

# **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 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

**C/72/11 Present:** Cllr. J Nicholas – Chair  
Cllr. M Chapman  
Cllr. D. Edmonds  
Cllr K Geaney  
Cllr. M. Geaney  
Cllr. C Osler  
Cllr. D Sanders  
Cllr. R Verman  
Cllr. N Vidamour  
Cllr C Williams

W Dawson – Clerk to Council  
Mrs C McMillan – Deputy Clerk

**C/73/11 Also present:**  
  
MKC Cllrs E Bald, G Small  
Mr M Cato, Ms D Wolfe

**C/74/11. Apologies**  
Cllr. D. Livingstone  
Cllr. K Thomas

**C/75/11. Declarations of interest**  
  
As an MKC Ward Member Cllr Williams declared an interest in item 9, the MKC Corporate Plan consultation.  
  
He also declared an interest in item 8 because of his position as Chair of the Planning Committee at MKC.

**C/76/11. Public involvement**  
No items were raised by the public.

**C/77/11. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011**  
The Clerk tabled a paper advising Council that, in his capacity as a Ward Member, Cllr Williams had requested amendments to draft minute C/62/11 which refer to sheltered housing schemes and Dobbies Garden centre. The draft minutes being submitted for approval it was for Council to decide upon amendments.

After discussion and by recorded votes as shown, **it was resolved to** amend the seventh paragraph of minute 62/11:

By deleting the words “within the parish” and inserting “within his own Ward”.

For the amendment – Cllrs Chapman, Edmonds, M Geaney, K Geaney, Osler, Sanders, Verman, Vidamour. Did not vote Cllr Williams and Nicholas.

By replacing the words “Cllr Nicholas voiced her” with the words “A number of Councillors voiced”.

For the amendment – Cllrs Chapman, Edmonds, M Geaney, K Geaney, Osler, Sanders, Verman, Vidamour. Did not vote Cllr Williams and Nicholas.

By the addition of the sentence “Cllr Williams refuted this statement as he considered it a Ward matter”.

For the amendment – Cllrs Chapman, Edmonds, M Geaney, K Geaney, Sanders, Verman, Vidamour. Abstained – Cllr Osler. Did not vote Cllr Williams and Nicholas.

**It was further resolved that** the minutes, thus amended, would be circulated to all Members and submitted to Council on 26<sup>th</sup> September for approval.

#### **C/78/11.**

#### **Reports.**

**The Clerk** - Council received a report from the Clerk and noted the approach from Springhill Prison. **It was agreed** that detailed proposals to work with the Prison would be considered at the appropriate Committees.

Members also heard of an approach for 2 Councillors to be appointed to represent the Council on a Steering Committee being set up by the Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion. Cllrs Edmonds and Chapman expressed interest in this role and **it was agreed that** this would be ratified at the Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Police** – Unfortunately due to an assault on the nominated officer no representative of the Police was available to attend the meeting.

Council requested that their best wishes be forwarded to the officer.

Council received the latest month’s crime figures and noted the continued decline in recorded crime in the Parish.

**Ward Councillors** – Cllr Williams reported that MKC had appointed a new officer tasked with the upkeep of play areas. He had taken him to Challacombe and others. The new officer was considering a strategy for the future of play areas and was aware of the importance of engaging local councils and the public. The Clerk would be given the officer’s contact details with a view to inviting him to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Bald explained her role with MKC which had prevented her from attending previous Parish Council meetings. She is heavily involved in MKC’s financial deliberations, is a member of the Audit Committee, Budget Review

Group and is involved in the negotiations with HCA regarding the transfer of assets from that body to the Council.

Locally, she has a large number of active cases involving residents' issues; is working with the schools; has arranged for pavement improvements in a number of areas; is in discussion with Hertsmere Leisure about litter and anti-social behaviour problems; is a supporter of the continuation of Westcroft Nursery; and is doing all she can to assist the Parish Council to secure funding for the new office.

Cllr Small reported that a grant of £1000 had been made to Hungerford house for their gardening club, and that MKC had been invited to nominate a Member for the Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion, and a member of the public had also been invited.

**Planning & Environment Committee** - in the absence of the Chair of the Committee, the Vice Chair reported on the meeting of this Committee. There were no issues of particular note.

**Community Committee** – Cllr Edmonds reported on the meeting of this Committee. A draft logo for “Pride in Where I Live” was in preparation and would be circulated to all for comment before the next meeting.

**Policy and Finance Committee** - the last meeting was reported to Council in July.

**C/79/11**

**Committee Terms of Reference – Report No C/08/11**

Council received revised terms of reference for the three standing committees which had been agreed by them.

**It was resolved to** adopt the revised Terms of Reference.

**C/80/11**

**New Office – Reserve site – Report No C/09/11**

Council noted the need to submit a request for a further extension to the Council's reserve on the site for the new office, and also to seek an extension to the Planning consent. The papers having being circulated before the meeting **it was resolved to:**

- (a) authorise the submission of the application for an extension of the reserve and the payment of the fee of £5,000;
- (b) authorise the submission of the application for an extension of the planning consent and the payment of the fee of £175.00.

(In view of the interest declared at minute C/75/11 Cllr Williams took no part in this debate and did not vote.)

**C/81/11**

**MKC Corporate Plan for Milton Keynes – Consultation – Report No C/10/11**

Council noted the consultation by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) on the corporate plan for 2012 to 2026. **It was agreed that** any Councillor with comments would let the Clerk have them in time for them to be taken to the Parishes Forum on 29<sup>th</sup> September or submitted directly to MKC by 18<sup>th</sup> October.

- C/82/11 Election of the Vice Chair for the Parish Forum**  
**It was resolved that** the Council's vote for the election of the Vice Chair of the Parish Forum would be cast in favour of Cllr D Livingstone.
- C/83/11. Correspondence**
- Members noted the correspondence list that had been tabled. The letter of thanks from a grant applicant was welcomed
- C/84/11 Finance**
- Council received the report of the RFO with details of the current financial position and payments to be authorised which were approved.
- Council noted the availability of funds for a further investment and **it was resolved to** authorise the Clerk to make a 6 month deposit of £50,000 with Lloyds TSB at the rate of 1.1%.
- Council heard also that, as the half year approached, and the migration to the RBS accounting package settled it was apparent that a number of minor adjustments to cost centres and cost codes were necessary. These would be addressed and reported over the next two to three months.
- C/85/11. Future events and meeting dates:**
- The following were noted
- Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**
- Community Committee – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September**
- Policy & Finance – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**
- Parish Council - Extraordinary Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 7.00 p.m.**  
Ordinary meeting - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September
- 14. Date of next meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 7.00 p.m.**

SIGNED.....Chair