

SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

6 Wimborne Crescent
Westcroft District Centre
Milton Keynes
MK4 4DE



Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 29th September 2014.

1. Present:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman
Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. S Moore
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle Left Meeting at 20:10
Cllr. D Sanders
Ward Cllr. S Burke

S Kerr – Minute Taker

2. Apologies:

Cllr. C Williams
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Ward Cllr. E Bald
Ward Cllr. G Small

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

There were no members of the public present.

5. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 1st September 2014

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 1st September, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Reports

Police:

A report to the Council showing crime figures for September and two further reports from the PCSO's had been previously circulated. The Chairman thanked PC Jones for attending and for the detailed reports he sends to the Council each month.

Clerk:

There was no Clerks' report due to the Clerk being on long term sick leave.

Chairman:

The Chairman had no report as all matters were an agenda item.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Councillor Burke reported that

The current taxi licensing review was still on-going and he had stepped down from the committee.

Faraday Drive has now been re-surfaced which is a great improvement, but there are still a number of roads and the car park at Emerson Valley North that need work doing.

The bushes at Russland Circus have been cut back and there have been no further complaints from residents.

The Howe Park NAG, AGM is coming up and he will be happy to stand as Chairman if needed.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Verman asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Cllr. Verman also reported:

Taylor Wimpey had postponed the consultation, and he was trying to contact them to re-schedule and this date was likely to be towards the end of October.

A complaint received from a resident from Shenley Lodge about an illegal fence had been passed to Ward Councillor Williams.

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Sanders asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Cllr Sanders also reported:

Two grants were awarded at the last meeting

The picnic benches and bins have all now been installed at Garthwaite Crescent.

The Diamond Club trip to Southwold was a great success.

Staff appraisals on the youth team were now underway, with the last two part-time youth workers to be completed in the next month

Policy and Finance Committee

There was no Policy & Finance meeting.

7. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

Nothing to report no further meetings.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. M Geaney reported that there was a disappointing turnout at the last meeting, but there had been apologies received from members who were away on holiday.

Cllr. M Geaney also reported:

Increase in graffiti in the area.

Susie Jensen is no longer responsible for the NAG and she is waiting to hear who her replacement will be.

The issue with Anglia Water is still on-going and are still awaiting a response to the last letter.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

There had been no further meetings.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr. M Geaney reported that Cllr. K Geaney stood in for Cllr. Verman as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr. Geaney also reported:

The club finances are improving.

A quote for a new flood light has been received and the planning application is to be submitted.

The void is to be filled in and the club is also looking at the ramp at the side of the building to be closed over to discourage youths gathering there.

There is a problem with dog litter bags been left hanging on tress around the pitch and the club has put in a written application to the Planning & Environment committee for two more bins to be installed in the area.

STARS:

Cllr Chapman confirmed there had been no further meetings.

Parishes Forum:

Cllr. Cato will forward on the minutes to all members once he has received them.

Clerks Forum:

Due to the absence of the Clerk there had been no further meetings attended.

West Flank Interagency Group:

Cllr. Geaney was unable to attend the last meeting and is awaiting minutes from Andy Ridgway which will be sent out to all members.

8. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

9. Budgets

Cllr. Nicholas reported that both committee chairman had a meeting with the finance officer and the committee budgets for next year were almost prepared. She asked if any members had any items they wished to be included in next years budgets to either speak to the committee chairs if it was relevant to them, or if not speak to the finance officer.

10. Emerson Valley Community Centre.

Cllr. Cato reported that all small works at the centre had now been completed, as had the annual floor cleaning. New alarm key pads have been installed with key fobs issued to all key holders, both the fire and intruder alarms are to be monitored by ACE and this is in the process of been set up. The major decorating works have been put on hold till next spring and he also informed members that a new heating system will have to also be installed next year.

11. New parish Office

Cllr. Nicholas reported that an Extra Ordinary Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 7th October where a presentation will be made by all the tendering architects with a further meeting been held on Tuesday 14th October where council will discuss and appoint the firm to be awarded the contract. All presentation packs will be available to view in the office prior to the meeting held on the 14th. Cllr. Nicholas also informed members that anyone that was unable to attend the presentation on October 7th would be unable to vote in the meeting to be held October 14th. Cllr. Nicholas also advised that the appointed firm is informed that no chargeable works are to be carried out until the Community Foundation confirm that the purchase of the land can proceed. The Community Foundation are holding an advisory meeting at the end of October and a joint board meeting will take place on the 18th November. Cllr. Nicholas also advised members that the finance officer has written to HMRC for confirmation that all VAT charged in connection with the new building can be re-claimed.

12. Confidential Item

The following motions was proposed

The Committee is invited to resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press, public and staff be excluded temporarily and they be instructed to withdraw.

The motion was carried

S Kerr and Ward Cllr. Burke left the meeting at 20.15

Confidential Item (see separate minutes)

13. Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 6th October 2014

Community Committee – Monday 13th October 2014

Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 20th October 2014

Parish Council – Monday 27th October 2014

Date of next meeting – Monday 27th October 2014

Meeting closed: 20.25 hours

Signed.....Chairman