

SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

1 Wimborne Crescent
Westcroft District Centre
Milton Keynes
MK4 4DB



Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office
1 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 31st October 2016

No	ITEM	Action
1	<p>Present:</p> <p>Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman Cllr. D Nicholas Cllr. P Humphrey Cllr. K Geaney – Vice Chairman Cllr. M Geaney Cllr. C Williams Cllr. M Verma Cllr. S Raja Cllr. C Osler Cllr. M Chapman Cllr. M Dynes</p> <p>Ward Cllr. G Morla</p> <p>PC Jones</p> <p>Sharon Kerr – Minute Taker</p>	
2	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Apologies were received from:- Cllr. D Livingstone Cllr. M Cato Cllr. R Verman Cllr. D Edmonds</p> <p>Ward Cllr. E Bald Ward Cllr. P Cannon</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to accept the apologies.</p>	

3	<p>Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial interest:</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4	<p>Public Time:</p> <p>No members of the public were present.</p>	
5	<p>Minutes of the meeting on Monday 26th September 2016:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September having already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Cllr. J Nicholas informed members that the Planning Delegation changes discussed by Cllr. Williams, had now gone to consultation and would be on the agenda for the next Planning & Environment meeting.</p>	

6. Reports:

Police:

PC Jones had previously circulated a report to Council, he also discussed the following points:

- High number of thefts from vehicles.
- High number of theft from vans containing tools
- 2 burglaries on Shenley Lodge, Suspect has been arrested and an investigation is ongoing.

Chairman:

The Chairman circulated a report to all members prior to the meeting.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr. Morla

Ward Cllr. Morla reported the following

- Following complaints from residents on Kingsmead, regarding road closures whilst construction takes place, Taylor Wimpey are to provide a bus service to transport children to Whaddon School at their expense. Pick up will be from Westcroft.
- A planning application for a HIMO on Westcroft has received many objections from residents living close by, both Cllr. Morla and Cllr. Bald are supporting these objections.
- Received many complaints from residents with concerns over fireworks.

Ward Cllr. Geaney

Ward Cllr. Geaney reported the following.

- That she had attended some budget review meetings.
- Enquiries had been made concerning the trial of the reusable bin – no updates or costs are yet available.
- Reported on housing of homeless in other areas outside Milton Keynes.

Ward Cllr. Williams

Ward Cllr. Williams didn't give a report as he had requested a number of agenda items for this meeting and would reporting through them.

Planning & Environment Committee:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 2016 had previously been circulated to all Members.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Community Committee:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th October 2016 had previously been circulated to all Members.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions, there were none.

Policy & Finance Committee:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th October 2016 had previously been circulated to all Members.

The chairman also reported to members that the appraisals on most members of the youth team had now been carried out, and the remaining staff who have been on sick leave would be having their appraisal within the next month.

Some of the suggestions for bench locations put forward by the community committee did not meet the criteria for the Parish Partnership Investment Fund and were now being referred back to the planning and environment committee.

<p>7</p>	<p>Meeting Updates:</p> <p>The Parks Trust:</p> <p>A report was circulated along with the Chairman’s report.</p> <p>Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group:</p> <p>A meeting was held on the 12th October, with nothing to report.</p> <p>Cllr. Geaney did report that the NAG had been campaigning for a number of years to get an area of the footpath surrounding Furzton Lake fixed as it often flooded during the winter months. A grill has now been fitted in the area to allow excess water to drain away and the four drains close to the path have also been fixed.</p> <p>Valley Steering Committee:</p> <p>No further Meetings</p> <p>STARS:</p> <p>No further meetings</p> <p>Parishes Forum:</p> <p>No further meetings – Next meeting to be held 8th December.</p> <p>WEASG:</p> <p>No further meetings – as reported in the chairman’s report a meeting is to be held to discuss allotments at Tattenhoe Park.</p> <p>SWMK:</p> <p>No further meetings</p> <p>Cllr. Williams informed members that MKC have been asked to comment on the planning application for Aylesbury Vale, he asked members that if any were able, if they could attend a meeting been held on the 14th November where this item was to be discussed as well as the application for 630 properties in the MKC part of the site.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Vice Chairman Parish’s Forum:</p> <p>The council agreed unanimously to nominate Cllr. J Nicholas for the position of vice chair of the parish’s forum.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p>Shared Services</p> <p>The chairman asked the council to consider the possibility of taking over some of the public realm services that are currently been delivered by MKC.</p> <p>MKC have been informing town and parish councils that due to a deficit in the budget that there will be some cuts made to the services offered under the public realm and are asking town and parish councils if they would consider taking over some of these services, the main services that Cllr. Nicholas asked the council to consider were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping • Street cleansing • Play parks. <p>Some funding will be made available from MKC to help with the increased costs to the council, but a raise in the precept will be unavoidable.</p> <p>Cllr. Williams proposed that we request extra funding so the area can be bought back to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>Once the funding has been confirmed by MKC, then the draft budget can be completed, this information will hopefully be available for the next parish council meeting.</p> <p>Members agreed with one objection that given the right terms and conditions they would be willing to take on the devolved services.</p> <p>Cllr. Osler objected to the proposal on the grounds that he believed it to be double taxation.</p> <p>Sharon Kerr attended a meeting held by Carole Mills and Tom Blackburne-Maze earlier today to discuss these issues and had prepared a copy of the power point presentation (with their permission) for all councillors to take at the end of the meeting.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.</p> <p><u>Budgets</u></p> <p>As minuted in item 9, a first draft of the budget for 2017-18 will be presented at the November meeting.</p> <p><u>Half Year accounts 2016-17</u></p> <p>A report showing the half year accounts was presented to all members,</p>	

