

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 April 2012.

1. **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. D Wolfe
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour

Mrs C McMillan – Clerk to Council

Also present:
Cllr S Burke, MKC
Mr Sean Barnes
Mr M Doyle
2. **Apologies:**
Cllr C Williams
3. **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Edmonds declared a personal interest in Item 4.
4. **R3DMM Video of Old Beams Pond Clean Up Event**
Members viewed the video of the Old Beams Pond Clean Up Event and it was **resolved** to publish this on our website.
5. **Public involvement**
The member of the public present commented on how dirty the signage is at West Bletchley to the entrance to Emerson Valley redway. It was confirmed that as this sign is not within our parish boundary, the Clerk will pass on the comment to the Clerk at West Bletchley.
6. **Minutes of the meeting on Monday 26th March 2012**
The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 26th March, having already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

7. Reports

The Clerk – gave a brief office update and confirmed that the new Warden is now on board.

Police – The latest crime figures having been tabled, Sgt. A. O’Hanlon gave a commentary on them and confirmed that out of the violent crimes reported in this period, arrests had been made for all but one of them.

Ward Councillors:

Cllr S Burke:

- ◆ Reported that residents have been complaining about rubbish at Emerson Valley shops. MK Council have been clearing the area more frequently but it is appearing to be repetitive dumping in the area.
- ◆ Informed Council that the No 2 bus service has now been replaced by the No 8 around the Westcroft area.
- ◆ Informed members there had been no update with regard to grit bins at the MKC officer had been on holiday and no meeting had been arranged at the present time.
- ◆ Informed members that the campaign to increase recycling in Emerson Valley Ward had received over one hundred enquiries for new bins and confirmed that the plastic bins over time do need replacing.

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr K Thomas:

- ◆ Reported that the Committee was pursuing the application for the new proposed Public House on Tattenhoe. Plans will be on show at the Parish Office on Tuesday 24th April between 6.30pm to 8pm where McMullen’s Brewery will be present to answer any questions. Cllr Thomas confirmed that around 200 leaflets had been distributed around Tattenhoe informing residents of the meeting.
- ◆ Informed members that a planning application had been received for an Electricity Sub-Station on Chaffron Way. After discussions it was **resolved** to object on the scale of the development and the close proximity to local houses.

Community Committee:

Cllr D Edmonds:

- ◆ Reported that work had commenced at Challacombe play area.
- ◆ On behalf of the committee thanked Cllr M Cato for the dispensers he supplied for our Newsletters.
- ◆ Was pleased to confirm that all the gardening items purchased with the grant awarded for Hungerford House had been delivered.

- ◆ Updated members that our Youth Leader, Andy Ridgway will work with Tom Brockway from MKC to head up the next Tidy-Up event which will be held at Tattenhoe Pavilion.

Policy and Finance Committee:

Cllr D Livingstone:

- ◆ Reported that the Policy & Finance Committee **resolved** that the Clerk be appointed as RFO to Council and authorised signatory with the exception of signing of cheques. This was **agreed** unanimously.
- ◆ Cllr Livingstone **proposed** that the Social Media document previously circulated be adopted by Council; this was seconded by Cllr Edmonds and was unanimously agreed.
- ◆ Updated members with regard to Community Asset Transfer. There was a brief discussion and it was **proposed** to judge each asset on its own merit. This was unanimously **agreed**. The Clerk confirmed she would attend the SLCC Clerks branch meeting the following day as this topic was an agenda item.

The Parks Trust:

Cllr J Nicholas:

- ◆ Confirmed that the Parks Trust had taken over 92 hectares, approx 227 acres of land from the Home Communities Agency with approximately £9m endowment.
- ◆ Updated members that a new beacon with LED lights will be installed at Belvedere, Campbell Park in time for the Jubilee celebrations on 4th and 5th June as the original beacon had previously been struck by lightning.

Members agreed it was useful to receive the monthly update from the Parks Trust.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr M Chapman and Cllr D Edmonds:

- ◆ Confirmed that no update was available as no further meetings had taken place.

8. Nomination for Chairman of Council 2012/12

The Clerk confirmed that two nominations for Chairman of Council for 2012/13 have been received in favour of Cllr David Livingstone and advised members that nominations may also be received at the Annual Meeting.

9. Finance

Payments to be authorised were approved.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk be appointed as RFO to Council and authorised signatory with the exception of signing of cheques.

10. Parish Partnership Funding

The Clerk reported that the applications for Parish Partnership Funding had been sent to MK Council for:

- ◆ Eleven Benches in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee - £3,270.00 Ex VAT.
- ◆ Hire of Astroturf pitches at Tattenhoe Pavilion for youth club activities - £2,585.00

Milton Keynes Council acknowledged the applications but commented that we have two outstanding projects that have been carried over and need confirmation that we will be going ahead within this financial year.

Members discussed the next steps required with regard to the installation of the benches and it was agreed that members would meet with our warden team to ensure the exact locations selected are marked out correctly.

The following Members agreed to meet with warden team:

Cllr K Thomas	-	Kingsmead
Cllr M Chapman	-	Tattenhoe
Cllr D Livingstone	-	Shenley Lodge
Cllr N Vidamour	-	Shenley Brook End
Cllr M Geaney	-	Furzton
Cllr D Edmonds	-	Emerson Valley

Mrs C McMillan (Clerk) - Snellshall

Cllr D Edmonds asked for clarification that Barnett Landscapes would continue to be the approved contractors to carry out landscaping at Emerson Valley Community Centre. The Clerk agreed to write a confirmation letter to Barnett Landscapes.

11. Staff Handbook

It was **confirmed** that the Liaison Committees' two nominated members, Cllr C Osler and Cllr K Geaney would meet with two Officers to discuss the two extra statutory day's holiday. It was requested that the Clerk arrange this meeting to be held as soon as possible.

12. Exclusions from meetings

On the question of excluding the public from meetings, our retiring Clerk consulted BALC. Ruth Powell has confirmed that the proposed wording is legal and "fit for purpose" in that, in similar circumstances, Council could ask a person to remain whilst excluding all other "public".

It was **agreed** that the following wording will form part of the Council's Standing Orders:

- ◆ In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public, **with the exception of named individuals**, be excluded temporarily and they be instructed to withdraw.

13. Allotments

Following a short report from the Clerk relating to an issue at Stoneleigh Court allotments and after a brief discussion, members **agreed** unanimously that the allotment tenancy be transferred to the tenants who have been cultivating the plot for a considerable period of time.

14. Correspondence List

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

Members also noted the consultation document for Enforcement Policy received from Milton Keynes Council. Members agreed the Policy was clear and precise and confirmed there were no other comments to make.

15. Co-option of Councillor

Members received a brief presentation from Mr Mark Doyle who had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. After a brief discussion amongst themselves it was unanimously **agreed** to co-opt Mr Doyle for Emerson Valley North ward. It was also **agreed** that the Clerk would telephone Mr Doyle to confirm his co-option and to arrange a meeting to sign the necessary paperwork.

16. Future meeting dates:

The following dates and times were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – Tuesday 8th May 2012

Community Committee – Monday 14th May 2012

Policy & Finance – Monday 16th July 2012

12. Date of next meeting – Parish Council/APM - Monday 28th May 2012

Members **noted** that Cllr C Osler gave his apologies for 28th May 2012.

Meeting closed at 20:55 hrs.

Signed.....Chairman