respect of two planning applications. Considerable discussion followed.
- FC18/19-366 It was **RESOLVED** that in respect of Planning Application no 18/03084/FUL (Demolition of existing dilapidated buildings and erection of 29 apartments at land adjacent to 16 Watling Street, Bletchley) the council would comment that broadly it supported the contributions to be sought but would wish to see local play and neighbourhood play tied specifically to provision within the near vicinity of the development in particular the pocket parks in the Trees estate. It was considered that the playing fields contribution could also be diverted towards the provision of play. With regard to the community hall allocation it was suggested that this should be tied specifically to George Street Community Centre. Likewise the Crematorium/Burial grounds contribution of £1980.80 should be tied specifically to Manor Road Cemetery. The council also proposed that the museum and archive contribution should be used for digitisation of archive material about the Watling Street area.
- FC18/19-367 **It was RESOLVED** that in respect of Planning Application no 19/00466/FUL (Demolition of existing buildings on site and construction of 48 residential units and 6 ground floor commercial units on Queensway) the council would comment that it wished to see the play and parks allocations specifically tied to Leon Recreation Ground and the provision of play equipment for the 5 to 10 year age group. A specific project was also to be proposed for the Community Hall contribution of £4,599.02 ie that the funds be used to improve disabled access at the Community Room at Bletchley Library this being the nearest community space to the proposed development. Again the council would wish to



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see the Crematorium/Burial grounds contribution of £1,980.80 tied specifically to Manor Road Cemetery. The council also proposed that the museum and archive contribution should be used for digitisation of archive material about the Queensway area.

Members discussed the need for an identifiable list of specific projects which were compatible with the council plan and which could be drawn from when the Town Council was consulted on S106 contributions. It was agreed that work was needed to develop this list of potential projects.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.