

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 28th March 2011.

C/46/10 Present: Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman

Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr C DeMyers-Robinson
Cllr J Nicholas
Cllr K Thomas
Cllr N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams

W Dawson – Clerk to Council

C/47/10 Also present:
Mrs M Chapman

C/48/10. Apologies
Cllr. T Wylie
Cllr. I. Stewart
Cllr. N. Warden

C/49/10. Declarations of interest
Cllr Williams, as an MKC Cabinet Member, declared a personal interest in the item concerning the Westcroft Nursery.

C/50 /10. Public involvement
No issues were raised by the Public

C/51/10. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 28th February 2011
The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 28th February, having already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C/52/10. Reports.
The Clerk - Council received a report from the Clerk who gave a further update on the current position with the Westcroft Nursery. After the call-in of the earlier decision, Milton Keynes Cabinet had agreed to go out to consultation. A consultation package containing all the information needed, on all the MKC nurseries, should be finalised by the end of March. The consultation period will be 12 weeks. The Parish Council will be consulted.
Police – Council received a report from the Police with details of crime statistics for the last month which showed a fall in recorded crime compared with the same period last year.

Ward Councillors – Cllr Williams reported that consultation on the proposed controlled parking zone for Bowl events had begun. If the response from the public is favourable Milton Keynes Council will issue a permanent order for all Bowl events.

Planning & Environment Committee - Cllr Thomas presented the draft minutes of the committee meeting on 7 March. He reported on a site visit to a property on Ravenscar Court, Emerson Valley and Cllr Williams advised that the planning application for this had been approved. Cllr Thomas also reported on the new bus stop on Snelshall Street whose location was such that it would not benefit residents of Kingsmead.

Community Committee – Cllr DeMyers Robinson presented the draft minutes of the committee meeting on 14 March and advised that the Committee had considered 5 revised priorities for the Youth Team and a number of recommendations will be presented to a future Council meeting.

The Committee also considered the Warden Service and are to recommend the introduction of a rota to cover the whole Parish.

The Committee has reviewed its Terms of Reference and recommendations will be brought to Council.

Cllr Williams, who presided over the second part of the meeting, reported that a grant had been awarded to Tattenhoe Tots; one for the Shenley Brook End Village hall had been deferred for further information; and a third, from the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership, had been supported but would be put back to the Committee for ratification.

C/53/10

2011/12 Budget – Report C/17/10

Council received the report. The Chair advised that comments that he had received made it clear that Council was correct not to increase the precept. Work done by Cllr Nicholas had reduced the predicted deficit between expenditure and income to approximately £13,000 which will need to be addressed by careful management of finances.

It was resolved that the budget be confirmed as £481,567.00 subject to the proviso that any shortfall will be made up from reserves to a maximum of £13,000.

C/54/10

Use of the Emerson Valley Endowment - Report C/18/10

After discussion **it was resolved that** the sum of £7908.00 be taken from the Emerson Valley Endowment subject to the Clerk checking that the responsibility for new fencing rests with the Parish Council. (The Clerk has checked the EVCC management agreement and this is the Council's responsibility).

C/55/10

Parish Partnership Funds - Report C/19/10

Members received the report of this year's MKC Parish Partnership Funds and noted that there are now two schemes, the general Parish Partnership Fund and the Community Parking Fund. Members were asked for ideas for either fund and the following were suggested, subject to being able to ascertain probable costs and to determining that the Parish Council would be able to match fund the schemes:

Rusland Circus, Emerson Valley – re-plant the bare landscaped area in the circus, re-paint the seating, and tidy the general area.

Challacombe, Furzton play area – clean up and refurbishment.

Shenley Brook End Village Hall – refurbishment including the toilet area as discussed by the Community Committee.

C/56/10

New Telephone System - Report C/20/10

Council had received a report and supporting papers from the Clerk about an upgrade to the office telephony. Cllr Edmonds had investigated the options put forward and reported to Council that he favoured the one from BT because their option was “future proof” in that it was easily expandable if the Council’s needs increased. The company is well known; the alternative was relatively young and small. The difference in costs over the lease period was incidental.

Accordingly it was resolved to instruct the Clerk to task BT Local Business with installation of an upgraded telephone system for the office on the terms quoted.

It was noted that the new system would cost more than was provided in the budget for 2011/12. Therefore **it was further resolved to** vire £400 from cost centre 205 – Website, and £500 from cost centre 120 – Clerk expenses mileage, to cost centre 60 to cover the additional cost.

C/57/10

Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence list that had been circulated.

At 8.22, with the agreement of Council, the Chair adjourned the meeting to enable Councillors to study the tabled Finance report. The meeting reconvened at 8.30.

C/58/10

Finance Report (tabled)

Council received the report and **it was resolved to approve** the lists of retrospective approvals, the bank transfers, and the new payments signed at the meeting. It was clarified that the payment to the Leaflet Delivery Company was for distribution, not printing, which was the reason for VAT being charged.

C/59/10.

Future events and meeting dates:

It was noted that the next sequence of meetings would be:

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 4th April

Community Committee – Monday 11th April

Parish Council - Monday 18th April (25th is a Bank Holiday)

C/60/10.

Date of next meeting – Monday 18th April

SIGNED.....Chair