

SHENLEY BROOK END & TATTENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

6 Wimborne Crescent
Westcroft District Centre
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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the Parish Office, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 28th January 2013.

1. Present:

Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. M Cato
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr K Geaney
Cllr M Mitchell-Doyle
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. C. Williams

Mrs C McMillan – Clerk to Council
PCSO David Webb
Mark Burbidge – Badmington England
Stuart Moore – Prospective Councillor

2. Apologies:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Vice Chair
Ward Cllr G Small
Ward Cllr E Bald

3. Absent Members:

There were no absent members

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interests.

5. Public Time

There were no issues raised.

The Chairman asked members for permission to receive the report from the Police before the next agenda item. Cllr C Osler proposed the agenda is changed to reflect this in the future. Members agreed this was a good idea.

Police – PCSO David Webb tabled the police report giving an update on crimes reported in the parish confirming to members that there is still a reduction in crime in comparison to the previous year.

6. Presentation from Badminton England

Council received a presentation from Mark Burbidge, Badminton England which showed a virtual tour of the Arena. Members were informed that it will host National, European and International tournaments for badminton and a wide range of other sports.

7. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 17th December 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th December and the “in camera” minutes of Monday 26th November, having already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Cllr M Geaney asked for clarification as to whether a CRB check on the new voluntary youth worker had been carried out. The Clerk confirmed this was in progress.

8. Reports

Clerk:

The Clerks’ report was noted and the items will be dealt with in the order of agenda items.

Ward Councillors

Cllr Chris Williams:

- Informed members that he and Cllr D Livingstone have been looking at road safety initiatives following traffic issues/accidents at Livesley Hill and will continue to pursue this with diligence.
- Confirmed to members that all the comments received regarding cycle routes and traffic around the proposed badminton arena have been passed to Mark Burbidge.

Cllr Edith Bald: The Chairman informed members that a report had been received from Cllr Bald who sent her apologies for the meeting. Points from that report included:

- Council Tax Reduction Scheme, the impact on Parish Councils.
- Neighbourhood Wardens funding which was to be withdrawn is now to be deferred another year to give Parishes time to work through what they want to do.

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr K Thomas:

- Informed members that the proposals for Salden Chase was to be a smaller development than originally planned. Cllr Thomas commented that although the plans show a primary school there had not been a consideration for a secondary school to be built. There will be a public consultation in February 2013. There are other issues which were raised including traffic congestion on A421 at the Bottledump roundabout and no consideration had been given to the provision of a health centre.

- Informed members that a suggestion had been received from Cllr Nicholas to create a parish calendar for 2014. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the competition would be for amateurs and not professional photographers to capture landscape photos which could appear in the calendar. The outline proposals are to be agreed at the next Planning & Environment meeting.

Community Committee

Cllr M Geaney:

- Informed members a grant had been awarded to 1st Emerson Valley Brownies to fund a sleepover in London and the cost of a coach trip to various venues in London and a trip to do Aerial Extreme at Willen Lake. Cllr Geaney informed members that a contribution from a special external fund of £220 had been received through a member along with a reduction in the coach hire costs.
- Informed members that the committee are seeking more information with regard to the joint schools work that the wardens' and the youth team are participating. They have been invited to attend the next meeting to provide more information.
- Updated members that the various locations for bulb planting is in progress and confirmed that obtaining permission is required prior to August.
- Confirmed that members had discussed Parish Partnership Funding and it has been suggested that run down play areas in Shenley Brook End and Furzton could be possible projects.
- A letter had been received from a student who was aiming to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and looking for funding. It has been agreed that the Clerk would write informing the student that the parish council wish him well but unfortunately could not assist with funding.

Policy and Finance Committee:

Cllr D Livingstone:

The meeting was postponed due to the bad weather conditions but has been rearranged for Monday 18th February.

The Parks Trust:

Cllr J Nicholas:

There was no report this month as Cllr Nicholas was not present.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr M Geaney:

- Informed members that she had the privilege to be elected as Chair for the Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group. Cllr Geaney confirmed that a Vice Chair has yet to be elected.
- Cllr M Geaney mentioned that she had received a response from the NAG resident's survey that the Furzton play area by the Pavilion could do with a

refurbishment which will be taken to the Community Committee as a possible project for Parish Partnership Funding.

- Updated members that there had been over 60 replies from the resident's surveys. A few were issues that were reported to Thames Valley Police.
- Confirmed that now the artwork has been approved, they are to purchase 1000 fridge magnets, similar design to the Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Groups.
- The Parks Trust has been monitoring litter bins around Furzton Lake as there have still been issues with rubbish in the car park on V4.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr J Nicholas:

There was no report this month as Cllr Nicholas was not present.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr M Chapman:

- There have been no further meetings.

The Local Council Support Associates:

Cllr K Geaney:

- Confirmed that Internal Audit and Risk Management had been a topic of discussion. It had come to light that some councils' do not have a risk management procedure in place.
- Some members in attendance discussed issues they had encountered with the Community Asset Transfers scheme. Cllr M Geaney suggested the Chairman of Campbell Park may be available to attend a meeting to update our Council if it was felt to be useful.
Cllr D Livingstone confirmed that the council would take extreme care with regard to the scheme and would confirm at a later date, if felt necessary, to invite the Chairman of Campbell Park.

STARS:

Cllr N Vidamour:

- There have been no further meetings.

9. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

The Chairman informed members that following a discussion with the Finance Officer, it appears that Council will go into next year with a surplus.

10. Meeting Dates

It was agreed to confirm the meeting dates from May 2013 to May 2014.

11. Oxley Park Junior Youth Club

Members discussed reopening the junior Youth Club at Oxley Park following an understanding from Shenley Church End Parish Council that they would part fund

this, initially for a one year period. It was felt that the youth team are currently at full capacity and would be over-stretched without additional resources.

Members agreed that it would be a better option to fully research the demand for junior youth clubs versus costs prior to making any firm commitments.

It was **proposed** and seconded to reject the offer of sharing costs to re-open Oxley Park junior youth club. This vote was carried, 8 for rejecting and 4 against.

It was further proposed to provide a service to the younger youth in the community subject to costs. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring a progress report to the next full Council meeting.

12. Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils have allocated 4 invitations, and it was **agreed** to nominate Cllr D Edmonds as a long serving member.

13. Future meeting dates:

The following dates and times were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 4th February 2013

Community Committee – Monday 11th February 2013

Policy & Finance – Monday 18th February 2013

Parish Council – Monday 25th February 2013

Meeting closed: 21:00 hours

Signed.....Chairman