

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF
WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
held on 1 JUNE 2022 at 7pm in
Room 4, MK Snap Building, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7
7DE**

Present:

Councillors: Adam Chapman-Ballard (Chairman), Jaime Tamagnini (Vice-Chairman),
Aamir Bhatti, Rukhsana Malik and Amanda Taylor.

Officers: Lesley Sung (Council Manager)

Members of the Public: 1

FC034 WELCOME AND PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting and invited the member of the public present to speak. She advised the Council that she was interested in the prior approval application for the proposed 15m monopole on Walton Road, Walnut Tree and would want the Council to support residents and object to the application.

FC035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Tate Chapman-Ballard, Joanne Dooley, David Newland and Charlie Wood.

Resolved Unanimously: That the apologies be accepted.

FC036 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 4 May 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of proceedings, subject to the inclusion of an 's' in Minute FC008.
2. That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4 May 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of proceedings.

FC037 URGENT ITEM – PRE-CONSULTATION – PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A 15M 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST ON WALTON ROAD, WALNUT TREE

The Chairman advised that a pre-consultation on the proposal to install a 15m 5G telecommunications mast on Elgar Grove/Britten Grove in Old Farm Park had been received for comment. The Chairman requested that this matter be considered as an urgent item and added to the agenda.

Resolved Unanimously: That this item be added to the agenda as an urgent item and that it be considered following consideration of Agenda Item 11 (Planning Application 22/01220/PRIOR)

Councillor Jaime Tamagnini arrived at 7.15pm.

FC038 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

FC039 COUNCIL MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council Manager's report be noted, and actions taken accepted.

FC040 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY – DECISIONS

The Council reviewed the decisions taken under the adopted scheme of delegated authority, during May 2022.

Resolved Unanimously: That the decisions taken under the Scheme of Delegated Authority, during May 2022, be accepted.

FC041 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022

The Council received, reviewed, and completed the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 which would form part of the Council's Annual Return.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Council Manager.

FC042 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONTROL 2021/2022

The Council received and reviewed the completed Statement of Financial Control 2020/2021 which would form part of the Council's Annual Return

Resolved Unanimously: That the Statement of Financial Control be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Responsible Finance Officer.

FC043 INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT 2020/2021

The Council received the internal auditor's report which forms part of the Council's annual return 2020/2021.

Resolved Unanimously: That the internal auditor's report be accepted.

FC044 FINANCE – AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Resolved Unanimously: That payments presented to the Council be authorised by Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard (Chairman of the Council) and Councillor Amanda Taylor (Chair of Regulatory Committee).

FC045 COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/2022

The Council received the Council budget 2022/2023 and details of the Council's financial position.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council Budget 2022/2023 be accepted.

FC046 FINANCE SUMMARY REPORT

This report was not completed and the item was withdrawn from the agenda.

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**FC047 PLANNING APPLICATION 22/01220/PRIOR – INSTALLATION OF A 15M
TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST AT WALTON ROAD, WALNUT TREE**

The Council received details of activities taking place in the community in objection to Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd proposed installation of a 15m high 5G monopole supporting 6 no. antennas, 4 no. equipment cabinets (including a wrap-around cabinet) and ancillary development works.

The Council Manager reported that Walton Community Council had organised an online petition against

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That the Council wished to state that it was not anti-5G but that it strongly objects to the prior approval application on the following grounds:
 - The proposed mast would be too close to the highway and residential housing (the nearest residential property being located a short distance of 13.1m from the proposed mast location).
 - The site photo submitted by Hutchison Networks was deliberately misleading, giving the impression that the mast would be sited in a large open space with residential housing situation far away.
 - There had been very little engagement with residents in the locality and there had been no planning notice in place, contra to Milton Keynes Council's recently published Development Control Charter.
 - Hutchison Networks had not carried out due diligence and had either chosen to ignore the comments Walton Community Council had submitted to it as part of the pre-consultation exercise, or they had decided to submit their application too early and prior to the end of the pre-consultation period.
 - The proposed mast would not fit in with the character of the area, being much taller than the surrounding houses, street furniture and existing tree line.
 - The mast would dominate the area and set an unwanted precedent for further badly positioned masts in the area.
 - A more suitable location should be found, preferably following the established pattern in Milton Keynes of placing masts on or around the edges of estates and roundabouts. This would provide plentiful 'infill' coverage to each estate/area whilst minimising detrimental visual impact and allowing for easier access for maintenance.
 - The proposals are contra to Milton Keynes Council's own Telecommunications Systems Policy and these are to be highlighted in the response.
 - The Milton Keynes Telecommunications Policy refers only to masts either 'below 15m' or 'over 15m'. Masts 'over' 15 m are not

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- ‘permitted development’ and a full planning application process would be required. As this application is for 15m exactly, Walton Community Council would insist that the application should be subject to a full and thorough planning application process.
- Other telecommunications companies, for example Vodafone, O2, EE have all managed to site their 5G masts on grid roads/roundabouts, and as the technology is identical, then why can Hutchison Networks not do the same.
 - A similar application at Blakelands had been refused permission for “visually harming the area”.
2. That the Council requests that this matter is considered by Milton Keynes Council’s Development Control Committee or Panel and ask that its members do not rely on the misleading site phot submitted by Hutchison Networks, but instead that they carry out their own inspection of the proposed site.
 3. That Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard represents Walton Community Council at the Development Control Committee or Panel.