<p>11</p>	<p>Internal Audit report 2016-17</p> <p>The report received from Audit Solutions following an audit for the first half of the financial year 2016-17 has previously been circulated to all members.</p> <p>The council commented that they were pleased with the report, and thanked S Kerr for all her hard work.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>Council Policies</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to ratify the following policies for a further 12 months as recommended by the Policy & Finance Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting on Public Meetings (statutory policy) • Freedom of Information • Booking Form & procedures. 	
<p>13</p>	<p>Emerson Valley Community Centre.</p> <p>CLlr. D Nicholas as chairman of the Emerson Valley Community Centre Trust, put a request in to the council for funding of £945 to repair the front doors at the centre.</p> <p>Council agreed unanimously to the request and the funding is to be released from the EM reserve account.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>Expression of Interest.</p> <p>The Chairman asked council to consider registering an expression of interest in taking over the Furzton Pavilion and Westcroft Pavilion as it has been widely reported that many users are not satisfied with the current management of these facilities and felt they were not been utilised in the best interest of the community and the conditions of the facilities and buildings are sub-standard.</p> <p>A proposal was put to council that Parish Council should send an Expression of Interest to MKC regarding taking over Furzton and Westcroft pavilions. This was passed unanimously. This will not be binding on either party and members will be kept updated of progress.</p>	

<p>15.</p>	<p>Stars and Valley Steering Committee.</p> <p>Members were asked to consider future representations of both these committees,</p> <p><u>Valley Steering Committee</u></p> <p>Cllr. Williams reported that both he and Cllr. Verman had been selected to sit on this committee as representatives of the Parish Council. They both now feel that it will serve no further purpose as the club is fully established, to have a member of council remaining and asked council to consider withdrawing this representation.</p> <p>Members agreed, with two abstentions to this proposal and membership of the committee will be withdrawn. A letter informing the committee is to be sent.</p> <p><u>STARS Committee</u></p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to withdraw representation on this committee.</p>	
<p>16.</p>	<p>MK 50 : Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Milton Keynes 2017</p> <p>Cllr. Williams gave a presentation of the proposed play area to be built in Shenley Brook End to celebrate MK50, he informed members that all S106 funding was now in place, with also ring fenced funds to cover maintenance of the equipment in the future.</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to support Cllr. Williams project.</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Future Meeting dates:</p> <p>Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 7th November 2016</p> <p>Community Committee – Monday 14th November 2016</p> <p>Policy & Finance Committee – Monday 23rd January 2017</p> <p>Parish Council – Monday 28th November 2016</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 28th November 2016</p>	

The meeting concluded at 9.05 pm

Signed.....Chairman

Payment Summery September 2016

MKC	Dropped kerb inspection	
Tattenhoe Youth FC	Grant	773.57
Crispin Rhodes	HR Consultancy Monthly Costs	102.00
CNG	Gas costs	167.32
Cloud Above	Web hosting monthly costs	5.39
Fuel Genie	Van Fuel Costs	83.71
EE	Mobile phone contract	147.72
Payroll	Monthly Payroll	19180.85
GE Capital	Phone equipment lease	584.52
J Nicholas	Open day costs/shelving unit	227.25
Quarries	Pitch hire fees - Youth trip	245.00
Lumina	Glass for reception	1534.00
Sunshine Blinds	Blinds for Chamber	1576.00
A Ridgway	Session expenses	301.05
Amazon	Signs	6.49
BT	Communication costs	789.68
Costco	Refreshments for office	33.57
AZ.co.uk	MK Map	4.50
Interflora	Flowers - P Morris	41.00
Activia	Word Course - K Wheeler	214.80
2R Systems	Photo Copier Costs	95.08
AH Contracts	Bin contract 2016-17	2116.19
Anglia Water	water rates allotments	77.46
Axatax	Pest control- Windmill Allotments	102.00
B & Q	Materials	51.68
BALC	Induction Course	63.70
Barnett Landscape	August contract	612.00
City Print	Newsletter print costs	2529.00
Crispin Rhodes	AJ report Fees	120.00
ESPO	1 x cupboard & Shelves	441.01
MK City Glaziers	Glass for table top	154.22
MK Marking	Boards	1356.00
MKPA	September play sessions	299.56
Office furniture on line	Furniture for chamber	2310.00
PHS	Bin contract 2016-17	67.74
Rosca	Office cleaning	780.00
RTM	Landscape contract	3168.00
Stenton Obhi	New Building costs	9566.00
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