

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 24th September 2012.

1. Present:

Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr. J Nicholas – Vice Chair
Cllr. M Cato
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr M Mitchell-Doyle
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. D Wolfe

Mrs C McMillan – Clerk to Council

2. Apologies:

Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr K Geaney
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams

Ward Cllr E Bald

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

There were no issues raised.

5. Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 28th August 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th August, having already been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Reports

The Clerks' report was noted.

Police – Sgt Andrew O'Hanlon tabled the police report confirming to members that there had been a 20% reduction in crime around the parish this year.

Members thanked the Sergeant for attending and enquired if the Police could write an article regarding police support within the parish for the next edition of the newsletter.

Ward Councillors

There were no Ward Councillors present.

Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr J Nicholas

- Confirmed to members that the Chairman of the Allotments Association from Windmill Hill had attended the meeting to discuss what assistance the association would like from the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed she would forward the correspondence from the association to all members.
- Informed members that if members object or comment on a planning application, the Clerk has always informed the relevant planning officer at MKC. It now transpires that all objections go through the planning enquiries rather than contacting the planning officers directly.

Community Committee:

Cllr D Sanders:

- Informed members that at the meeting held this month two grants were awarded to:

Young People are our Future - £1,000 - as funding is required to run 12 project days one per month for the next year in our parish to provide young people with the Life Skills education. The remainder of the funding required (£1,530) would be awarded to this project from monies held from previous year Ward Councillor budgets plus Olympic Legacy funding previously agreed by this Committee.

1st Oxley Park Rainbows - £1,292 - The Committee heard that the Rainbow Group require funding to help with the initial set up costs including training for adult and young leader volunteers, equipment and rent.

- Informed members that a date has now been agreed for the Emerson Valley Community Day. This will take place on Saturday 20th October 2012 from 2pm to 5pm.
- Confirmed to members that the Shenley Lodge clean up event which was provisionally organised for 15th September did not take place.
- Confirmed a thank you letter had been received from Shenley Brook End Village Hall Bingo club for the grant awarded for bingo tickets.

Policy and Finance Committee:

Cllr D Livingstone:

There was nothing to report as no further meetings had been held.

The Parks Trust:

Cllr J Nicholas:

There was nothing to report as no further meetings had been held.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr M Chapman:

- Informed members that there has been an increase in usage at Emerson Valley Rugby Club as there was a pool table, a darts team and several korfbal events. Cllr Chapman confirmed that the bad weather has had an effect on events which has also had a financial impact on the Club.
- There had been two attempted burglaries
- The Group have been discussing plans for the void including the possibility of gym hire.

Cllr D Wolfe informed members that the Rugby Club are looking to do a one page leaflet with the possibility of a link for the website to enable users to see what else is happening at the sports pavilion.

Cllr Edmonds asked if the spotlight nearest to the Pavilion and main road could be adjusted as it appears to be out of alignment. Cllr Chapman confirmed she would investigate this.

The Local Council Support Associates:

Cllrs M & K Geaney:

There had been no further meeting therefore there was nothing to report. The Clerk informed members that there were two places available for the meeting to be held on Saturday 29th September as Cllrs M & K Geaney were on annual leave.

STARS:

Cllr N Vidamour was not present at the meeting to update members.

7. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved. The Clerk confirmed to members that the funding had been received from MKC for the Parish Partnership Funding for Challacombe play area and the Jubilee Benches.

8. Code of Conduct

Cllr D Livingstone updated members that he, Cllr J Nicholas and the Clerk had attended the Code of Conduct training arranged by MK Council. He informed members that the information given by the Standards Committee that Councils were still covered by the old 2007 Code of Conduct until a new version was adopted was in fact incorrect and there was therefore an urgency to agree and adopt a new code immediately.

Cllr Livingstone informed members they had three options which were:

- 1) Members to write a Code of Conduct specifically for our Council
- 2) Adopt the MK Council version
- 3) Adopt the NALC version

Cllr J Nicholas had modified both versions to ensure they were relevant to our parish council which the Chairman gave his thanks.

Members discussed all options and it was **resolved unanimously** to adopt the MKC version with the following changes:

Section D – Gifts and Hospitality

The amount of any gift, benefit or hospitality £50

Section C – Compliance with Standing Orders relating to interests - Insert the NALC Declarations of Interests at meetings, paragraphs 10 – 14.

Cllr Livingstone informed members that they must register their interests as a failure to report is a criminal offence and recommended they complete the Declarations of Interests form and return to the Clerk within 7 days of this meeting.

Members noted the Clerks' report on Dispensations and members were asked to consider passing a resolution granting dispensation for those items of business which were previously exempt under the 2007 Code of Conduct.

it was **resolved unanimously** to grant dispensations for the following items of business for the period commencing 24th September 2012 until the day before the Annual Council meeting following the next ordinary parish election in 2015.

- An allowance, payment or indemnity for members
- Setting a precept.

9. Future meeting dates:

The following dates and times were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 1st October 2012

Community Committee – Monday 8th October 2012

Policy & Finance – Monday 22nd October 2012

Parish Council – Monday 29th October 2012

Signed.....Chairman