

## Minutes

of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 28 May 2008

**Present:** D Livingstone (Chair) E Cooper  
C DeMyers-Robinson D Edmonds  
J Nicholas K Perkins  
K Thomas N Warden  
C Williams

**Visitors:** 1 members of public, Cllr S Burke (MKC) and Mr P Ballantyne  
(prospective councillor)

**Clerk:** C Gallacher

	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from C Osler, G Small and I Stewart.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest</p> <p><b>2. Public Time</b></p> <p>No issues were raised.</p> <p><b>3. Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting on 28 April 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> <p><b>4. Reports</b></p> <p>The clerk's report was noted. The Police were not in attendance .</p> <p><u>Ward Councillors</u></p> <p>C Williams advised that problems with speeding traffic and road safety on H8 Standing Way were being investigated following a petition from residents requesting a reduced speed limit of 50mph on part of the road. He is also arranging a site visit to investigate road safety concerns around Caroline Haslett School.</p> <p>S Burke reported that MKC had intervened to reduce the inappropriate use of a bird scarer in the Whaddon area, following complaints from residents. He is also in discussion with English Partnerships regarding the proposed stopping up of a footpath in Tattenhoe Park and provision of safe routes for children attending the new school there.</p>	

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2008 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted.

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2008 were presented unsigned as a report and accepted.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was noted that attendance at the annual electors' meeting had again been poor, despite the considerable efforts and expenditure to advertise this and make the event attractive. Members regretted that this meeting appears to hold little interest for residents and has failed to justify the work put in over the last three years to encourage attendance. It was resolved that future Meetings should be held prior to one of the council's committee meetings in the relevant period and that only standard notice should be given.

**5. Finance**

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 Chairman and clerk.

It was resolved to authorise signature of cheques to make the following payments:

Inland revenue	paye/nics	2618.13	2147
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M Aitkins	landscape contract	1361.05	2149
A H Contracts	bin servicing	945.41	2150
MKC	business rates	1178.00	2151
Mirus IT	IT support	293.75	2152
C Gallacher	expenses (mileage)	87.80	2153
C Gallacher	authorised purchase	385.02	2154
M Webber	authorised purchase	45.50	2155
Hertsmere Leisure	astro turf hire (f'ball)	1014.00	2156
D&I Windows	cleaning	32.31	2157
S&D Contracts	electrical repair	41.13	2158
ADT	access system	531.25	2159
Willowbrite (MK Comm)	office insurance	511.66	2160
Willowbrite (MK Comm)	Rent/ service	8813.49	2161
MFS Reprographic	leaflet print	594.00	2162
G Leaver	fees - transfer	1541.25	2163
J Napper	allowance	43.70	2164
Howe Park Scouts	grant	3000.00	2165

## 6. Correspondence

The correspondence list had been circulated for information and the meeting noted :

Training and conference events organised by BALC (details circulated);

Training event on Chairmanship;

MKC correspondence on s.106 moneys available, to which the clerk was authorised to reply;

Correspondence from Mr P Ballantyne regarding his interest in the casual vacancy;

(following a motion to exclude the public by reason of confidentiality of business to be discussed):

The meeting congratulated the clerk on gaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration and approved a salary increase of 1 spinal point in accordance with his contract.

## 8. Meeting dates

Meeting dates were agreed/noted as:

Planning & Environment Committee	2 June 2008
Community Committee	9 June 2008
Parish Council	23 June 2008

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20h47

SIGNED.....Chair