Agenda Item: FC 106/17

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To inform Members of the response from Mr Neil Handley Community Solutions Programme Manager at Milton Keynes Council.

Members will recall that at the last Parish Council meeting (minute number FC 76/17 refers) there were questions arising from the content of the lease, for the Great Holm Community Centre, which were as follows:

a) Improvement Value’ – to clarify that the 2% per annum discount will be received by the Parish Council.

b) That a part of the Great Holm Community Centre could be used for a Parish Council Office or the building could be extended for such a use.

c) To clarify the term ‘commercial purposes’ in the sense of the use of the Great Holm Community Centre.

MAIN CONSIDERATIONS:

The Parish Council will be buying the freehold for £1 ‘sold as seen’ there have been some improvements made to the building in recent times by Milton Keynes Council (a new door, new windows and funding for refurbishment of the male and female toilets).

When Milton Keynes Council suggests that the building should not be used for commercial purposes then they are saying that private businesses should not operate from the building.

In the case of the Parish Council as a statutory body who serve their local community, Milton Keynes Council does not see this as being a problem.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no further additional financial considerations arising from this report.

ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Milton Keynes Council have instructed their solicitor at Freeths and has given them all the details required and now just need the Parish Council’s Solicitor contact details so that they can both get in touch and move the process along to completion.
BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Lease as supplied by Milton Keynes Council for the Great Holm Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To note the report

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