

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 25th July 2011.

C/55/11 Present: Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr. K. Geaney
Cllr. J Nicholas
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams

W Dawson – Clerk to Council
Mrs C McMillan, Deputy Clerk
Mr A Ridgway – Youth Team Leader

C/56/11 Also present:
Cllr S Burke MKC and colleague
Mr M Cato
Mr J Penwarden
Mr B Stewart, MKC

C/57/11. Apologies
None

C/58/11. Declarations of interest
Cllr D Edmonds declared a personal interest in item 10
Cllrs M Geaney and K Geaney declared a personal interest in item 11
Cllr D Sanders declared a personal interest in item 12

C/59/11 Flood and Water Management.
Council received a presentation from Bruce Stewart of Milton Keynes Council (MKC) on the implications of the Flood and Water Management Act in April 2010. MKC is now the lead Local Flood Authority and takes over new water and flood responsibilities and obligations from the Environment Agency and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

In the discussion that followed the presentation Council were advised that many roads were designed to take surplus surface water. The responsibility for water courses was not always clear because it could rest with Anglian

Water, the Parks Trust, or MKC. The first two have maintenance regimes for small waterways; the latter does not.

Councillors spoke of problems on White Horse Drive, Little Stocking, Snelshall Street and also that one of the main problems with smaller waterways often could be lack of water.

Council thanked Mr Stewart for his presentation.

C/60/11

Public involvement

Mr Penwarden asked a question about the waterfalls in the brook on Furzton which sometimes restricted flow and caused back-flooding.

He also spoke of the problems caused by residents putting refuse out too early and the problems that could cause because of birds and animals. Cllr Williams spoke about the enforcement powers available to MKC if people persisted in putting refuse out other than the day before collection day.

C/61/11.

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 27th June 2011

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27th June, having already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Members asked for an update on the Westcroft Nursery and were advised that the Chairman would speak about that at item 7; about the terms of reference of committees and were advised that the complete set would be presented to Council in August: and about the Emerson Valley Management Committee and were advised that the cheque had been prepared.

C/62/11.

Reports.

The Clerk – In addition to his written report the Clerk advised that the Parish had been awarded three grants, totalling £6050, under the MKC Parish Partnership Fund scheme.

Under this item the Chairman gave an update on the Westcroft Nursery bid. There had been two meetings with MKC to clarify the submission. The next stage in the process is that a report will go to the MKC Select Committee in September and then to Cabinet in October.

Police – Constable Bird presented the latest crime figures which had been circulated before the meeting. The downward trend continued apart from a spike in Kingsmead from 0 to 5.

Cllr Nicholas asked for a progress report on behaviour at the Tattenhoe Pavilion and was advised that PCSO's attend regularly and are working with Herstmere Leisure to address this.

Ward Councillors – Cllr Burke reported that he and Bruce Stewart had examined the water course at Cropton Rise; that the Emerson Farm planning application would be going to committee but Bruce Stewart had commented unfavourably on the proposals in that application regarding flooding. Cllr Burke advised also that the company who had been employed to install street signs had gone out of business. Another was being sought.

Cllr Thomas asked Cllr Burke to visit Carisbrooke Way, Kingsmead to view the condition of the area planted last year with roses and now overgrown.

CLlr Williams advised that he was to attend a meeting with MKC Highway Officers to discuss the controlled parking zone at the recent Bowl concert.

He spoke also about the contribution from Dobbies to sheltered housing schemes, and other premises, within his own ward. A number of Councillors voiced concern that an initiative raised by, and for, the Parish appeared to have been restricted to only a part of the area. Cllr Williams refuted this statement as he considered it a Ward matter.

Cllr Williams left the meeting at 8.15.

Planning & Environment Committee - Cllr Thomas reported on presentations from Bastion Homes and the Parks Trust. He advised that the paper on wind turbines would be discussed at the meeting on 1st August.

Community Committee – Cllr M Geaney took Members through the minutes of the meeting on 11th July and recommended to Council the Youth Team Leader’s proposals regarding staffing.

She also referred to a small working group tasked to begin to develop the framework for “Pride in Your Parish” scheme. It transpired that the Chair of Council and of the Committee had had a conversation on the same subject. The matter would be discussed at the meeting on 8th August.

Policy and Finance (P&F) Committee – Cllr Livingstone presented the minutes of the meeting on 18th July and invited Council to ratify:-

- Offering Child Care vouchers to eligible staff
- Revised Financial Regulations as recorded in the minutes
- Retention of the current Complaints Procedure
- The amended Annual Investment Strategy
- A revised Freedom of Information Protocol
- The Youth Team Leader’s proposals regarding staffing.

It was resolved, by unanimous vote, to ratify the above.

Council noted, as recorded at C/61/11 above, that the terms of reference of all committees will be presented to Council in August.

C/63/11. Neighbourhood Planning - Report C/05/11

Council received the report and directed that the matter be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee.

C/64/11. NALC Larger Council’s Conference - Report C/06/11

It was resolved to authorise the attendance at the NALC Larger Councils’ Conference on 30th November 2011 by the Clerk, and any Councillor who wished to attend

- C/65/11. IT Contract- Report C/07/11**
Having heard from the Vice Chair that a contract might have been signed in March 2010, **it was resolved to** defer this matter until that could be checked.
- C/66/11. Committee Membership**
It was resolved to appoint Councillor K Geaney to the Planning and Environment Committee.
- C/67/11 Allotment Terms & Conditions**
It was resolved to approve the final version of revised allotment terms and conditions tabled at the meeting.
- C/68/11. Correspondence**
Members noted that the correspondence list that had been tabled. No questions arose.
- C/69/11 Finance**
After a brief adjournment to enable Council to study the monthly Finance Report, **it was resolved to** receive the report with details of the current financial position and to authorise the payments listed.
- A question having been asked about the landscaping contract this matter was referred to the Policy and Finance Committee
- C/70/11. Future events and meeting dates.**
The following meeting dates were noted:-
- Planning & Environment Committee – 1st August 2011**
- Community Committee – 8th August 2011**
- Policy & Finance – 17th October 2011**
- Parish Council - 30th August 2011 (Tuesday)**
- Extraordinary Meeting of Council – Monday 19th September - 7.00 p.m.**
- C/71/11. Date of next meeting –30th August 2011 (Tuesday)**

SIGNED.....Chair

