

# **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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

### **1. Present:**

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman  
Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman  
Cllr. D Livingstone  
Cllr. M Chapman  
Cllr. R Verman  
Cllr. N Vidamour  
Cllr. S Moore  
Cllr. K Thomas  
Cllr. D Sanders  
Cllr. C Williams  
Cllr. C Osler  
Cllr. D. Edmonds  
Ward Cllr. S Burke  
Ward Cllr. P Cannon

1 member of the public.

Sharon Kerr – Minute Taker

### **2. Apologies:**

Cllr. K Geaney  
Cllr. M Geaney  
Ward Cllr. E Bald  
Ward Cllr. G Morla  
Ward Cllr. G Small

### **Absent:**

Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle

### **3. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. Public Time**

1 member of the public attended the meeting to observe and understand what the Parish Council are involved in. They did express concern over the amount of abandoned Morrison trollies in the area. Council did reassure the resident that they were in touch with Morrison trying to resolve the problem.

**5. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 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 January was circulated. No officers were available to attend the meeting.

**Clerk:**

There was no Clerks' report as the Clerk has left the Councils employ

**Chairman:**

The Chairman's report had previously been circulated. All items in the report are covered on the agenda.

**Ward Councillors:**

Ward Cllr. Bald was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report to inform Members of the following

- The decision for the Planning Permission for the proposed care Home on Westcroft is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Cllr. Morla has referred the complaints about the noise generated from the Morrison's service yard to the Planning Enforcement officer and will update the council once they have heard more.
- The barrier on the Car park on Cranbourne Avenue is on route to be fixed and Council will be updated once they have a timescale.
- The Development brief for Cranbourne Avenue Reserve Site is with council awaiting specification before it can go out to market.
- Following a traveller invasion on Kingsmead over the Christmas period the Council, Parks Trust and HCA are now working towards regularising an arrangement so prompt action can be taken if the situation should arise again in the future.

Ward Cllr. Williams reported

- Bus Routes – MKC are proposing that some bus services in the area are to be reduced or withdrawn he showed a map of how this will affect Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Brook End and Furzton. It has also been proposed that funding for subsidised bus passes for juniors, the elderly and the disabled is reduced. Cllr Williams will keep the council informed of any developments.

- There has been a proposal for a site of 9 houses to be built on Rusland Circus, Emerson Valley. Cllr Williams has asked that they send all details of the proposal to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Williams has agreed to arrange a public consultation for the 18 new homes to built at Shenley Brook End and the 9 houses that are proposed for Rusland Circus.
- The telephone mast on the roundabout at H7/V4 Furzton is to be upgraded to supply 4G to the surrounding area, this will cause some disruption in the area whilst the work is been carried out.
- The proposals for MK Bowl have been put on hold with the exception of Badminton England who are awaiting confirmation of funding.

Ward Cllr. Cannon reported

- MKC – Bus services proposed cuts, Cllr. Cannon reported that this was a concern for all Parish Councils some of which had offered their own funds to help with the reduced subsidies. Cllr. Cannon asked all councillors to express their concerns to Matt Clifton at MKC.

Ward Cllr. Burke reported

- Concerns over proposal for cutting the Wider Use Grants this will have an effect on local groups within the parish and also concern over the short notice period given.
- Concerns over the proposal for cuts in the library service, feels Westcroft Library very successful.
- Benches have now been removed from Rusland Circus.

### **Planning & Environment Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Verman asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Cllr. Verman also reported the work on the Javelin sundial area in Shenley Lodge was progressing and the appeal date for the 66 bed Care Home on Westcroft had been set.

### **Community Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Sanders asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

### **Policy and Finance Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Nicholas asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

## **7. Meeting Updates**

### **The Parks Trust:**

There have been no further meetings but the Carols in the Park at Christmas had raised £620 for Willen Hospice

### **Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group**

Cllr. Cannon reported that the AGM had been held. Cllr. M Geaney was elected Chairman and Jenny Nichols Vice Chair. Cllr. K Geaney is to remain as the NAG secretary.

### **Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group**

Cllr. Edmonds informed members that there was to be a lunch held at the Study Centre in Howe Park Woods on the 31<sup>st</sup> January to encourage new members. The event has been advertised in the Citizen newspaper, and caterers have been arranged.

### **The Valley Steering Group:**

No further meetings.

### **STARS:**

No further meetings.

### **Parishes Forum:**

There had been no further meetings.

### **West Flank Interagency Group:**

Minutes of the last meeting were distributed as requested at the last Parish Council meeting.

## **8. Council Policies.**

The council voted unanimously to adopt the listed policies for a further 12 months as recommended by the Policy & Finance Committee.

- Telephone Recording Policy & Protocol
- The Planning Process
- Data Protection Policy
- Freedom of Information
- Retention of Documents
- Booking Form.

The council also agreed unanimously to the change of date on the Staff Handbook Resume.

## **9. Finance**

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

Cllr. Nicholas also proposed that £25,000.00 is transferred from General Reserves to the Ear Marked fund for the New Office Building. This was agreed by a majority vote with 1 abstention.

#### **10. Budgets**

The council were presented with the budget for 2015-16 which had been agreed by the Policy & Finance committee. It was agreed by majority with 1 abstention to their recommendation that the band 'D' equivalent be increased by £1 to £53.61, this will then make the total precept for 2015-16 £465,775.00 which will be inclusive of the LCTS grant of £19,343.00

#### **11. Community Asset Transfer.**

Cllr. Sanders recommended to the council that when future Community Asset Transfer (CAT) buildings are offered on the scheme, small working parties are formed to investigate the proposal, and to then write a report for councils consideration.

Council agreed that this proposal is added to the next agenda to be ratified. Cllr. Nicholas will present a briefing paper.

#### **12. Emerson Valley Community Centre.**

Cllr. Cato informed members that the hall now had regular user groups using the hall 7 days a week and hall hire for private parties was also increasing. Letters informing the user groups of the rent increases from April 2015 have been sent out and that they would then also be billed on a monthly rather than quarterly basis to help improve cash-flow.

#### **13. New Parish Office.**

Cllr. Nicholas informed members that herself & Cllr. Cato had met with the architects and building control and that the final drawings would be prepared for a public consultation week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **14. Confidential Item**

The following motion 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 left the meeting at 20:30 hrs.

**Confidential Item (see separate minutes)**

**15. Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**

**Community Committee – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Parish Council – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

**16. Date of next meeting – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**

Meeting closed: 21:30 hours

Signed.....Chairman