FC048 URGENT ITEM – PRE-CONSULTATION – PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A 15M 5G TELECOMMUNICATIONS MAST ON WALTON ROAD, WALNUT TREE

The Council received details of a pre-consultation on the proposal to install a 15m 5G telecommunications mast on Elgar Grove/Britten Grove in Old Farm Park. The Council Manager reported that Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd had send the pre-consultation notice, in error to Bow Brickhill Parish Council.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council responds to Hutchison Network UK with the following comments:

- That Britten Grove is not located in Bow Brickhill Parish area but in Old Farm Park in the parish of Walton.
- The site is unsuitable for a 15m 5G mast because of its proximity to residential housing.
- That Hitchison Network (UK) Ltd may have not done sufficient research as the area has been allocated in Milton Keynes Council’s Plan:MK as a potential future grid road corridor.
- The site photo submitted as part of the pre-consultation exercise was deliberately misleading, giving the impression that the mast would be sited in a large open space area, with no indication of the location of nearby residential housing.
- The proposed mast does not fit in with the character of the area, being much taller than the surrounding houses, street furniture and tree line.
- The mast would dominate the area and would set a precedent for further unwanted and badly positioned masts in the area.

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- The siting of a mast should follow the established pattern in Milton Keynes of placing masts on or around the edges of the estate or on roundabouts. This would provide plentiful 'infill' coverage to each estate/area, whilst minimising detrimental visual impact and allowing easier access for maintenance.
- The siting of the mast is contra to Milton Keynes Council's own Telecommunications Systems Policy.
- Other telecommunications companies, for example Vodafone, O2, EE have all managed to site their 5G masts on grid roads/roundabouts, and as the technology is identical, then why can Hutchison Networks not do the same.

Councillor Jaime Tamagnini left at 7.55pm

FC049 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following planning applications for comment to Milton Keynes Council:

- (a) Planning Application 22/01189/FUL – Walton Manor, Brickhill Street, H9 to H10, MK7 7AJ** – Construction of a new internal private campus road to connect the existing Northern Car Park, replacement secure pedestrian and cycle entrance and storage, additional perimeter fencing and association works including drainage and landscaping.
- (b) Planning Application 22/01244/FULM – 4 Webber Health, Old Farm Park, MK7 8QL** – Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of permission ref: 21/03559/FUL, to change eaves detail to incorporate a new parapet wall and reduce the overall roof height of the two-storey side extension; relating to the erection of a single-storey side extension and two-storey side extension.

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council has no objections or comments to make on the above planning applications.

FC050 DRAFT ASSET REGISTER 2022/2023

The Council considered and received the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee in respect of the Council draft Asset Register for 2022/2023

Resolved Unanimously: That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee be accepted and the draft Asset Register 2022/2023, as submitted, be approved.

FC051 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 – STREET TRADING CONSENT – TRANSITIONAL

The Council received details of a street trading transitional licence application:

Applicant: Piccadilly Whippy 1

Details: Ice Cream

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Trading Location: Lakeside Grove, Caldecotte
Proposed Hours: Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 19:00
Deadline for Comment: 10 June 2022

Resolved Unanimously: That the Council has no objections or comments to make on the above street trading licence application.

FC052 REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Chair of the Regulatory Committee reported on decisions made and discussions that took place at the last meeting:

- The need for a new electricity supplier at Walnut Tree pavilion.
- Consultation on Rights of way and the state of local bridleways.
- Milton Keynes Council's new planning charter.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be noted.

FC053 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Rukhsana Malik reported that she had attended the Danesborough and Walton Community Forum that had been organised by Thames Valley Police. She advised that Walton was a low crime rate area although there had been some concerns about knife crime and speeding on Bletcham Way.

Councillor Aamir Bhatti reported that he had discussed the proposed 15m 5G mast with local residents and had started a paper petition to supplement the on line petition started by the Council.

Councillor Adam Chapman-Ballard updated the Council on the status of travellers situated on the H10, close to Wavendon Gate Primary School. The travellers had now moved to Monellan Grove in Caldecotte and a notice to move on had now been served.

Resolved Unanimously: That the report be noted.

FC054 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Resolved Unanimously: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting so that the Council could consider Agenda Item 18 ((Potential Transfer of Heronsbrook Meeting Place from Milton Keynes Council to Walton Community Council – Update of Discussions and Quotes for Building Condition Survey). The reason for confidentiality was due to the quotes being commercially sensitive.

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FC055 POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF HERONSBROOK MEETING PLACE FROM MILTON KEYNES TO WALTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL – UPDATE OF DISCUSSIONS AND QUOTES FOR BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY
The Council received details of the outcome of initial discussions with the Heronsbrook Meeting Place Management Committee about a potential long-term lease transfer from Milton Keynes Council to Walton Community Council. As agreed at the last meeting, the Council considered quotes for a Building Condition Survey to be conducted at the Centre prior to any consideration of transfer.

Resolved Unanimously: That a building survey be carried out by Eddisons and that the cost be covered from the professional fees budget.

The meeting ended at 8.17pm

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings:

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Chairman

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Date