

Minutes of the Meeting held in Village Hall, The Lane,
Wyboston on Monday, 7 March 2011

Present at the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr G Woodman (Chair), Cllr R Brown, Cllr V Howson,
Cllr N Willoughby, Cllr M Yemm

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

Phill Fox (Outdoor Access Developments Officer) and Peter Knight (Cycling and Walking Officer) from Bedford Borough Council attended and explained various avenues for providing bridleways, cycle paths and footpaths and answered questions.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Day and from Ward Cllr Wootton

2. **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** Cllr Woodman advised of a personal interest in the item 8(g).

3. **Minutes of Meeting 14 February 2011:**

With the agreement of all those present the above minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Planning:**

- a) **Application No:11/00102/FUL** Black Cat Roundabout, Chawston for external alterations. **It was resolved** that the Council had no objection to this
- b) **Un-Notified Business Application No:11/00322/FUL** 5 Rookery Road, Wyboston for a two storey extension. This item was discussed as the return date was before the next scheduled meeting of the Council. **It was resolved** that power to respond be delegated to the Clerk who was minded to respond that there was no objection.

5. **Reports:**

a) **The Sustainable Community Plan Steering Group:**

Cllr Yemm reported that the SCP was now close to completion. The introduction had been written. He advised that the costs of production were being met by Bedford Borough Council.

b) **Police Report:**

Cllr Howson tabled an e-mail received from PCSO Paul Jones advising that no crime had been reported in the parish between 14 February and 4 March.

6. Finance:

- a) The grant application from Wyboston Table Tennis Club was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved and the Clerk was asked to order the items to be donated as detailed on the quotation accompanying the application amounting to £243 including v.a.t. (*LGA (Miscellaneous Provisions)1976 s19*)
- b) The grant application from Black Cat Women's Institute was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council approved the request to meet the costs of hiring the village hall for twelve months from April 2011 and the Clerk was asked to confirm this with the Village Hall Committee (*LGA 1972 s133*)
- c) A financial statement and bank reconciliation was tabled by the Clerk and received by the Council.
- d) **Accounts for Payment:**
The payment of the following accounts was approved by all those present:
 - i. Andy Muskett Ltd – Street lighting maintenance invoice 1617 - £114.74 (*Highways Act 1980 s301*)
 - ii. R C Grasmeder – Parish Clerk salary & expenses 1 January – 31 March 2011 - £858.64 (*LGA 1972 s112*)

7. Correspondence:

- a) A briefing and questionnaire regarding the Public Forest Estate was discussed and **it was resolved** that this had now been overtaken by the Government's decision not to privatise forests and therefore no action was required.
- b) A communication from the Scrutiny and Policy Review and Development Committee was discussed and **it was resolved** that they would be asked to look into parking and understaffing problems at the Great Barford GP practice.
- c) A briefing on the Localism Bill was noted.
- d) A briefing on the Mineral Safeguarding Area Consultation was noted.

8. Items for Information:

- a) The Clerk distributed notices about the public consultation for Chawston Lakes. The Clerk advised that he had been informed of the likelihood of an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use.
- b) The Housing Needs Survey should be distributed this week.
- c) The extent of grass cutting for the purposes of quotations was reviewed.
- d) E-mails and a letter regarding overgrown hedges, salting roads and damage to verges had been sent to Andy Prigmore of Highways and a response was awaited.
- e) All the Ward Fund Grant monies have now been received.
- f) A meeting had been offered by Iain Blackley to explain the policy regarding ex LSA properties and recent applications.
- g) **Un-Notified Business** the village hall committee had asked for the Council's support in its application for a Rural Grant. Due to the fact that a response was required by 12 April and as there was no request for any other action on the part of the Council the Clerk was asked to respond affirming the Council's support.

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** 4 April at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Signed by Cllr G Woodman (Chair)

at the meeting held on 4 April 2011