

# **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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

**C/179/11 Present :** Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman  
Cllr. M Cato  
Cllr. M Chapman  
Cllr. D. Edmonds  
Cllr K Geaney  
Cllr. M. Geaney  
Cllr. J Nicholas  
Cllr. C Osler  
Cllr. D Sanders  
Cllr. K Thomas  
Cllr C Williams  
Cllr. D Wolfe

W Dawson – Clerk to Council

**C/180/11 Also present:**  
An MK News reporter  
Mr M Doyle

**C/181/11. Apologies**  
Cllr. R Verman  
Cllr. N Vidamour

**C/182/11. Declarations of interest**  
Cllr Edmonds declared a personal interest in item 7  
Cllrs K Geaney, M Geaney and M Cato declared personal interests in item 6 regarding the Valley Steering Committee.

**C/183/11. Public involvement**  
No items were raised by members of the public

**C/184/11. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012**  
The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, having already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Williams advised that he had been unable to make much progress on the subject of speed and right-turn restrictions.

The Clerk advised that there was no further information on the enquiry about renting Council land because the enquirer had been ill.

The Clerk also advised that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the MKC officer, Cllr Burke, and the Parish to resolve the issue of grit bins.

**C/185/11. Reports .**

**The Clerk** – presented a verbal report on the success of the Food Bank “Big Little Give” event the Parish held and the appointment of the new warden, and clarified the position with regard to provision for allotment maintenance following discussion of the 2012/13 budget by Policy and Finance committee,

The Clerk also advised Council of an approach from Shenley Church End Council for assistance with the refurbishment of the war memorial outside St Mary’s Church. A quote of £1600 had been obtained; others were being sought, and the War Memorial’s Trust had been approached for a contribution.

**It was resolved to** contribute 50% of the net cost to this project.

**Police** – in the absence of the Police the Clerk presented the latest crime figures which indicated a continued fall in reported crime. There was an upsurge in fuel theft but no other matters of specific concern.

**Ward Councillors** – Cllr Williams reported on the planned clean up of the Old Beams ponds; on his discussions with MKC Officers and the Police regarding speed and no-right turns; and commented on the planned refurbishment of Challacombe play area.

**Planning & Environment Committee** - Cllr Thomas reported that the Committee was reviewing the usage of dog bins on a quarterly basis to ensure that they are in the right places. There will be an informal meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March about the plans for development of a pub on Tattenhoe.

A planning matter having been raised Cllr Williams declared that he was Chair of MKC Development Control Committee and took no part in discussion of this matter.

**Community Committee** – in his report Cllr Edmonds spoke of the Challacombe play area and a proposal from the MKC officer to install robust equipment which has a higher cost which the Ward Councillors have agreed to contribute towards. Members confirmed support for this better solution.

**Policy and Finance Committee** – Cllr Livingstone reported on the additional meeting of the committee in March. Confidential items discussed at that meeting would be dealt with at the end of this meeting when press and public would be excluded.

At the request of Council the Committee discussed standing orders and/or policies relating to exclusions from meetings and dealing with media and a recommendation was presented to Council.

After discussion **it was resolved that** the second paragraph of the policy for dealing with the press/media should now read:

“Press releases will be drafted by the Clerk and only issued after approval by the Chairman. Members and Officers, who wish to issue publicity, excluding

electoral material, concerning an activity in which the Council was involved, will be required to consult the Clerk and Chairman before publication.”

The Clerk had been asked to examine the rewording of the resolution to exclude press and public in the light of comments about invited persons and would seek advice from SLCC and/or NALC.

Cllr Livingstone reported on the applications that would be submitted for Parish Partnership Funding including funding of the jubilee benches omitted from the draft minutes.

At the recommendation of the Committee Council **resolved to** increase the staffing establishment by 5 hours per week to enable the employment of an Office Cleaner.

**Parks Trust** – Cllr Nicholas reported that the HCA had reached agreement with the Trust for the transfer of their land. Much needed to be done to get it up to Trust standards. Many events were planned for the Summer including the Jubilee and Olympics.

**The Valley Steering Committee** – Cllr Edmonds reported that the committee had met twice and was beginning to develop its role. One issue from the public which had arisen was the noise of referees’ whistles. He had purchased a “low noise” whistle which he asked that a Council officer try on location to see whether it might offer a solution to a perceived nuisance. He advised also that the club had plans for developing the ground floor of the building and a planning application would be submitted in due course.

**C/186/11. Filming of Council Activities**

Members received a report from the Clerk concerning future filming of Council activities. **It was resolved that** R3DMM be engaged for future events.

**C/187/11 Correspondence**

**It was resolved** that Members noted that the correspondence list had been tabled.

**C/188/11 Finance**

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

**C/189/11. Future events and meeting dates:**

The following meeting dates were noted:-

**Planning & Environment Committee** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012

**Community Committee** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Policy & Finance** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Parish Council** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012