

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 27th February 2012.

C/167/11 Present : Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr. M Cato
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr. J Nicholas
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams
Cllr. D Wolfe

W Dawson – Clerk to Council
Mrs C McMillan – Deputy Clerk to Council

C/168/11 Also present:
One member of the public

C/169/11. Apologies
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr K Geaney
Cllr K Thomas

C/170/11. Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

C/171/11. Public involvement
The member of the public present had no matters to raise.

C/172/11. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 30th January 2011
The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 30th January, having already been circulated, were amended to read “Tattenhoe Park” in the paragraph regarding the Parks Trust {minute c/161/11(a)}, and were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

In response to a question the Chair advised that the subject of transfer of community assets would be discussed at Policy and Finance Committee.

C/173/11. Reports

The Clerk - Council received a report from the Clerk and:-

confirmed that the Parish will be present at the Jubilee Party and Music Festival on 4th June;

noted the response to the advertisement for the Warden vacancy

noted the response of staff to the creation of the Joint Consultative Working Group and confirmed that it should meet “as and when” with either side being able to request a meeting

supported the idea of a coffee morning being run from the parish Office during the week 11 to 18 March in support of the Food Bank “Big Little Give” promotion.

Police – the latest crime figures having been tabled, PC Batchlor gave a commentary on them. Crime remains low; many of the recorded incidents concerned the theft of insecure property; others were domestic related.

Ward Councillors – Cllr Williams reported on the spate of accidents on Childs Way, the most recent of which was last week. He has asked MKC officers to keep him as fully informed as possible about probable cause and for the Parish Council to be similarly informed.

He also informed Council about a very good, non-political event at Shenley Brook End School that he and Cllr Small had attended where they met, and were questioned by, 16 to 18 year old students.

Planning & Environment Committee - Cllr Nicholas reported on the latest meeting of the Committee. The question of installing additional grit bins remains unanswered. The Clerk will chase MKC again.

Community Committee – Cllr M Geaney presented the minutes of the last meeting. She spoke of the planned clean up of the ponds by the Old Beams, grants awarded, the committee’s wish to engage with older residents, and wider distribution of Community News to pubs and shops.

Parks Trust – Cllr Nicholas informed Council of the concerns of the Trust about the drought and the impact upon ponds, waterways and local wildlife.

C/174/11. Meeting Dates for 2012/13

It was resolved to approve the proposed meeting dates for the period to May 2013.

C/175/11. Renting Council Land

Council received the report of the Clerk about a request to rent a small piece of Council land for an event. Members noted that this was an unprecedented request for this Council. Matters to be considered include the area to be “rented”, restricting access to the area for the general public, noise, car-parking, litter, and the views of neighbours. Members did acknowledge that the land is amenity land available for community use and this request is an opportunity for the Council to try something new.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact the requester to obtain more details of the proposed event and then local neighbours be surveyed to ascertain their views, but the idea is supported in principle.

C/175/11. Correspondence
It was resolved that Members noted the correspondence list.

C/176/11 Finance
Council received the report of the RFO with details of the current financial position and payments to be authorised which were approved.

Council noted that two investment bonds are due to mature and **resolved to** authorise the Clerk to re-invest the sums together with a further £50,000 on the best terms available from Lloyds TSB.

C/177/11. Future events and meeting dates:

The following dates and times were note:-

Planning & Environment Committee – 5th March

Community Committee – 12th March

Policy and Finance Committee – 19th March

Parish Council – 26th March

C/178/11. Date of next meeting – Monday 26th March

SIGNED.....Chair