

# **SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Milton Keynes  
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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held at Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Offices Monday 21st May 2018, 7.15 p.m.**

In attendance: Cllr J Nicholas – Chairman of the Parish Council  
Parish Council Members and Officers.  
Cllr. P Cannon  
Cllr. M Geaney  
Cllr. G Morla  
Cllr. A Reilly

0 Members of the public

### **1. To receive and approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held Monday 22nd May 2017**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 were received and approved.

### **2. To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council**

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report on the activities of the Council over the last year (attached).

### **3. To receive the reports of the Ward Councillors.**

Cllr. M Geaney will submit a report on her activities as a ward councillor over the last year , to be sent out with the minutes.  
(attached)

Cllr. P Cannon gave a report on his activities as a ward councillor over the last year  
(attached)

Cllr. G Morla gave a report on her activities as a ward councillor over the last year  
(attached)

### **4. An Opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and raise issues on matters related to the Parish.**

There were no questions.

Meeting Closed            19:30

## **Annual Parish Council Report 2017/2018**

### **Precept**

We have worked hard to trim our budget, but do not wish to have to cut back on our services to the Parish, and therefore reluctantly took the decision to support the extra works by making a small increase of £3.50 per year on Band D properties for the year 2018/2019; other bands have seen a pro-rata increase. This increase will enable us to continue to take on the extra works which have been cut by Milton Keynes Council. In their first year our Wardens have made a big difference to the litter, landscaping and general tidiness of our parish but if you have any specific problems please email us on [reportit@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk](mailto:reportit@shenleybrookend-pc.gov.uk)

### **Community Engagement**

In October 2017 as the attendance at our Westcroft Youth club had declined it was decided that we would continue with our two early evening youth clubs at Oaktree Centre Shenley Brook End and the River Centre in Furzton and also our Astro turf football sessions at Tattenhoe Pavilion but would close the Westcroft youth club and redefine the Youth Leaders role into that of Community Engagement Officer. This has enabled us to commence other clubs for the whole community including an IT Club, a Film Club and a coffee morning all of which are held monthly in our council chamber. We have also introduced a weekly Gentle keep fit session at the Ridgeway Centre in Furzton and added a third club for 50's plus residents also at the Ridgeway Centre. This is addition to the very successful Diamond and Emerald clubs which are held in our council chamber each week.

### **Neighbourhood Action Groups**

We have one Neighbourhood Action Group in the Parish at Shenley Lodge and Furzton, they help members of the public who come to them with problems including litter and parking. The times and dates for their meetings are on the Parish Council website and they would welcome new members from within their area. The other grid squares are covered by a Specific Incident Action Group which was set up when the Neighbourhood Action Group folded due to lack of support. This group can be implemented to deal with specific issues and then dissolved again once those issues are dealt with. Therefore there are no regular meetings.

### **Emerson Valley Community Centre**

The community centre is owned by the Parish Council and run by the Emerson Valley Community Centre Trust a charity set up for this purpose. The centre has had a good year and has been used by a wide range of residents with activities for all ages as well as birthday parties. Following a change of staff Rebecca in the Parish Office is now looking after the bookings.

### **The Future**

**Tattenhoe Park facilities** Plans for a new sports/community/leisure facility for Tattenhoe Park are being drawn up and it is hoped that Milton Keynes council will soon be in a position to apply for planning permission for this facility.

**Garthwaite Sports/Community Centre** The open space designated as a sports ground adjacent to the allotments in Garthwaite Crescent is owned by the Parish Council and we now have planning permission to build a sports and community facility. It is hoped that building will commence shortly once all the funding is in place with a view to opening in the spring of 2019.

Finally a **personal** thank you to Councillors and Officers for their support in this busy year and for their help in keeping the Parish Council running efficiently and serving the residents of our Parish.

Chairman Cllr Jean Nicholas, May 2018

## Shenley Brook End Ward

Chris Williams stepped down as ward councillor, having spent 16 years on Milton Keynes Council. He will be missed by all the residents, but we still have the benefit of his presence on the Parish Council. Amongst his achievements this year, he was instrumental in securing the funds for the new playground equipment in Shenley Brook End, which has been well received by all age groups.

