
MINUTES FULL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Monday 11 November 2024 at 19h30

Venue: St Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green, MK6 3BS

Members Present

Councillors: Charlotte Hall (Chair), Vanessa Freeman Gwynn (Vice Chair), Phil Nash, Rob Grindley, Ray Brown, Mary Major, Ryan Gillies, Roshini Wickramasinghe.

Officer Present: Vicky Gladstone (acting clerk)

Meeting Started: 7.30 pm

FC24/25-063 **Public Questions:** Three members of the public present.

A member of the public raised a number of issues regarding the state of 'The Green'. They had reported various potholes to MKCC and were concerned especially with forthcoming running events and also by the level of deterioration across the whole of this roadway. The Chair noted that the PC had also lodged a variety of defects including the severe 'tracking' and loss of verges adjacent to No 2/3 The Green. Concerns were also raised about the condition of a number of pathways and gateways especially in the playing fields. The PC to follow up on latter.

FC24/25-064 **Apologies and Conflicts of Interest:** No Apologies Received. Conflict of Interests were noted from: Cllr Mary Major as a Trustee of the Patch Allotment Association (PAA) and Cllr Charlotte Hall as President of the PAA. Cllr Vanessa Freeman Gwynn noted an interest regarding a planning matter (Item 070-2)

FC24/25-065 **Minutes:** Full Council meeting minutes held on 9th September 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting held.

FC24/25-066 **Finance & Admin (RFO):**

1. Payments: Payment schedule 01/09/24 to 31/10/24: approved and noted.
2. Yr to date Activity v Budget noted
3. Bank Balances noted and Reconciliations signed £37,673.91 (current account) £20,672.04 (Deposit). Notification received from Lloyds Bank with regards to changes to account and costs.
4. To consider & Appointment of new Dog and Litter Bins Contractor from 13/12/24: 3 quotes received. It was agreed to appoint Marcus Young on a fixed 2 yr contract (£2,080 excl VAT £2.50 per unit per week). They are a local company and have a good reputation. They also provide other services. It was noted that some of the bins require new stickers and numbers having been replaced.
5. To consider Contractor to investigate / repairs Water leak Allotments: It was agreed to defer item - to be taken under 25-068
6. Draft Budget 2025-2026 / Precept Consideration. Approved and to be consulted upon. It was agreed that the precept should not be increased.

- FC24/25-068 **Allotments:**
1. Patch Allotment Report (PAA): Cllr. Nash discussed the report – the total raised at ‘Open Day’ and donated to Willen Hospice £179. The boundary (East) tree works have now been completed. It was requested that the next WoTGS litter-pick should include the coppiced area. Regarding the water leak two companies have been contacted and have inspected the site and provided quotations. Waiting on a third submission. It was agreed that if costs were seemingly large (investigatory stage) that a new system should be considered.
 2. Edge Software Update: This has been ordered. Within this there are 2 x 2 hour training sessions on-line. Cllr. Nash asked for volunteers to attend.

- FC24/25-068 **Environment Updates and decisions:**
1. Canal Matters: Cllr. Freeman Gwynn has an appointment with a representative from CaRT to look at Partnership Renewal.
 2. Speedwatch Scheme: Cllr Nash received a quotation for signage and fixings (£452.75 incl VAT)). It was agreed to proceed with purchase. The Chair to follow up with MKCC /Highways regarding installation and approval of locations of signage already requested.
 3. Environment: There is increased graffiti across the parish (Gang ‘TAGS’) and rubbish arising from canal users. The Chair stressed the importance of reporting all ‘antisocial’ activities.

FC24/25-069 **Consultations:**

The Ward Boundary Review is due to come back for the second round of consultation in Dec 2024 (this will run until Feb 2025). H9 Groveway Road Safely Scheme: Data has been collected by MKCC and now awaiting outcome and proposals report.

- FC24/25-070 **Planning & Licensing Applications:**
1. Asset Nomination (Ye Olde Swan) Assets of Community Value List Submission (renewal) to be submitted in December for decision in Jan 2025.
 2. Planning: Comments and queries raised on 2 The Green ; 1 Saddington. Applications received 9 Medland and 9 Newport Road.

FC24/25-071 **Council Projects:**

Council to consider any Ward Projects submitted: Further lights/baubles and battery to be purchased (£200). Lights to be switched on 30th November during the Christmas Fayre (St Mary’s). Risk Assessment will be submitted to MKCC in the same form as previously. Consider Cherry Picker for installation in future.

- FC24/25-072 **Community Engagement:**
1. MK Citizens Advice Outreach: Continue to work with SAPC and securing further session dates in January 2025 and April 2025
 2. Annual Residents meeting: date to be determined (must be before the end of June 2025) Request for Key Note speaker / ideas to be included in Newsletter.

- FC24/25-073 **Communications:**
1. Reports: None Made
 2. Newsletter: Winter Newsletter to be distributed end of November
 3. Correspondence from Residents: Concerns regarding welfare of dog. The Parish Council has administered its responsibilities appropriately and in full.

FC24/25-0674 **Meetings:**

Council NOTED the next full council meeting on 13th January 25, starting at 19h30. The meeting ended at 21.00

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