

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 26th September 2011.**

C/87/11 Present: Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr M Cato
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr K Geaney
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr. J Nicholas
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr D Wolfe

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

C/88/11 Also present:
Cllr S Burke - MKC
One member of the public.

C/89/11. Apologies
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams

C/90/11. Declarations of interest
Cllr Edmonds declared a personal interest in item 9.

C/91/11. Public involvement
The member of the public raised a question about the controlled parking zone (CPZ) on Furzton and Shenley Lodge. He had understood that the restriction was only to be in place when concerts were held at the Bowl. However notices about the CPZ remain in place which confuses deliverymen and tradesmen.

The Chair of Council responded that signs should be covered when no concert is planned. This matter would be drawn to Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) attention.

C/92/11. Minutes of the meetings on Monday 25th July and Tuesday 30th August 2011

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 25th July and Tuesday 30th August, having already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C/93/11. Reports.

The Chair – the Chair reported that he had attended a meeting of the MKC Children and Young People’s Select Committee at which the future of the Westcroft Nursery was considered. The Parish Council’s submission was not well presented to that committee. The Chair, Cllr Burke and others made representations to the Committee on that point.

Subsequently the Chair met the Assistant Director for the service and he was hopeful that the submission would be presented properly to the MKC Cabinet

The Chair reported also on a visit he had made to the Police CCTV Surveillance suite. An invitation had been extended to all Councillors and Officers to see the facilities. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the unit manager to arrange a visit, hopefully on 31st October 2011.

The Clerk - Council received a report from the Clerk and noted that a new part-time Youth Worker had been appointed; that there had been a positive response from the Emerson Valley Community Centre Management Committee to the draft new management agreement; and that the Annual return had been certified.

Police – the latest crime figures were received and the 40% reduction on last year noted.

Ward Councillors – Cllr Burke reported that the development of 7 houses in Harlow Crescent, Oxley Park, was going ahead in spite of public comments; that HCA are close to a deal to sell land on Tattenhoe for a pub/hotel; that MKC are consulting on the relocation of some salt/grit bins.

Members discussed whether this was solely a question of relocating existing bins or whether, separately, there was also the question of additional bins.

It was agreed that the salt/grit bin issue would be discussed by the Planning and Environment Committee on 3rd October.

Planning & Environment Committee - Cllr Thomas reminded Council of the last, minor, amendment to allotment terms and conditions and also that the rent increase letters were being posted.

Community Committee – Cllr M Geaney reported that the Committee had heard from the MKC Neighbourhood Manager about an initiative being pursued on Westcroft to tidy up the area. **It was agreed that** there should be a close link with the Parish’s “Pride in Where I Live” initiative. **It was agreed** also that members would let Tom Brockway of MKC know of sites that would be suitable for bulb planting.

Cllr Geaney also presented to Council the Committee’s recommendation that there should be a Parish Facebook page subject to the resources being available and an appropriate protocol being developed. **It was agreed that** the Clerk be tasked to set this up and it be monitored for 6 months.

- C/94/11. Transfer of assets and services from Milton Keynes Council**
Council considered the Clerk's report seeking a response to MKC's invitation to submit expressions of interest in the transfer of assets and/or services.
- Members noted that, at this time, there remained uncertainty about the financial implications of devolvement. There was also the question of whether any transfer would be of the whole, or part, of a function.
- However, the opportunities and challenges of possible transfer were noted and **it was agreed that** talks should continue. The Clerk was tasked with confirming to MKC that the Parish Council was interested in discussions about transfer of assets and services.
- C/95/11 Community Engagement**
Council received the revised Statement of Community Engagement from the Community Committee.
- It was resolved to** adopt the revised document.
- C/96/11 Warden Video**
Having declared the personal interest Cllr Edmonds informed Council that his son had a degree in video production and had offered to produce a video of the Wardens' role, to be posted on the website, for a fee of £300.
- It was noted that there were only 3 working days available for the shooting of the video because his son would take up full time employment from the beginning of October.
- However, **it was agreed that** Mr A Edmonds be commissioned to produce a short video, if practicable arrangements could be made in the short time frame available.
- C/97/11 Localism**
Council considered the Clerk's report inviting consideration of the implications of the Localism Bill with particular emphasis, in the first instance, on neighbourhood planning. It was noted that the Bill provides for local councils to have a general power of competence which will enable Council to do more than currently. The Bill also proposes a community "right to challenge" but much of the detailed provisions remain unknown at this time.
- It was agreed that** the Clerk would contact The AD Planning at MKC to arrange a briefing on neighbourhood planning at the appropriate time (i.e. when there is clarity about the provisions within the Bill).
- C/98/11 External Representation**
It was resolved to ratify the appointment of Cllrs Edmonds and Chapman to represent the Parish Council on the Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion Steering Committee.

- C/99/11 Correspondence**
Members noted the correspondence list that was tabled.
- C/100/11 Finance**
Council received the report of the RFO with details of the current financial position and payments to be authorised which were approved.
- C/101/11. Future events and meeting dates:**

The following were noted

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 3rd October

Community Committee – Monday 14th October

Policy & Finance – Monday 17th October

Parish Council - Monday 24th October
- C/102/11. Date of next meeting – Monday 24th October - 7.00 p.m.**

SIGNED.....Chair