

## Minutes

of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** held on 26 April 2010

**Present:** D Livingstone (Chair)  
C DeMyers-Robinson K Thomas  
D Edmonds M Walton  
N Leonards N Warden  
C Osler T Wylie

**Visitors:** None

**Clerk:** C. McMillan – Deputy Clerk

	Action
<p><b>1. Apologies and declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from C. Williams, J. Nicholas, I Stewart and G Small.</p> <p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><b>3. Public Time</b></p> <p>There were no items raised.</p> <p><b>4. Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 were agreed and signed as true a record of the meeting subject to the following corrections:</p> <p><b>Page 1 - Public Time</b> should read “the two tenants had been <b>served with an eviction notice</b> from the Windmill Hill allotments.</p> <p><b>Page 3 – Community Committee</b> should read Councillor Williams reported that <b>the</b> Council had given out two grants.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Cllr D Livingstone informed members that the final draft of the Parish Charter had been completed by the Working Party and distributed to all members and informed members that Milton Keynes Council had circulated their own Charter.</p>	

Cllr M Walton informed she attended the Young Enterprise Awards and praised the young people for all their efforts.

## **5. Reports**

In the absence of the Clerk there was no report.

The Police were not in attendance. It was suggested that in the absence of police attendance due to work commitments that we could receive a report via email. It was agreed that Cllr D Livingstone would contact Inspector Nicholls to discuss.

**DL**

### Planning & Environment Committee

Other than the various planning applications to be considered there was nothing to report.

### Community Committee

D Edmonds informed members that he considered the meeting has been very positive with several grants being awarded in the community.

Members had shown great enthusiasm with regard to the possible Twinning with Biot. It was felt that the parish could build relationships with a French Town supported and funded by the EU possibly up to £20k. It was agreed that this would need to go to full council for approval to move forward. The objective is to have the scheme up and running by July 2010.

**DL**

It was proposed and agreed unanimously to find out all the details involved, meet and move forward as soon as possible because it will be of great benefit to all groups in the community including schools and youth organisations.

## **6. Finance**

- a) The report of expenditure against budget to end March was noted and approved.
- b) The monthly finance report was circulated and the meeting adjourned while members considered this. The retrospective approval list was approved and the finance report was then approved and signed by the Chairman. It was resolved to authorise the payments listed on the appendix to these minutes.

## **7. Cost of adverts in the Community News**

It was proposed to reduce our advertising rates by 50%. It was agreed that with immediate effect for the next edition (Summer 2010) the rates will be:

Full Page Colour - £150

Half Page Colour - £75

Qtr Page Colour - £40

**KT**

Cllr K Thomas is looking at the possibility of producing a business card size and will gauge the demand from local businesses.

It was proposed to consider the possibility of changing the distributors for our next Newsletter. Cllr N Leonards had been given details of a Company who can guarantee 100% delivery rate although the delivery charges are somewhat higher. It was agreed to try the new distributors and monitor to check if they have achieved 100% delivery rate. Prior to engagement of their services, members agreed that references would need to be checked.

Cllr K Thomas reminded members that the deadline for copy is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May if there are any articles they would like published.

Cllr K Thomas asked Cllr N Leonards to ask the organisations who are receiving grants if they wish to write a small article for inclusion.

**KT**

**NL**

**DL**

**8. Oxley Park Allotments Transfer**

Members discussed the issues regarding the Oxley Park Allotments and it was resolved to call it Childs Way Allotments as the land is within our parish. Members discussed the possible issues that could arise should there not be clear enforced agreements between SBEPCC & Shenley Church End Parish Council. It was resolved that Cllr D Livingstone arranges a meeting with Chrissy Ashby to discuss an agreement between the two parishes including the ratio of tenants, financial understanding including maintenance of the site, water rates etc.

**9. Correspondence**

Resolved that members noted that the correspondence list had been previously circulated.

**10. Meeting dates**

Meeting dates were agreed/noted as:

Planning & Environment Committee	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Community Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2010
Annual Parish Council/Parish Council	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2010

SIGNED.....Chairman