

**Minutes of the meeting of Council will be held on
Tuesday 17th January 2023, 7.30pm
at the
Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the public

**In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Greenwood Chaired the meeting in his capacity as
Vice Chair of Council**

173/22 Members Present

Cllr B Barton	Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr T Fraser	Cllr D Kendrick
Cllr R Golding	Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Greenwood (Vice Chair)	Cllr C Odunewu
Cllr P Halton-Davis	Cllr Z Osman
Cllr J Howard	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr K Jones	Cllr M Petchey

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

174/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Baines – work commitments
Cllr Cole – attending training
Cllr Dixon – unwell
Cllr Reynolds - unwell

175/22 Declarations of Interest

None received

176/22 Members of the Public Present

None

177/22 Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 13th December 2022

Following discussion on Minute No.155/22, and with a recorded vote being requested, Council approved the previously circulated Minutes as a correct record, and they were signed by the Chair – 5 Councillors abstained or declined to vote

For: Cllrs Barton, Fraser, Golding, Greenwood, Jones, Kent, Osman and Petchey

Signed (Chair).....

Dated.....

Against: Cllr Pafford

178/22 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None

179/22 Chair’s Report

The Chair had been unavoidably detained by work commitments and the Vice-Chair did not have any items to report.

180/22 Clerk’s Report

The Clerk reported to Council that the Environment Officer had tendered his resignation and would be retiring in April. Having worked for CPPC for nearly 20 years it was important that all his professional knowledge be gathered before his departure and this process was now under way.

It was also reported that Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) have contacted the Clerk to ask if we would be interested in Fishermead being included in their landscape transformation scheme which is likely to deliver more manageable shrubs and as a result require less maintenance. Cllr Petchey felt that this was timely, given the Fishermead 50th anniversary this year. The Clerk will keep Council up to date with any further developments.

181/22 Ward Members’ Matters/Reports

i. Cllr Kent asked the Clerk how the devolved landscaping would work in regard to any policies being developed by the Climate Emergency Working Group. The Clerk confirmed that any new landscape contract would have to reference MKCC’s existing biodiversity plan.

ii. Council noted that no written reports have been received

Cllr Pafford confirmed that he had applied to MKCC for 2 grit bins in Woolstone and had spoken to the local Ward Councillor with regard to the ongoing problem of flooding in the main underpass at Woolstone roundabout

Cllr Halton-Davis thanked all those who attended the children’s Christmas party which was held at the Springfield Centre. A number of children were not able to attend due to illness but all those who were there had a lovely afternoon, culminating in a visit to Santa’s Grotto.

Under this item the Chair reminded Members of the potential benefit of submitting written reports in advance of Council so that they could be incorporated into the agenda pack.

182/22 To Receive Draft Minutes (including recommendations) from Committees. Any Member questions arising from matters detailed in the Minutes to be raised under the relevant Committee.

a. Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee

Chair: Cllr B Greenwood

Council received the Minutes.

Signed (Chair).....

Dated.....

b. Minutes of the Buildings & Property Portfolio Committee

Chair: Cllr R Golding

Council received the Minutes and agreed to ratify items (i & ii) as presented.

i. Draft Minute 82/22 Community Centres – Hire Charge Review

The Committee considered the current hire charges of all community centres and, taking into account the significant increase in community centre overheads due to additional staff and utility costs, agreed to recommend to Council that the hire charge be increased by 5%, in line with the precept increase, from April 2023.

Council resolved to increase the Community Centre hire charge by 5% from April 2023.

ii. Draft Minute 83/22 Fireworks on Parish Council Land

Following a number of reported incidents on PC controlled land, the Committee considered what actions could be taken to help prevent future incidents. The Committee agreed that enforcement was unworkable and agreed to make a recommendation to Council to increase education via all available channels, particularly targeting the times of year when the use of fireworks is most prevalent and improve signage on the prohibition of fireworks on public land.

Council agreed the recommendation as presented.

183/22 Recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP)

MKCC have advised that the IRP recommended that where paid, councillor allowances for Parishes rise in line with the increase for MKCC Councillors. Currently the CPPC allowance is £849.96 (£212.49 per quarter). The IRP recommendation for MKCC Councillors is 4.69% which will increase the annual CPPC allowance to £889.82 (222.46 per quarter). If agreed this will be backdated to April 2022.

Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the IRP and increase the councillor allowance by 4.69%, backdated to April 2022.

