

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 23rd March 2015

1. Present:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. C Williams (arrived 8pm)
Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman
Cllr. C Osler
Ward Cllr. S Burke (left the meeting at 7:40pm)
Ward Cllr. P Cannon.

1 member of the public.

Sharon Kerr – Minute Taker

2. Apologies:

Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. S Moore.
Apologies were accepted unanimously

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

One member of the public attended the meeting to express their concerns over the local police re-locating to the Bletchley police station. The council explained that as the 101 system was now in place all calls were dispatched from a central station.

5. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 23rd February 2015

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 23rd February 2015 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 March had previously been circulated. No officers were available to attend the meeting.

Chairman:

The Chairman's report had previously been circulated. The Chairman drew the meetings attention to the problems with both Wardens being off work due respectively to ill health and accident and congratulated Sharon Kerr for arranging cover at short notice. Also Karen Wheeler would commence on 13th April 2015 as Allotment & Landscape Officer. The rest of the items in the report are covered on the agenda.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr. E Bald sent her apologies for not attending but sent in the following report to members

The budget went through on the 25th February with an additional £2,500,000 Injected for vital services. This means an extra £750,000 for buses, hostels stay open, lunch clubs, CAB and YMCA are funded as are the wider use grants. Parking permits for employees in CMK are also retained. There will also be an increase in the number of parking spaces available in CMK, using for example decking and temporary use of development sites.

Ward Cllr. S Burke reported

Traffic management issues with all schools in the area were been addressed, And that Cllr. Williams had held meetings with all the schools with concerns.

Concerns had been raised by residents in Rusland Circus over proposals to build another 9 houses in the area, the plans when available will be displayed in the Parish Office.

Ward Cllr. Cannon reported

Aylesbury vale had put in a planning application for 1800 houses at the Salden Chase development.

Councillors allowances are to be on the agenda for the next MK Council meeting.

Ward Cllr. Williams

Councillors are to meet with organisers of this years concerts at the bowl to discuss parking issues. Meeting to be held at the Parish Office on the 16th April at 10am.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March had previously been circulated to all Members.

Cllr. Verman asked Members if they had any comments. There were none

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March had previously been circulated to all Members.

Cllr. Sanders asked Members if they had any comments. There were none.

Policy and Finance Committee

Cllr. Nicholas reported that there had been no further meetings.

7. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

There have been no further meetings.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. M Geaney informed Members that

TVP had attended the meeting and were happy to report that crime was decreasing the area.

A letter has been received from the Parks Trust regarding the dips in the path around Furzton lake, the NAG were not satisfied with way the issues had been addressed and were considering going to the press.

The Electric points at Merebrook school had been installed the wrong way round, Cllr. Cannon has agreed to investigate.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. Edmonds informed members Cllr. S Burke had chaired the meeting as he was unable to attend and was awaiting minutes.

Cllr. Edmonds also reported an electric point that had been installed incorrectly at the Emerson Valley shops and had arranged a meeting with the firm who installed

the machines to discuss. They had agreed that once all the works had been signed off that the problems would be treated as remedial works.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr. Verman informed Members that

The club was improving and was now fully booked for the rest of the year.

Events are to be held to tie in with the dates that the world cup matches are to be held in Milton Keynes and that they were also running a program where local business are to sponsor the purchase of rugby balls that were to be donated around the area.

STARS:

There had been no further meetings.

Parishes Forum:

Cllr. Cato informed members that he had attended a meeting on the 19th March and was awaiting minutes and would forward on to all members once he had received them.

Cllr. Cato also reported that an up-date had been received from Anne Rose on the new planning procedure and Donna Derby on the Milton Keynes & Bedford health review.

West Flank Interagency Group:

Cllr. K Geaney reported that a meeting had been held on the 19th March and would forward on minutes of the meeting to all members once he had received them.

WEASG (Western Expansion Area Stakeholder Group)

No further meetings.

SWMK (Salden Chase)

Cllr. Chapman sent a report to all members for the last meeting attended. The meeting was to establish a time frame and what process was to be followed.

8. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

9. Meeting Dates

The council agreed unanimously to the meeting dates for year 2015/16.

10. Emerson Valley Community Centre.

Cllr. Cato informed members that Sarah Dickinson was no longer employed and a part time cleaner/key holder had been taken on to assist Sally.

Bookings were up and the users groups had accepted the price increases.

The boiler replacement and the outside decorating would have to be completed with in the next financial year

A Charitable Trust was in the process of being set up to run the Community Centre to keep it at arm's length from the Parish Council this would enable more Community involvement and also business rate exemption and grants to be claimed

11. New Parish Office

Cllr. Nicholas asked members to agree to a further transfer of funds to the earmarked reserves for the new office building following a few changes that had been made. The council agreed unanimously to transfer £ 11,500.00 from general reserves.

12. Pink Sacks

Cllr. Nicholas asked members to suspend the giving out of pink sacks from the Parish Office due to the verbal abuse aimed at staff over the restrictions put in place by MKC. Council agreed unanimously to suspend the service and to review again once the move to the new office was complete and council would not be obliged to have a locked door policy in place.

13. Shenley Brook End Fete

Cllr. Nicholas suggested to council that the council incorporated a book sale in aid of Willen Hospice on the parish council stall this year, the council agreed unanimously. Cllr. Nicholas asked members to start collecting books to be stored in the Parish office.

14. Legal Matter Windmill Hill

Cllr. Verman proposed to council on behalf of the Planning and Environment committee that following advice from Geoffrey leaver, the tenant at Windmill Hill had breached the Terms & Conditions on several occasions over a period of many years, that a notice to quit be served under Section 30 (1) of the Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908.

The tenant would be served this week by the solicitors and under the parish Councils Terms and Conditions will be given 12 months' notice.

The Council agreed unanimously with the Cllr. Verman's proposal which was seconded by Cllr. Thomas.

Sharon Kerr is to instruct Geoffrey Leaver to commence with proceedings.

15. Future Meeting dates

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 30th March 2015

Community Committee – Monday 13th April 2015

Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 20th April 2015

Parish Council – Monday 27th April 2015

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 27th April 2015

Meeting closed: 8.35 hours

Signed.....Chairman