

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

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held at Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Offices Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016, 7.15 p.m.**

In attendance: Cllr J Nicholas – Chairman of the Parish Council  
Parish Council Members and Officers.  
Cllr. C Williams  
Cllr. P Cannon  
Cllr. M Geaney  
Cllr. E Bald  
Cllr. H Ganatra  
1 Members of the public

- 1. The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26th May 2015 were received and approved.**
- 2. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report on the activities of the Council over the last year (attached).**
- 3. Annual report of the Ward Councillors.**

**Cllr. M Geaney gave a report on her activities as a ward councillor over the last year (attached)**

**Cllr. P Cannon reported on the following:**

- Road works that had been carried out within the parish over the last year , 2 major projects been the roundabout at Dulverton Drive and the closure of the right hand turning in to Livesy Hill on Shenley Lodge. Both projects will help to reduce accidents in the future.
- Complaints received regarding concerts held at the bowl, councillors and organisers are working together to achieve the best for residents living in the area.

- All ward councillors are working together to achieve the best for residents in the parish following the budget cuts.

**Cllr E Bald reported on the following:**

- The waste disposal policy (including pink sacks) is to reviewed all councillors are working together towards achieving the best outcome.
- Due to budget cuts it has been proposed to rationalise all the play areas in Milton Keynes
- Due to an expansion at Oxley Park School two extra classes and a nursery have now been created which will provide much needed school places.
- Complaints have been received regarding Tattenhoe Pavilion, the council are meeting with the Hertsmere Leisure who manage the building to see if the problems can be resolved.
- Concerns have been raised on the strain on the current resources as Tattenhoe Park expands.
- Cllr. Bald apologised for not been able to attend parish Council meetings in the previous year as she had other commitments.

**Cllr. H Ganatra reported on the following:**

- Concerns had been raised regarding speed cushions that were due to be installed, Cllr. Ganatra had contacted the Highways department who had confirmed that the works had been delayed.

**Cllr. C Williams reported on the following:**

- He had been involved with 23 families within the parish in the last year who needed help with either housing or health issues, he explained that part of the role of a ward councillor was to help with personal private issue where ever they can.

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

Concerns were raised over the proposed development of Salden Chase and the strain this would put on the already over stretched resources within the Parish, and the traffic issues that would arise on the 421 should the development go ahead.

Cllr. J Nicholas and Cllr. M Cato were thanked for all their hard work on the new building project, they were asked when the first floor was to be developed and it was explained that the area would be used once the council had to expand.

**Meeting Closed      19:42**

# **Annual Parish Council Report 2015/2016**

## **Precept**

- The Parish Council has made a small increase of £2 per year on band D properties; others will see a pro-rata increase.
- Despite keeping costs low we had to take this decision as the government have again reduced the Local Council Tax Support Scheme, which has resulted in the Parish losing several thousand pounds from our expected 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 have reluctantly taken the decision to offset part of our loss by increasing the precept by an average of less than 4p per week per household.

## **Diamond Club**

- The Diamond Club meets every Wednesday in the Parish Council meeting room and the organiser, Pat Morris again had a busy year. The club has been on outings to places as varied as the Houses of Parliament, Harry Potter World and Waddesdon Manor. .
- They have had speakers ranging from Men in Sheds to the History of the Health Service and two presentations from members about their careers and travels to Antarctica respectively.. They also show films and have games afternoons and quizzes, and once a month go out to lunch together.

## **Emerson Valley Community Centre**

- A Charitable Trust has been set up to take responsibility for the overview of the centre and this is now working well with the Management Committee taking the responsibility for day to day running.
- The Management Committee consists of councillors and members of the public and the centre is now almost fully booked with regular user groups and birthday parties etc.
- Following all of the repairs and refurbishment undertaken in the first year the centre is now in a very good condition with only the heating to be sorted out.

## **Neighbourhood Action Groups**

- Shenley Lodge and Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group are still trying to swell their numbers and are helping 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.

- Due to lack of attendance and community support the Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group is no longer continuing and has instead been replaced by a SIAG (Specific Incident Action Group) which can be implemented to deal with specific issues and then dissolved again once those issues are dealt with. Therefore there are no further regular meetings.

### **Parish Council Office Premises**

- We were successful in our application to the Secretary of State to borrow the money, and the building work commenced in early October. The repayments on the loan will be less than we are paying in rent for our current offices, and our maintenance costs will be reduced as the new building is being built to the latest environmental standards ensuring value for money.
- It will be a valuable asset for the community and fit for our purpose, which is to help the council become more accessible to the public.
- We are now expecting completion at the end of June this year.

### **Parish Councillors and Officers**

- As Parish Councillors we have again been supported in a very professional manner by our officers, and we owe them a vote of thanks for their hard work. Sharon our Responsible Financial Officer and Rebecca our Facilities and Administration Officer both work hard to run the office between them..
- Karen Wheeler who has worked with us part time as Allotment and Landscape Officer has now extended her hours to join Oliver on the Warden team which meant she was a loss to Andy and his Youth Team but the team having also lost Matt have been brought back to full strength by appointing two new people Helen Austin and Steve Calver.
- Tony Jeffs unfortunately is still on long term sickness leave.
- Three Councillors left us during the year, two have been replaced and a third will be co-opted in June bringing us back to full strength.

### **The Future**

- A new working group has been formed within the Parish Council to look at projects for the future and there will be a questionnaire in the summer edition of our newsletter to also obtain residents ideas.
- **South West Milton Keynes (SWMK)** – This development was proposed some time ago by Aylesbury Vale District Council.(AVDC). The plans were stalled as further work was being commissioned by AVDC following representations and responses from the consultation undertaken last summer. The result of this work is due imminently. Discussions on school place planning, community and

health facilities have been undertaken and will feed into a revised scheme which is due to be completed by the end of October 2016.

- **Milton Keynes at 50.** Milton Keynes will be 50 years old in February 2017 and various activities and celebrations are planned next summer for the borough. We will keep residents informed of the progress on these events.
  - **Tattenhoe Park facilities** Plans for a new sports/community/leisure facility for Tattenhoe Park are well advanced and it is hoped that a public consultation will be held in the near future.
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- Finally a personal thank you to Councillors and Officers for their support, they have all worked hard this year to keep the Parish Council running efficiently and to serve the residents of our Parish.

Jean Nicholas

May 2016

**Report for Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe Parish Council**  
**31st May 2016**

This had been a very interesting first year as a ward Councillor

A large part of my ward is outside the Parish, only Furzton South and Emerson Valley South being part of it.

I have dealt with very varied issues, both brought to me by residents and noticed by me.

These have included complaints about the sighting of bus stops, parking and the condition of roads and foot paths.

A major issue has been the bowl concerts, particularly the behaviour and parking of the attendees. This is ongoing and meetings start again tomorrow for this years events.

I have also helped residents with personal problems, such as assisting in getting the appropriate help for families affected by mental health problems.

As you may be aware, all Councillors have an allowance of £1000.00 per year to donate for the benefit of residents of their ward.

I was pleased to use all of mine, sharing it between supplying a grit bin, getting new equipment for a nursery at Emerson Valley and providing a shelter at Cold Harbour school, to allow the pupils to safely undertake outdoor learning and activities.

I look forward to serving the people of my ward for another three years.

Maggie Geaney