

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 1st September 2014.

1. Present:

Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. S Moore

Ward Cllrs. E Bald and G Morla

R Zimmerman – Minute Taker

2. Apologies:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. C Williams

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

There were no members of the public present.

5. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 28th July 2014

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 28th July including the “In Camera” minutes, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Youth Team Video

A video of a project with Priory Rise School was shown by the Youth Leader. The Youth Leader informed Members that the School and the young people had really appreciated the project. The Youth Leader has been invited back to start a new project later this month, and will also be working with other Primary Schools going forward. Further videos can be viewed on line and the videos are also advertised in the current Community News.

Members congratulated the Youth Leader on the good work.

7. Reports

Police:

A report to the Council showing crime figures for August and two further reports from the PCSO's had been previously circulated. Members were in agreement that receiving the reports before the meeting, in written form, was much preferred.

Clerk:

There was no Clerks' report due to the Clerk being on long term sick leave.

Chairman:

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman had distributed his report to all members, prior to the meeting. Each item was dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr. Bald reported that she had been dealing with:

- The current taxi licensing issues. She advised there is to be a review of all taxi licensing.
- The Westcroft shopping area having had an up lift, including painting, was looking very good.
- She is also meeting with Solicitors and Neil Sainsbury, concerning the residents issues with land ownership for the Westcroft Reserve Site 3.

Ward Cllr. Morla, from Tattenhoe Ward, was attending the meeting for the first time and had no report to make.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th August had been circulated to all Members.

Cllr. Verman reported that:

- With regards to Westcroft Reserve Site 3, the Planning Committee were asked by Neil Sainsbury of MKC for their thoughts on an extension of the consultation period, as residents had requested this. All Members were in agreement that this would not be necessary. Rebecca Zimmerman will repond to Neil Sainsbury to this effect.
- Taylor Wimpey are to hold a further consultation for the Kingsmead South development and had requested it to be held at the Parish Offices. This has been arranged for Tuesday 30th September. Cllr. Verman will inform all Members via email.

- Cllr. Verman thanked the Wardens for their good work. One of their jobs had been painting some of the bollards in the Parish and over the next 12 months they will all be painted. They will be arranging for painting to be carried out in play areas, with help from the young offenders.

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Vidamour asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Policy and Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July had been circulated to all Members. Cllr Cato asked Members if they had any questions, there were none.

8. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

Due to the absence of Cllr. Nicholas, there was no report to be made.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. M Geaney reported that they had held their Fish & Chip supper, hoping to bring new members. This had not proved successful. They were also dealing with an issue with excessive water at a dip near Furzton Lake. Letters and discussions are currently taking place with Anglian Water.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. Edmonds reported that there had been no further meetings; the next meeting is to be on 2nd October. They had been dealing with issues around the circular area of land at Rusland Circus in Emerson Valley and progress has been made with the hedge cutting and removal. The benches around the area are to be moved and placed in positions along the redway, therefore making the area less attractive for youths to gather.

The Valley Steering Group:

There had been no further meetings, the next meeting is to take place later on this month.

STARS:

Cllr Chapman confirmed there had been no further meetings.

Parishes Forum:

There had been no further meetings. The next meeting is arranged for 18th September.

TVP:

There had been no further meetings.

Clerks Forum:

Due to the absence of the Clerk there had been no further meetings attended.

West Flank Interagency Group:

Cllr. K Geaney reported there had been a meeting on 17th July, and the minutes had previously been circulated to all Members.

9. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

10. Policies

Cllr. Osler informed Members that the Safety and Health Policy Statement having been previously circulated to all Members, was a mission statement of intent. It makes the legal obligations of the Council clearer than was previously the case. Training records are also to be in place going forward.

This was unanimously adopted by Council.

11. Standing Orders

Cllr. Cato reported that Council had received a Legal Briefing instruction from NALC to change the wording in our Standing Orders at item 1 (i) to wording as supplied.

Members agreed unanimously to the alteration.

12. Fire Extinguishers

Cllr. Cato reported that Councillors had previously expressed concerns over our current supplier and he recommended that a change of supplier was required. Quotations for a much lesser amount had been received and Council would this time be purchasing the extinguishers. Full training in usage would be given to Officers, and Sharon Kerr has already attended a Fire Safety course.

Members agreed unanimously to support the change.

13. Emerson Valley Community Centre

Cllr. Cato reported that since taking the Community Centre back earlier in the year, himself and Cllr. Nicholas had attended the centre and drawn up a snagging list, of in excess of 80 items, to bring the centre up to an acceptable standard. Cllr. Cato informed Members that many of the larger items have already been repaired, including floor polishing, electrics, roof repairs, door locks and alarm fobs. Thanks were given to Rebecca Zimmerman and the Wardens for all their hard work.

A management meeting will be held on 9th September and an open evening has been arranged for 16th September. The open evening is to promote the hall, regular users will be in attendance. Cllr. Cato requested that as many Members who were able, attend the evening.

Cllr. Osler thanked Cllr. Cato and Officers for all their hard work.

14. New Parish Office.

Cllr. Cato reported that himself and Cllr. Nicholas had met with 5 architects, with a view to producing plans for the new office. A figure had been given to them to see if it will be possible to achieve a one or two storey building within budget. A further meeting will be held on 25th September, with details being brought back to Council, at a separate meeting, on a Tuesday in October.

15. Budgets 2015/16

Cllr. Verman requested any ideas for special projects that could be considered for 2015/16. He further enlightened Members on the more extensive projects that other Councils put requests in for, for Parish Partnership Funding. Members are requested to send emails to Cllr. Verman with suggestions, and Cllr. Verman is to bring the proposals back to this Committee.

Cllr. Vidamour informed Members that the Community Committee will be discussing this matter at their next meeting. Cllr. Vidamour further informed Members that an email had been received from Community Action MK regarding grants which may be on offer for use in Tattenhoe Park and Kingsmead South. He also requested any further ideas to be included in the budget and be sent to Cllr. Sanders or himself.

16. Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 8th September 2014

Community Committee – Monday 15th September 2014

Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 20th October 2014

Parish Council – Monday 29th September 2014

17. Date of next meeting – Monday 29th September 2014

Meeting closed: 20.38 hours

Signed.....Chairman