

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 3 MARCH 2021 (Held Virtually) at 7pm**

Present:

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

Officers: Lesley Sung (Council Manager)

Also Present: Councillor Jennifer Wilson-Marklew (Cabinet Member Responsible for Transport, Milton Keynes Council) and Adele Wearing (Transport Lead, Milton Keynes Council)

Members of the Public: 5

FC112 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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.

FC113 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously: That the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Full Council held on 3 February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

FC114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

FC115 DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT (DRT)

Councillor Jennifer Marklew-Wilson, Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Adele Wearing, Transport Lead at Milton Keynes Council gave a presentation on Demand Responsive Transport which is to be introduced as from 1st April 2021. Implementation of the scheme will impact the bus services in the Walton area. DRT would replace non-commercially viable bus services in Milton Keynes, affecting Walton bus route number 9 (removed from service), 11 and 12 (changed timetable).

Details of the new scheme would be placed in the bus stops on any route affected.

Councillors had submitted questions to the Cabinet Member prior to the meeting. Councillor Wilson-Marklew and Ms Wearing answered the majority to the questions asked and were thanked for attending the meeting.

F116 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

FC117 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Council Manager reported on the decisions taken under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority for January 2021.

Resolved Unanimously: That the decisions taken in February 2021, under the adopted Scheme of Delegated Authority, be approved.

FC118 SE:MK – SOUTH EAST STRATEGIC URBAN EXTENSION AREA – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) – RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Council was advised that the SE:MK SUE Working Group had now been established and was working to formulate a response to the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that would be subject to a 10-week public consultation period ending 19 April 2021.

The Working Group had identified 5 main themes in the SPD that would significantly impact the Walton area:

- Planning Ethos
- Transport
- Density
- Infrastructure
- Flooding and Drainage

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, both members of the Working Group provided the Council with a summary of each area of concern.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the Council recognises the significant impact the South East Expansion Area could have on the Walton area and to ensure the response to Milton Keynes Council was appropriately robust, advice be sought from the Council's appointed planning consultants on the draft response being recommended by the Working Group on the draft Supplementary Planning Document.
2. That if appropriate, and under the Scheme of Delegated Authority the Council Manger, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council agree submit the Walton Community Council response to Milton Keynes Council prior to the end of the SPD public consultation period on 19 April 2021.

FC119 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

FC120 COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/2021

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

FC121 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following planning applications:

- (a) **Planning Application 21/00400/FUL – 2 Farjeon Court, Old Farm Park, MK7 8RE** – Change of use from a single dwelling (use Class C3) to a five-bedroom House in Multiple Occupation (use Class C4) (re-submission of 20/01259/FUL)
- (b) **Planning Application 21/00408/FUL – 17 Rackstraw Grove, Old Farm Park, MK7 8PZ** – Garage conversion, conservatory conversion and rear extension.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That in respect of planning application 21/00400/FUL (2 Farjeon Court), the Council submits an objection to application to Milton Keynes Council on the following grounds:
 - (a) That a previous planning permission attached to this property (planning application 08/00548/FUL) had included a condition that the approved extension “shall be used wholly as a single-family dwelling house for no other purpose whatsoever”.
 - (b) There was insufficient parking available for a 5-bed HIMO and that there was no on-street parking, with no parking allocated for visitors.
 - (c) The dwelling was located on a narrow street in a small cul-de-sac with a footpath on the dwelling side of the road only. The additional car parking would make it difficult for those with disabilities and those pushing buggies to safely travel end to end of the cul-de-sac.
 - (d) There is no turning circle at the end of the cul-de-sac and the increased on-street parking was likely to result in vehicles reversing out of Farjeon Court onto a main estate through-road.
 - (e) That additional on-street parking required to support a 5 bed-HIMO would prohibit access for waste collections and blue light services.
 - (f) In accordance with the Walton Neighbourhood Plan, policy WNP11 states that HiMO’s should provide sufficient parking, useable and accessible amenity space including outside clothes drying space. The application fails on all these aspects as there is no clothes drying space, the amenity space (front garden) will be removed to provide parking spaces.
 - (g) The proposals would change the aesthetics of the street and is not in-keeping with the surrounding properties.

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- (h) There is no need for this type of building in the area and the provision of diverse building type does not outweigh the harm this change of use will have on the area.
2. That if the Milton Keynes Council Planning Officer is minded to grant planning permission, that Walton Community Council requests that the application is considered by the Development Control Committee of Panel and that Walton Community Council makes representations in objection to the application.
3. That in respect of planning application 21/00408/FUL (17 Rackstraw Grove), Walton Community Council requests that a condition be added to any planning permission that the extension is not used for any business purposes of an additional dwelling and that the property remains as a single-family dwelling.

FC122 ACQUISITION OF HINDHEAD KNOLL – POTENTIAL TRANSFER FROM MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

At the last meeting, the Council agreed to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the acquisition of land at Hindhead Knoll (oval area).

Since submitting the EOI, Milton Keynes Council has commented that the redway (highways land) that runs through the land should not be transferred and should remain in the ownership of Milton Keynes Council.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Expression of Interest submitted to Milton Keynes Council to acquire land at Hindhead Knoll be amended to remove any reference to ownership of the redway that runs through the land.

FC123 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chair of the Operations Committee, Councillor David Newland, reported that the Committee had considered the following matters:

- A presentation was made by a representative from BT Business on options relating to remote use of phones. The Committee had requested quotes from other companies providing similar services.
- Reducing and removal of trees at Studley Knapp allotment site.

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee, Councillor Amanda Taylor reported that the Committee had considered the following matters:

- Planning applications, including an application for a telecommunications mast.
- S.137 limit (£8.32 per elector) equalling £74,327.58.

The Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, Tate Chapman-Ballard, reported that the Committee had considered the following matters:



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- Residents Forum / Annual Parish Meeting arrangements
- Events Working Group recommendations on an events schedule for 2021/2022
- Outcomes of the Have Your Say virtual meeting.

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

FC124 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard raised security matters at the allotments and the potential for tool-marking.
- Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard and Tate Chapman-Ballard had attended ILCA (Institute of Local Council Administration) training.

Resolved Unanimously: That the reports be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL – 3 MARCH 2021

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillor David Hopkins raised the following matters:

- Traffic matters in Caldecotte – Cllr Hopkins had contacted the Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Cllr Pete Marland and had written to Red Bull Technologies about the £8 per day car parking charges in the Red Bull car park. He was hoping for a resolution on the matter.
- The SE:MK SUE Supplementary Planning Document was out for public consultation for a 10-week period, ending 19 April 2021.

Councillor Vanessa McPake raised the following matters:

- Councillor McPake requested that the Community Warden co-ordinates with Flood Warden in respect of Caldecotte Brook.
- The street nameplate at Chase Avenue was still in need of repair.
- Waste collections would commence on 15 March 2021.