At the election earlier this month we got a new ward councillor, Andy Reilly. Welcome Andy. The financial situation on Milton Keynes Council means that there is a continued squeeze on spending. The Parish Council has some difficult decisions to make in deciding whether to increase provision of services, including environmental and leisure services to ensure that residents are not adversely affected.

We will continue to keep an eye on developments in the area, particularly emerging proposals at the National Bowl and its surroundings. Less parochially, we will need to input into plans for the development of Milton Keynes in the context of the Oxford – Milton Keynes – Cambridge Arc, including East-West Road and Rail developments.

Ward Cllr. P Cannon

## **Ward Cllrs Annual Report for Shenley Brook End Parish Council May 2018**

Has been an eventful year to say the least. Main achievements:

### **Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan for Westcroft District Centre**

The actions of a few boys on bikes were causing hassle and distress to business owners and pedestrians. Cllrs brought together police, landlords, business owners, schools, MK Council and our MP to build a multi faceted action plan which resulted in the problems being brought under control. Several youths and one girl were issued with Anti Social Behaviour Contracts which seemed to work. Santander and their bikes operator were also involved as part of the problem was the siting of the bike station.

We hope there won't be a reoccurrence this summer but if there is we have a template to follow to get the appropriate action taken.

NB the recent, more violent disorder at Westcroft is not related to this.

### **System build for homeless at Cranbourne Avenue**

Residents were very unhappy to see the proposal from the Council for system build houses for the homeless. They were and still are happy for general and traditionally built houses on that site.

Ward Clls worked with residents to get the proposals withdrawn. We await alternative housing proposals for this site.

### **Road Closure Kingsmead South, Whaddon Road**

Joint action with SBE Parish Council to protect existing Kingsmead residents from Bridgnorth Drive being used at peak times to access VI, during construction work. Also included gaining a short term access road to Hayton Way for the residents in along Canterbury Meadows. An example of excellent team work with Taylor Wimpey, the Council, Homes England and Whaddon Parish Council to find a workable solution. There were a whole series of issues along the way but all were sorted. Residents clearly delighted with what we did.

And landscaping screening at the top of Whaddon Road where flats are to be built-plans were revised by Taylor Wimpey following meeting with residents, the Council and T. Wimpey. This will make a massive difference to residents in Kingsmead North.

### **Hertsmere Leisure investigation**

Joined forces with Cllr Chris Williams and SBE Parish Council to get the very poor service delivered by Hertsmere investigated by the Audit Committee. Was not a happy experience but it had to be done. There have been improvements since which would not have happened otherwise. New management at Tatt Pavillion and refurbishment of Westcroft Pavillion has made a big difference.

We hope it is sustained.

## Path linking Clitheroe Croft to the redway

Jointly funded by ward cllr budget and SBE Parish Council. There had been accidents where residents clambered up a slope to get to the redway. No more! A great success.

## Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

To combat the spate of burglaries which have hit Tatt Ward particularly hard. Ward cllrs have helped set up a number of new schemes.

### **More to do**

**Travellers** -their unauthorised encampments are badly affecting residents in Tattenhoe and Tattenhoe Park. Ward Cllrs have put and are putting significant pressure on the Council for a permanent solution. An Injunction to ban encampments which has been used by other Councils is one thing being looked at. MK council seem reluctant to go down this route but we are pursuing it as we have not yet heard a satisfactory explanation as to why this is not possible. A meeting is set for r this Wednesday for Council Officers to tell us what they are doing to stop this problem.

Road safety -Speeding down the VI is still an unresolved issue.

Tatt Park new builds and the Morris Homes development will bring with it issues, no doubt.

School places, although mainly solved for now with Oxley Park Academy new site, will always need attention especially with so many new houses in the pipeline.

Pothole fixing! Hartland Avenue is especially bad.

Anti-Social Behaviour- recent issues in Westcroft and Oxley Park are a concern. We believe these are gang and drugs related. The police are really on it but it is a concern.

Ward Cllr. G Morla

