



Stony Stratford Town Council

MINUTES 17th Mar 2009 7pm at Russell St School

PRESENT: Cllrs Paul Bartlett, Hilary Coley, Judy Deveson, Adrian Dneš, Rob Gifford (in the chair), Abid Mehmood, Rosemary O'Sullivan, Dick Skellington, Deryck Tucker and Joan Walker.

The clerk Charles Brindley and information officer Ursula Lewis were in attendance. 5 members of the public were present.

Public Speaking Time

Kenn Shaw, a resident of Horsefair Green spoke about the concerns of residents of Horsefair Green, Silver St and Church St following the introduction of one way traffic in High St. He explained the concerns, as a result of a survey undertaken of residents on the three streets, and felt that there were 4 main points to be discussed. These were the decision to support a one way system on High St, a request to support the views of the residents, a request to ensure that all businesses receive the questionnaire and a request that lobbying for a destinations and origins survey continue.

The chairman responded to the points that the one way system was supported by the TC some years ago at the start of the process, that the council had raised the issue of concerns for environmental issues and safety in the three streets in its response to MKC in January, that MKC had confirmed that 350 copies of the questionnaire had been delivered to the Business Association and that the TC had pressed for a destinations and origins survey and although it was very expensive, MKC had indicated that it might be provided when other similar surveys scheduled in Milton Keynes were undertaken. Members expressed their own views on the situation. The chairman suggested that a public meeting could be organised to review the results of the questionnaire.

John Keegan, a resident of Horsefair Green spoke in support of Mr Shaw and explained that he had only lived on Horsefair Green for 2 years, but he had noticed changes. He asked the council to help to represent their views.

- 09/026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
- 09/027 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence.
- 09/028 MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 20 JANUARY 2009: as previously circulated were AGREED as a true record and signed (HC/DT)
- 09/029 CLERK'S REPORT: The report was NOTED. The clerk provided copies of a letter from a resident regarding the fire at Tower House. The letter was NOTED
- 09/030 GRANT FUNDING 2009/10: The document as written was ADOPTED as policy for grant funding for 2009/10
- 09/031 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2009/10: Members considered the options for the level of Parish Basic Allowance that could be set for 2009/10. It was AGREED, unanimously, that the Basic Parish allowance for 2009/10 would be set at the rate of £1416 for the Chairman and £708 for members. Further, it was AGREED that Travel and Subsistence Allowances would be paid at the recommended levels outlined in the clerk's paper and the definition of Approved Duties was reconfirmed. Finally, it was AGREED that the Childcare and Dependant Carers' Allowance would be paid at the hourly rate for the National Adult Minimum Wage for up to a maximum of 5 hours in any 24 hour period

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- 09/032 CIVIC MATTERS: The item was **WITHDRAWN** pending further consideration
- 09/033 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PENSION FUND: A correction was made to the Discretion to permit early payment of pension with the seventh word on the third line changed from 'employee' to 'employer'. With this correction made, the policy was **ADOPTED**
- 09/034 YEAR END PROCEDURES/ANNUAL REVIEW: The year end proposals were **NOTED**. An addition to the Annual Review to record representatives on outside bodies was **AGREED**
- 09/035 COMMUNITY WEBSITE: The request to fund additional works to the events page was **AGREED** at a cost of £840. It was further **AGREED** that the publicity panel should review the launch of the website at its next meeting
- 09/036 STREET ENTERTAINMENT: The draft news release was considered and it was **AGREED** that changes should be made to remove the reference to buskers and replace with street entertainers and also to remove the fourth paragraph. With these changes made, it was **AGREED** to issue the release and Cllr Bartlett **AGREED** to report back to the F and GP committee in April
- 09/037 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 09 were **NOTED**
- 09/038 PLANNING COMMITTEE: The minutes and draft minutes of the meetings held on 27 January 09 and 24 February 09 respectively were **NOTED**
- 09/039 MKC PROPOSED FOOTWAY AND VERGE PARKING ORDER: The recommendation from the planning committee for a blanket ban in the parish was **ADOPTED**
- 09/040 PROJECTS COMMITTEE: The minutes and draft minutes of the meetings held on 3 February 09 and 3 March 09 respectively were **NOTED**
- 09/041 BALC EXECUTIVE 21 JANUARY 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/042 TVP LIAISON MEETING 21 JANUARY 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/043 MKC STARS FORUM 26 JANUARY 09: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/044 SS NAG UPDATE: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/045 SS FUTURES GROUP UPDATE: The report was **NOTED**
- 09/046 MEMBER'S ISSUES: Use of the power of wellbeing was discussed and it was **AGREED** to defer the items until a later date
- 09/047 RESIDENT'S LETTER 8 FEBRUARY 09: The letter was **NOTED**
- 09/048 NAG EMAIL 10 FEBRUARY 09: It was **AGREED** to write in support of the points made in the email from the NAG
- 09/049 MK CSP ELECTION FOR URBAN PARISH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS DELIVERY GROUP: It was **AGREED** to vote for Cllr Isabella Fraser
- 09/050 MK WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE: It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Bartlett and Dnes would represent the Council at the event
- 09/051 SAFER COMMUNITIES UNIT ASB TRAINING PROGRAM 2009: There are to be no attendees from the Council
- 09/052 AGE CONCERN MK GRANT TOWARDS LIFT AT THE HIVE: It was **AGREED** to make a grant of £2500 towards the project
- 09/053 SS CHILDREN'S CENTRE GRANT TOWARDS JUNIOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WORKER: It was **AGREED** to grant £3000 towards the full year cost of the junior volunteer support worker

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09/054 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: The following payments were APPROVED for payment (RG/DT)

670	BROXAP	Seats for SEEDA project	£ 8592.80
671	BLUEBERRY COUNTRY	Farmers Market Management Mar - May 09	£ 205.50
672	MOBILOO	Toilet Cleaning - Wolverton Rd Allotments	£ 28.75
673	BALC	Annual Membership 2009/10	£ 830.12
B0309019	C BRINDLEY	Clerk's Salary Mar 09	£ 1393.42
B0300043	U LEWIS	Information Officer's salary Mar 09	£ 429.12
B0309078	HM CUSTOMS AND REV	NI/PAYE Mar 09	£ 501.78
B0309108	BUCKS CC PENSIONS	Pension contributions - Mar 09	£ 647.34
B0309280	AH CONTRACTS	Dog/litter bin emptying - Feb/Mar 09	£ 653.57
B0309400	YORK HOUSE CENTRE	Junior Youth Club - Jan 09	£ 360.80
B0309221	TVP	PCSO costs Jan-Mar 09	£ 3909.50

At this point, the chairman moved to exclude the press and public in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 sect 1.2 to discuss matters of a confidential nature.

09/055 ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD: The recommendation made by the Projects Committee was considered and AGREED

09/056 FINAL NATIONAL SALARY AWARDS 2008/9: It was AGREED to adopt the scales

There being no further advertised business, the Chairman closed meeting at 21.07

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