184/22 Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) Landscape Grant Extension

Council noted that MKCC has confirmed details of an extension to the landscape agreement. Funding has been uplifted from April 2023 by an inflation figure of 5% (this is likely to need adjusting at a later point). The payment has been pro-rata'd for the period 1.4.23-3.9.23. We will receive payment in March 2023.

185/22 Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) motion recognising contribution of Community, Town & Parish councils

Council noted the recent motion passed by MKCC which recognises the valuable contribution of Community, Town and Parish Councils to the communities they serve.

186/22 Warm Spaces Initiative

Council received an update from the Deputy Clerk and noted that four grants had been approved for Warm Spaces funding;

Signed (Chair).....

Dated.....

- i. **Grace Church** for the delivery of a Warm Space with a free hot meal at Trinity Centre on Wednesdays, 4-6pm.

The Working Group approved this application, subject to clarity on the venue hire costs. **Total funding awarded £ 1190.00***

(*post meeting – the venue hire costs were confirmed and the application form amended accordingly, resulting in a variation to the funding awarded from £1360.00 to £1190.00)

- ii. **MGB Community Services** for the delivery of a Warm Space at with a free hot meal at Trinity Centre on Tuesdays, 12-2pm.

The Working Group approved this application.

Total funding awarded £2000.00

- iii. **Action Speaks** for the delivery of a Warm Space (Communi-Tea) with free afternoon tea at Trinity Centre on Fridays, 12:30-3pm.

The Working Group approved this application.

Total funding awarded £1762.50

- iv. **Trinity Centre** for the hall hire costs to support the Warm Space sessions.

The Working Group approved this application.

Total funding awarded £2400.00

Discussions were continuing with other venues in the parish, Cllr Golding reported that he had negotiated with The Cricketers pub in Oldbrook to provide free hot drinks between 11am and 12pm, Monday to Friday.

We are hoping to have the warm space set up in the Springfield Centre in the next couple of weeks. All schemes will be promoted via social media, noticeboards and registered on the Warm Space websites - www.warmspace.org and www.warmwelcome.uk. There will also be an article in the next edition of Homeground magazine.

187/22 Proposed Parish Name Change

Council considered the responses to the public consultation that had been received and the associated cost of changes necessary to IT. Whilst the number of responses had been low, they had not been in favour of a change of name to 'Secklow', there was a lack of understanding or historical knowledge around the name which the respondents felt bore no relation to the area. They were broadly in favour of becoming a 'Community' Council as the removal of any ecclesiastical references were, they felt, appropriate. Council also voiced concern over the cost of a change in geographical name, aside from the IT costs there would be further expenses incurred which were not yet known.

It was agreed that the in-principle decision to adopt 'Secklow Community Council' as the new name be set aside and a proposal was made that the Council be renamed 'Campbell Park Community Council' as of the May 2023 Annual Meeting of Council.

Signed (Chair).....

Dated.....

Council resolved to accept the proposal and be renamed Campbell Park Community Council as of the May 2023 Annual Meeting of Council.

188/22 Civility & Respect Project – Model Councillor-Officer Protocol
Council considered the new Model Councillor-Officer Protocol recently introduced as part of the NALC/SLCC Civility & Respect Project.

Council resolved to adopt the new Model Councillor-Officer Protocol with immediate effect.

189/22 Parish Council Community Hub, Room-by-Room Requirement Review – Working Group Update and Recommendations
Council noted that we still await the decision on the reserved matters application. A meeting has been requested with the Head of the Local Planning Authority to address the delay in the determination being reached.

190/22 Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) application update
Council received an update from the Clerk, who confirmed that the application had been returned with a request for some further information including sight of the 2023/24 budget. This had now been returned and we await their reply. Although the loan rates had fluctuated over the past month, the estimated repayments on borrowing are within budgeted expenditure.

191/22 Junior Filmmakers CPPC VR Heritage Project
Council considered the proposal from the Junior Filmmakers for the CPPC VR Heritage Project.

Having not requested the proposal and without an associated budget or agreed project in place, Council resolved to reject the proposal.

192/22 Dates of Future Committee Meetings
Community & Social Wellbeing – Monday 23rd January at 7.00pm
Communications – Tuesday 24th January at 6.30pm
Planning – Monday 6th February at 6.30pm
Buildings & Property – Tuesday 14th February at 6.30pm

193/22 Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 21st February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Signed (Chair).....

Dated.....