

Minutes

of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 24 August 2009

Present: D Livingstone (Chair) D Edmonds
J Nicholas K Perkins
C Williams T Wylie

Visitors: B Gamber (MK Community Foundation), S Burke (MK Council) N Leonards
(prospective councillor) and 1 resident.

Clerk: C Gallacher

Item 6 (MK Community Foundation) was taken out of turn by agreement of the meeting but all items are reported in agenda order.

	Action
<p>1. Apologies and declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from C DeMyers-Robinson, C Osler, K Thomas, G Small and I Stewart.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>2. Public Time</p> <p>No issues were raised.</p> <p>3. Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting on 27 July 2009 were agreed and signed as true a record of the meeting. D Livingstone reported on action taken to date on locating 'Key Man' insurance cover on the clerk.</p> <p>The meeting noted difficulties in agreeing a date for the training in the Power of Wellbeing and it was decided that the best way forward was to fix a date for this and advise members. The clerk was asked to arrange this for Monday 23 November 2009 at 6.30pm, with the council meeting that evening following at 8.30pm.</p> <p>4. Reports</p> <p>The clerk's report was noted.</p> <p>The Police were not in attendance but D Livingstone gave a report on the recent liaison meeting between parishes and TVP, including the response to questions on PCSO powers and advice that officers from the area would only be abstracted for duty in Central Milton Keynes if there was urgent need.</p>	clerk

Ward Councillors

S Burke advised on progress at Emerson Valley Rugby Club and also on forthcoming applications for a sports pavilion at Westcroft and a community facility at Oxley Park.

C Williams reported briefly on progress with the project at Edison Square and also on the data received to date from the speed camera trials on H8 Standing Way. He also advised that work was progressing on the car wash at Watling Street.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 1 June 2009 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted.

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2009 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted. It was resolved to accept the Committee's recommendation and approve a grant of £1500 towards the cost of improvement works at St Giles Church, Tattenhoe. The meeting also noted that a Fire Risk Assessment on Emerson Valley Community Centre has been arranged for 17 September.

5. Review of work on Business Plan

Members agreed that the Strategic Aims document and the Operational Plan could become over prescriptive and could be detrimental to progress. It was agreed, however, that both documents represent good guidance for the council but need to be refined by consideration in the committees. It was resolved to aim to produce a number of objectives achievable within the life of the current council and relevant to the life of the community. K Perkins agreed to produce a list of possible objectives from those listed in the documents and circulate to members. It was also agreed that Policy & Finance Committee review the Strategic Aims document.

K Perkins

6. MK Community Foundation

Mr Gamber gave a short presentation on the funding work done by the Foundation, which has previously given over £1 million to voluntary and non-profit groups through discounts on lands and direct grants. The budget this year is much reduced but will still exceed £500,000. Grants are available for small projects up to £1500 on one stream and larger amounts on another. These grants are now available to local councils for Village Hall refurbishment, carnivals, art projects and others. Mr Gamber answered questions from members and the Chairman thanked him for attending.

7. Appointment to Committees and external bodies

It was agreed to defer any nomination of a representative to the STARS Forum until the future form of this body had been resolved.

It was resolved that D Edmonds be appointed to Community Committee and that C Williams transfer to this committee from the Planning & Environment Committee.

C Williams was also appointed to Policy & Finance Committee.

8. Edison Square

Members agreed that the council should be involved in the further refurbishment of Edison Square and it was resolved that Community Committee be delegated to deal with this, with a budget of £1,000. C Williams agreed to act as liaison between the parish and MK Council on the planned work.

9. Finance

- a) The report of expenditure against budget to end July was noted and approved.
- b) The monthly finance report was circulated and the meeting adjourned while members considered this. The retrospective approval list was approved and the finance report was then approved and signed by the Clerk and Chairman. It was resolved to authorise signature of cheques to make the payments listed on the appendix to these minutes.

10. Correspondence

The correspondence list had been circulated for information and no issues were raised.

It was resolved to nominate J Nicholas as urban parishes' representative on the Local Strategic Partnership.

9. Meeting dates

Meeting dates were agreed/noted as:

Planning & Environment Committee	7 September 2009
Community Committee	14 September 2009
Parish Council	28 September 2009

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21h36

SIGNED.....Chair