

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 6 JANUARY 2021 (Held Virtually) at 7pm**

Present:

Councillors: Mario Toto (Chairman), Adam Chapman-Ballard, Tate Chapman-Ballard, Joanna Bolton, Simon Lorrimer-Roberts, David Newland, Hossein Sadeghi, Jaime Tamagnini and Mandy Taylor.

Officers: Lesley Sung (Council Manager), Ruth Rose (Responsible Finance Officer) and Lesley Davies (Operations Officer)

Members of the Public: 2

FC085 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that the meeting would be live streamed on the Walton Community Council YouTube Channel.

A public forum took place before the start of the meeting and a summary of the discussions is attached as an Addendum to the Minutes.

During the Public Forum, Councillor David Hopkins mentioned that Fiona Copeland, a resident of Walton, had been included in the Queen's New Year Honours List and had been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her work for the respiratory charity Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (PCP) Family Support Group.

On behalf of Walton Community Council, the Chairman wished to extend his congratulations to Fiona Copeland on her BEM award and for her hard work and dedicated support to the PCP charity.

FC086 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 2 December 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

FC087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

FC088 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council Manager's report be accepted.

FC089 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Council Manager reported on the decisions taken under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority for December 2020.

The Chairman reported that the introduction of a Scheme of Delegated Authority had enabled the Council to take quick, effective decisions whilst operating within a Covid19 situation.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the decisions taken in December 2020, under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority, be approved.
2. That the current adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority remain in place to ensure that the Council can act quickly and efficiently in an open and transparent manner.
3. That the Scheme of Delegated Authority be reviewed regularly and adapted when necessary.

FC090 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Resolved Unanimously: That the payments be authorised by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mario Toto and the Chair of Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor.

FC091 COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/2021

The Council reviewed its budget for 2020/2021.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council budget and forecast for 2020/2021 be accepted.

FC092 PARISH PRECEPT 2021/2022

At its meeting on 2 December 2022, the Full Council agreed its 2021/2022 Council budget. This included setting its de-minimis reserve as £120,956 (6 months operational costs), earmarked reserves of £160,200 and a General Reserve of £100,000.

It also agreed that £31,800 of the Council's working balance would be used to support the budget to keep the Average Band D precept at current 2020/2021 levels.

The Council had also acknowledged that the Walton Council Tax Base was 4,157.53 (number of equivalent Band D households within the Walton area).

Resolved Unanimously: That the Walton Community Council precept be set at £409,307 for 2021/2022, which would result in a per-household (Band D equivalent) precept of £98.45 (a 0.01p increase due to rounding).

FC093 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- (a) **Planning Application 20/02971/FUL – 6 Lutlemarsh, Walton Park (Amended Plans)** – Proposed outbuilding to front of plot.
- (b) **Planning Application 20/03255/FUL – 3 Pettingrew Close, Walnut Tree, MK7 7LL** – Proposed single storey rear lean-to extension.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That in respect of planning application 20/02971/FUL (6 Luttlemarsh) (amended), the Council withdraws its objections to the original plans and no longer has any comments or objections to make on the amended plans.
2. That the Council has no objections or comments to make on planning application 20/03255/FUL (3 Pettigrew Close).

FC094 SE:MK – SOUTH EAST STRATEGIC URBAN EXTENSION AREA

On 15 December 2020, the Council responded to an invitation made by the Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Councillor Pete Marland, at a meeting of the Planning Cabinet Advisory Group, to submit comments on the SE:MK South East Urban Expansion Area Supplementary Planning Document, prior to the document being released for public consultation.

The Council received a copy of the Council's response that had been developed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and authorised by the Council Manager, under the Council's adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority.

Resolved Unanimously: That the actions of the Council Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council in responding to the invitation from the Leader of Milton Keynes Council to comment on the SE:MK Strategic Urban Expansion Area Supplementary Planning Document, be endorsed.

FC095 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor reported that the Regulatory Committee had considered the concerns raised by residents about the original planning application relating to 6 Luttlemarsh, Walton.

The Chair of the HR Committee, Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard reported that the Committee would be meeting next on 18 January 2021.

The Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, Tate Chapman-Ballard, reported that under the Scheme of Delegated Authority, he had picked the winners of the 'Best Christmas House Display' in Browns Wood. Three winners were chosen from 180 entrants.

Resolved Unanimously: That the reports of the Committee Chairs be accepted.

FC096 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- Councillors Amanda Taylor reported that she had attended the Parishes Forum which had provided presentations on Covid19 parish activities, Milton Keynes Council budget consultation and the Milton Keynes



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- Council/Parish and Town Council partnership document 'Together We Can'.
- Councillors raised the introduction of car park charges at the rebuilt Red Bull car park. Up till then the car park had been free of charge and Council considered that the newly introduced £8 per day car park charge was expensive and out of reach of most working people.

Resolved Unanimously: That the reports be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL – 6 JANUARY 2021

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillor David Hopkins raised the following matters:

- Congratulations to Fiona Copeland on making the Queen's New Year's Honours List for her work with the PCP Family Support Group.
- He stressed the importance of responding to the SE:MK Supplementary Planning Document.

Councillor Vanessa McPake raised the following matters in the public forum:

- She requested Walton Community Council investigate the provision of a dog bin at Walton Hall and added that she would pay for the bin from her Ward Based budget if the Council would be willing to maintain it.
- There had been a 30% increase in waste over the Christmas period. This, alongside the breakdown of one of the Serco waste collection vehicles had cause some delay to waste collections in the area.
- There had been some flooding at Caldecotte and the River Ouzel and Ouze recently.
- Amended plans had been received for the planning application relating to 6 Lutlemarsh, Walton.
- A new telecommunications aerial is likely to be installed on Groveway roundabout. Parish Councils had not been consulted and wished to make Walton Community Council aware of the proposals.
- She referred to the DRT pilot (route 28) and added that it was difficult to assess bus usage during the current Covid19 situation.