

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 09 FEBRUARY at 7.00pm
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

Councillors: David Newland (Chair), Amanda Taylor (Vice-Chair), Mario Toto, Adam Chapman-Ballard and Tate Chapman-Ballard.

Officers: Lesley Sung (Council Manager), Lesley Davies (Operations Officer) and Dan Preston (Community Engagement Officer).

Also

Present: Peter Spalding (BT Business).

OC066 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Allotment Report), as he was an allotment tenant and the Chair of Duchess Grove Allotment Association.

Councillor Tate Chapman-Ballard also declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 (Allotment Report), as he was an allotment tenant and the Treasurer of Duchess Grove Allotment Association.

OC067 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously: That the minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 12 January 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

1. Minute OC052 - A full stop to be inserted at the end of the paragraph.
2. Minute OC053 – The cost of £3:10 to change to £3.10.
3. Minute OC054 – The word ‘will’ to replace the word ‘with’ in resolution 3.

OC068 BT ONE PHONE

Peter Spalding from BT Business attended the meeting to answer questions about a proposed new phone system. The current system is a single line. BT would start to migrate to internet/fibre/cloud this year.

Resolved Unanimously: That, as per the Council’s Financial Regulations, the Committee receive three quotes for comparable systems before making a decision on a new phone service contract.

OC069 OPERATIONS OFFICER’S REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Operations Officer on outstanding matters and actions taken since the last meeting of the Operations Committee.

She advised that the installation of two sets of outdoor chess tables and chairs at Caldecotte South Lake had taken place and Serco would be installing the concrete flooring and resin surface in February 2021.

The Operations Officer advised that the Council’s dog bin at the end of Brahms Close had not be reinstated on the lighting column.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the Operations Officer continues to liaise with relevant parties about the car parking charges at Red Bull Technologies car park.
2. That the Operations Officer investigate the reasons for the delay to the works on the lighting column located at the end of Brahms Close.

OC070 COMMUNITY WARDEN'S REPORT

The Committee received a report on the Community Warden's activities during January 2021.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be accepted.

OC071 ALLOTMENT REPORT

The Committee received a report on the four active allotment sites within the parish. Additional work was required on hedges and willow trees at Studley Knapp allotment which was not part of the service contract. The Council's contractors, RTM had submitted a quote for the additional work.

The work required involved the cutting back of vegetation to the fence and to reduce the vegetation around the tree to waist height. The works would also include the pollarding of 4 small willow trees and the cutting down of a large willow tree. The fence also in need of repair. A quote of £2,100 had been received for the works.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the quote for the additional work on the hedges and willow trees be accepted and the work to be carried out before the bird nesting season, which commences 1 March 2021.
3. That the cost of the works to come from 2 budget lines: £730 from the underspend in the allotment budget and the remaining £1,370 from Landscaping Contingency.

OC072 WALNUT TREE PAVILION AND SPORTS GROUND

Full Council, at its meeting on 3 February 2021 resolved to transfer ownership of Walnut Tree Pavilion and Sports Ground from Milton Keynes Council to Walton Community Council. The Committee consider setting up a Working Group to oversee the refurbishment project.

Resolved Unanimously: That a Working Group is not established at this time but that a project plan and update reports on the refurbishment project are received by the Committee on a regular basis.

OC073 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN WALTON PARISH



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The Committee received a report on the process of applying 20 mph restrictions in the Walton area. Applications would need to be submitted to Milton Keynes Council by 31 August 2021.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report to be revisited at the May Operations Committee meeting.

OC074 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND

The Committee received an update on the maintenance being carried out at Browns Wood Sports Ground.

Resolved Unanimously: That the update be accepted.

OC075 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a draft Operations Committee Work Programme.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Operations Committee Work Programme be Agreed.

OC076 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2020/2021

The Committee reviewed the Operations Committee budget for 2020/2021

Resolved Unanimously: That the Operations Budget for 2020/2021 be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8:35pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record.

Signed:

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CHAIR

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