

## Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council General Meeting held on Friday 18 April 2008

PRESENT: Cllrs Ayles (Chair), Haynes, Hinds, Markham and Tapp. The Clerk, Karen Hill, was in attendance as was Mr Luke Stacey (at the request of the Parish Council) and 1 member of the public.

- 1                   **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2008/045).** Cllr Becconsall for reason of annual holiday and Cllr Shearman for reason of pressure of work.
- 2                   **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** by Councillors in any of the agenda items below. None
- The meeting was suspended as it was decided to hold the on site viewing of agenda item 4.1 immediately due to the attendance of Mr L Stacey who was under time pressure due to work commitments. All other members of the PC and public attending agreed. Meeting resumed at location of 'wildlife area'.
- 4                   **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (2008/047).**
- 4.1               To consider and agree to (i) the scale and scope of work to be carried out at the Wildlife Area (ii) the organisation of a working party and (iii) allow the Clerk, if deemed necessary, to obtain quotes from contractors for any of the work to be carried out on the wildlife area. After lengthy discussions, it was agreed that (i) the shrubs would be uprooted or cut down and weed-killer applied. (ii) A Terram covering would be laid down to prevent weed growth but allow moisture flow (iii) the whole area would then be covered by bark chips (iv) dead trees would be removed (v) the existing grassed area would be rolled and strimmed (vi) a layer of top soil to be laid and grass seed sown (vii) all wild grasses growing to be left. A working party for week commencing 21 April to be organised to clear last remaining weeds and notice to be placed on all village notice-boards offering shrubs to residents. Contact Cllr Markham. Clerk to action. Clerk asked to obtain quotes from contractors to supply and fix a Terram (or like) covering for weed/water control, remove any remaining shrubs, apply weed-killer, clear site of dead trees and shrubs and lay out bark chip.
- 4.1.1           Cost of purchase of bag of grass seed up to the value of £50.00 approved to facilitate this action plan.
- 4.1.2           It was decided that a decision on the fate of the 'pond' was to be deferred until the October meeting.
- Meeting was suspended to allow for Cllrs and members of the public to take their seats in the Sports Pavilion after the on-site discussion. Meeting resumed.
- 3                   **PLANNING PERMISSION (2008/046).**
- 3.1               **08/00636/LBC:** Listed building consent for single storey linked building and internal alterations at 5 school lane Castlethorpe Milton Keynes MK19 7EN for Mr Colin King. (Previous minute reference **2007/104/3.1** previous planning reference **07/01359/FUL**). Planning permission approved subject to the following note to North Planning team: The PC object to the type of material used as cladding to the exterior of the proposed new building as the PC feel that the wood cladding material is not in keeping with the surrounding buildings. The PC feel building materials that match the surrounding buildings would be acceptable and would therefore not object to the new building being clad/built of stone at the rear of the building facing the paddock and the front facing side being rendered in keeping with existing properties. The PC urge the planners to consider the aesthetic value of managing new buildings in a design and material sympathetic to the existing surrounding properties.
- 3.2               **08/00633/FUL:** Single storey linked building and internal alterations at alterations at 5 school lane Castlethorpe Milton Keynes MK19 7EN for Mr Colin King. (Previous minute reference **2007/104/3.1**. Previous planning reference **07/01359/FUL**) **See above comment**
- 3.3               **08/00380/FUL :** Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two bedroom bungalow with detached garage at Land To The Rear of 65 And 67 Station Road Castlethorpe MK19 7HF for Mr V R Jordan. (Previous minute reference **2007/126/4.1**. Previous planning reference **07/01724/FUL**) No objections.
- 3.4               Feedback on Planning Applications considered at previous meetings.
- 08/00157/FUL:** Single storey rear extension at 20 Lodge Farm Court, Castlethorpe for Mr & Mrs Davies. Minute reference (**2008/029/4.1**). Planning approval obtained.

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The meeting was suspended as it was decided to view the sites for proposed parking. Meeting resumed.

4 **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (2008/047).**

4.2 To consider and agree to (i) survey the existing parking area at the Sports Field (ii) identify and decide on the extent of additional parking available (iii) allow the Clerk, if deemed necessary, to obtain quotes from contractors for any of the work to be carried out. Chair mentioned that the £750.00 PP grant ran out this year. Chair mentioned that at a site visit, Ian McGregor (MKC Highways) had indicated that planeings from road surfaces would be available in September and the CPC could have several lorry loads. After discussion it was agreed that the grassed area adjacent to the current gravelled parking area would be designated as the new parking area. The Clerk would keep in contact with Mr McGregor and arrange as many lorry loads of road planeings as was available. As it is intended that cars will have to have an access way to the new parking area, the paving slabs currently stored on site will be used to demarcate the new entrance area. As the new parking area will force cars to park 'nose to nose', the existing shrubs will be left so as to create a natural barrier between cars. It was agreed that if time allows, shrubs from the wildlife area could be replanted here. Clerk to obtain quotes from Contractors as to the rough cost of (i) preparing the grassed area, (ii) spreading the planeings (iii) creating a new entrance access using existing paving blocks.

Meeting was suspended to allow for Cllrs to take their seats in the Sports Pavilion after the on-site discussion. Meeting resumed.

4.3 To consider and agree to (i) survey the footpaths at the Sports Field, (ii) to decide on whether to obtain quotes from contractors for surfacing the footpaths (iii) to allow the Clerk to obtain quotes from contractors for any of the work to be carried out. Chair asked that it be noted that the £4000.00 PP Grant needed to be used by 2010. After discussions it was decided that the Clerk would obtain quotes from surfacing contractors to gain an up-to-date figure of costs involved to surface all the paths in the sports field complex. Cllr Markham offered to arrange a meeting between Contractor Ian Smith of Smith's Construction, himself, any other Cllrs who wished to be present and the Clerk to discuss. Clerk to draw up a plan of pathways to be used to obtain quotes.

5 **FINANCIAL MATTERS (2008/048).**

5.1 To consider and agree on the cost of the lawn mower service. Cllr Markham confirmed that the quote for the service of the CPC mower would cost £50.00. All approved.

6 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (2008/049).** (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda).  
None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.43am.