

**MILTON KEYNES PARISH FORUM**  
 Thursday 18 June 2015, 7.00-9.30pm  
 Council Chambers, Civic Offices, Milton Keynes

Item	Detail	Action
	<b>Attendance</b>	
	John Newbone Bradwell PC, Paul Santi-Jones Broughton & Milton Keynes PC, T Baines Campbell Park Parish Council, Graham Clark Kents Hill & Monkston, Peter Ballantyne & Andy Sargent Loughton & Great Holm, Alan Francis New Bradwell, Phil Winsor Newport Pagnell, Jeremy Rawlings Olney, Michael Cato & Kevin Geary Shenley Brook End PC, D? Shenley Church End, Geoff Parker Stantonbury PC, Adrian Dnes & Michael Allsopp Stony Stratford TC, Amanda Taylor Walton Community Council, Ernie Thomas West Bletchley Council, Jacky Jeffreys & Jan Rae Woburn Sands, Allan Williamson & Susan Smith Woughton, Derek Eastman MKC Lib Dem Rep	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies &amp; Substitution</b>	
	Apologies: Phil Ayles Castlethorpe Parish Council, Steve Gibson & Vicki McLean Emberton PC, Chrissy Ashby Shenley Church End, Andy Sargent Broughton & Milton Keynes PC, Ian Mitchell Reps Bow Brickhill PC	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes 18 December 2014</b>	
2a	Minutes from the 13 March 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman  Matters Arising: Q: Receiving a letter from Planning Directorate regarding one weeks response to the Parish Protocol is totally unacceptable A: To discuss with the Planning Directorate	Rob Ward
<b>3</b>	<b>Impact of Local Government Ombudsman on Local Councils</b>	
3a	Rob Ward gave members an overview to this item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members were informed that the consultation closes at the end of June</li> <li>○ Information regarding who to forward responses to will be emailed to all Parishes</li> <li>○ Paragraph 6 gives an overview but in the current climate will not affect Milton Keynes but may in the future</li> </ul>	Rob Ward
3b	Questions/Answers Q: Should a meeting of NALC be called? The threshold for all Parish Councils should be included, not on size or precept. Need to ask for a phasing re thresholds A: Would be a good idea Q: Why have we just received this consultation when it is dated March 2015? A: Because requested by MKALC to place on agenda tonight  Q: Should be some form of ? but hard for smaller Councils re maladministration A: After going through Milton Keynes (MKC) process the next step is through the Ombudsman which gives more protection especially to	

	<p>smaller Councils</p> <p>Councillors expressed the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All Parish/Town Councils should have a process in place. There should be a national complaints procedure, therefore finance should be taken in to account</li> <li>○ Where has this document been? Is it a case of the Ombudsman trying to find work for itself because of cutbacks</li> <li>○ There will be a requirement to know the number of complaints from Parish/Town Councils. There should feedback probably from NALC. The complaints procedure needs to be circulated</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Community and Cultural Services Review</b>	
4a	<p>Michael Bracy, Corporate Director – People introduced himself and gave an update on the Community and Cultural Services Review. Members were informed that MKC were committed to continue the services within Milton Keynes but due to financial cutbacks could no longer do it in its own and wanted to work with Parish and Town Councils.</p> <p>Michael Bracy informed members that Councillor Liz Gifford will be attending most of the relevant meetings</p> <p>Members were asked to provide the following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• which of the three (3) services do Parish/Town Councils work with</li> <li>• what resources does each Parish/Town Council have</li> <li>• organisations with the relevant areas that MKC need to know about</li> </ul>	
4b	<p>Councillors expressed the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That members do not have the legal authority to speak on behalf of Parish/Town Councils and have to go back to Councils to discuss your requests</li> <li>• That due to the timescale of Parish/Town Council precept setting MKC should have approached them earlier</li> <li>• This meeting is a Parish Forum not an MKC Forum. Items on this agenda do not represent Parishes. Where are the Parish issues which should be discussed?</li> <li>• Emphasis on provision has changed and Parish/Town Councils are being kept in the dark. Information should be sent to the Clerks, do not present us with these items on the night as we cannot respond.</li> <li>• Relationship between MKC and Parish/Town Councils is complex. Officers do not understand that all Parish/Town Councils have different priorities.</li> </ul> <p>The link giving all information will be sent out to all Parish/Town Councils</p>	Rob Ward
<b>5</b>	<b>Progress on Protocol for s106 Funding</b>	
5a	<p>Members were informed that an officer from Planning will be at the September meeting to discuss how MKC engages with the Parish/Town Councils.</p> <p>Parish Protocol is reviewed in April 2016 and it will be sensible to have one paper so MKC Officers have one channel through which to talk to Parish/Town Councils</p>	
5b	<p>Questions/Answers:</p> <p>Q: Where can we find a list of s106?</p> <p>A: Will find out and forward information</p>	Rob Ward

	<p>Q: Could one page for s106 with criteria bullet pointed?  A: Consultation takes place after summer 2015 for its inclusion in the Parish Protocol</p> <p>Q: Who is in charge of s106?  A: Anna Rose. Production of s106 comes through Planning Directorate.</p> <p>Councillors expressed the following views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is important Parish/Town Councillors get money from developers at the right time but it sounds as though being put back</li> <li>• Conversation was held two (2) years ago regarding Parish/Town Council involvement. Disappointed as now a new agreement</li> </ul>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
6a	None	
6b		
<b>7</b>	<b>Future Discussions</b>	
7a	<p><b>Road Safety Criteria</b>  Rob Ward informed members that the criteria for discussion was Road Safety, Traffic Management and Grass</p> <p>Cllr Giffard asked members what members required from the road safety meeting. What items need shaping from Parish/Town Council and what is required on the agenda?</p>	
7b	<p>Questions/Answers</p> <p>Q: What is MKC strategy?  A: There is a strict criteria on funding for road safety. Funding management stream for junctions includes cyclists.</p> <p>Q: What is the strategy for school parking?  A: We will ask for part of the concession</p> <p>Q: What is happening regarding damaged road signing?  A: There is a quarter million £ to replace road signs in an ongoing programme</p> <p>Q: Redesigned redways?  A: There is a joint strategy for discussion at the September meeting</p> <p>Q: What is MKC thinking about other issues coming up? What happens when accident happens? How do you manage cyclists?  A: Need to be careful about which officers attend. Will keep on agenda until decision regarding STARS.</p> <p>Councillors expressed the following view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This debate would be useful for the next STARS forum and has only one item, parking</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015/16</b>  Members were informed that positive feedback had been received and that the format would be kept simple. Trying to reduce email traffic.</p> <p>If Parish/Town Council require more within the strategy let Rob Ward know</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Announcements</b>	
	<p><b>Public Realm Weekly News</b>  Councillors expressed the view that it was very newsy and requested that information regarding costings be sent to Clerks.</p>	

<b>11</b>	<b>Date/Venue for Next Meeting</b>	
	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 – Council Chamber	
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Council Chamber	
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Council Chamber	

THE NOTES OF THIS MEETING WERE TAKEN BY BMKALC.