

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19.30 in the Parish Office, Great Linford House, 1 St Leger Court, MK14 5HA.**

**Present:** Councillors: Bedford, Burgess, Calverley, El-Zamek, Foskett, Heale, Hyacinthe, Khan, Macaulay, Maclean, Neate, Panes (Chair), Stabler, Ward and Widdowson. Cllr Crooks arrived after the start of the meeting.

**Also Present:** Parish Manager.

1. **Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr Coker (personal) and Cllr Omole (personal).
2. **Declaration of Members' Interests** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were amended to note that Cllr Widdowson had previously notified council of his absence. With this amendment, they were proposed as a true record by Cllr Neate and seconded by Cllr Bedford. This was voted as: 13 for 0 against and 2 abstentions due to absence.
4. **Matters Arising** – No matters raised.
5. **Public Question Time** – No public present.
6. **Correspondence and Communications**

6.1. MK Bus Group – Cllr Calverley commented that the £500k of S106 monies was given to provide transport through Redhouse Park. The performance of this bus company is perceived as inadequate for a variety of reasons. There was then much discussion about the concerns of council about the management of contracts and benefits from parties who receive S106 monies. It is even more frustrating that the bus service is now being terminated.

Cllr Calverley proposed that GLPC writes to Milton Keynes Council about the perceived misuse of this S106 and asks for the evidence of how this money has been spent and the benefits that the community has gained. This was seconded by Cllr Ward and voted as: 14 for, 1 against and 0 abstentions.

**7. Planning**

7.1. Report on Planning Progress Report was provided by Cllr Stabler.

7.2. Memorandum to Cllrs

Cllr Crooks arrived at 19:57

7.2.1. 17/02105/<sup>OUT</sup>FUL Land west of M1 **Objection** Cllr Stabler proposed that an objection is made regarding this application. It was recommended that planning permission is refused in accordance with the following transport policies in Milton Keynes Local Plan 2001 – 2011:

- T1 Transport user hierarchy
- T2 Access for those with impaired mobility
- T3 Pedestrians and cyclists
- T5 Public transport
- T9 The road hierarchy
- T10 Traffic

It should be refused due to the un-sustainability of the site; it does not have a safe and suitable access for all people and the significant impact on the local and wider transport network by the

development NPPF. This was voted on as: 15 for 0 against and 1 abstention due to pecuniary interest by Cllr Crooks, who was not involved in the discussion or vote.

7.2.2. 17/02458/FUL 4 Rothersthorpe **Objection** Cllr Stabler proposed refusal of this applications as it is contrary to:

- GLPC Neighbourhood Plan Policy N3 c d and e
- Policy H10 ii iii HiMO SPD 2012
- Parking SPD Sept 2016

This was seconded by Cllr Burgess and voted as: 15 for 0 against and 1 abstention. Cllr Ward abstained due to personal interest and was not involved in the vote or discussion.

7.2.3. 17/02105/FUL 7 Skeats Wharf **No comment** was proposed by Cllr Stabler, seconded by Cllr Foskett and all agreed.

8. **Project** – No report.

9. **Topic** – Strategic Plan workshop. Cllr Panes summarised the recent training meeting for Cllrs. The main conclusion was the aspects of engaging with residents, the changing operational pressures and the need to determine community priority. The underlying need was to change ourselves to ensure effective engagement with residents so as to maximise effect and effort. The other outcome of the meeting was about our culture, the way we do things, the way we approach things and the way we work; what do we all understand by engagement, as it means different things to different people: how do we achieve a common starting place? Cllr Panes opened the discussion to the floor, asking was there value in carrying out another similar exercise to determine GLPC's next steps?

After discussions, the main items raised were:


- 9.1. There is a need to review and discuss more aspects of the changes that our community may face.
- 9.2. The workshop was a wonderful way to share and explore ideas, but we need to consider the need for a contingency plan if MKC are to stop services. How could we take them over and, in fact, is that what people want us to do?
- 9.3. The meeting was an effective way to help direct thinking but there is a need for more focused strategic thinking and maybe this should be done by a dedicated group. Others should review and look after "business as usual" to ensure current objectives are achieved, whilst a smaller group investigates the future issues and mitigating actions required.
- 9.4. Agree a small group of Cllrs should more actively support the operational staff.
- 9.5. We should define who we are helping with the community engagement activities. Is it the same group? Is it the group in most need? Can we justify spending the money?
- 9.6. Agreed metrics are required to determine benefit and need, provided it is operationally possible to collect and manage this data; i.e. does the collection cost justify the action?
- 9.7. More sessions like the workshop are needed to allow the whole council to work through ideas and practical solutions.

The Chair asked council: is another meeting necessary? Majority positively acknowledged this. Chair agreed to review and return with a proposal.

10. Dates for the meetings to the end of the year were discussed and agreed as:

- 10.1. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Full Council Business meeting - Cllrs Panes and Hyacinthe tendered their apologies due to holidays
- 10.2. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Full Council meeting – topic Initial Budget review
- 10.3. Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Full Council Business meeting
- 10.4. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Full Council meeting – topic Budget review
- 10.5. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Full Council Business meeting

The meeting was closed at 20:24.

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