

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 October 2011.

C/103/11 Present: Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman

Cllr. M Cato
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr. J Nicholas
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams
Cllr. D Wolfe

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

C/104/11 Also present:

Mr D Nicholas
Mr A Edmonds

C/105/11. Apologies

Cllr. R Verman

C/106/11. Declarations of interest

Cllr Cato declared an interest in item 8

C/107/11. Public involvement

Mr A Edmonds presented a video of the Wardens service. Council universally praised the film and **it was agreed that** this should be put on the Council's website. Consideration would also be given to setting up a YouTube page.

C/108/11. Minutes of the meetings on Monday 19th and 26th September 2011

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 19th September, having been tabled, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September, having already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to minute C/91/11 on the latter Cllr Williams sought clarification that the notices referred to were those on lamp-posts. He had asked MKC officers either to remove those notices or alter them to make the message clearer.

C/109/11. Reports.

The Chair and Clerk – reported on the latest position with the Westcroft nursery. MKC Cabinet have called for business cases to run the nurseries to be submitted by 30th November and evaluated during December with recommendations to Cabinet in January. The Cabinet will consider in December whether to accelerate the transfer of the Westcroft Nursery.

Police – PC Bachelor reported on crime figures for last month. The downward trend continues. The most common offence relates to theft of insecure property. There is also a return of metal theft with bollards being stolen. The Police are paying attention to the area around Furzton Lake because of an increase in offences there.

Ward Councillors – Cllr Williams echoed the point about metal theft by reporting that every single drain cover had been stolen from Northcroft.

He updated Council on the latest position with salt bins in the Parish. A neighbouring area is gaining bins at the expense of this Parish. 8 of the 13 bins in the Parish are under threat. The Chairman reminded Members that the distribution of bins in the Parish had been determined by 2 Ward Members and himself with advice from MKC Officers.

Members discussed the purpose of, and need for, grit bins and expressed concern at any reduction in the number.

It was resolved that:-

The Clerk would ascertain from MKC the precise purpose of grit bins i.e. for the public on foot paths and private land or just for them to spread on roads

The Clerk also would enquire of MKC what the cost would be for the bins to be devolved to the Parish who would then be responsible for servicing them

The Clerk would ascertain the cost if the Parish Council wished to buy the bins it is proposed be removed so that they remain in the Parish; and the cost of servicing them if they remain in situ.

Cllr Thomas advised that there were no bins on Kingsmead and asked that MKC be asked to provide some on that estate

Planning & Environment Committee - the Chair had nothing to add to the minutes which had been circulated.

Community Committee – The Chair of the committee reported that recent conversations with the Oakhill Secure Training Centre indicated that the mound on the Wimborne allotments will soon be removed.

Policy and Finance Committee

Cllr D Edmonds declared an interest in relation to the item on IT in the Policy and Finance Committee minutes.

The Chair of the Committee reported that in a preliminary discussion about next year's budget the consensus was that consideration should be given to freezing the precept for another year.

The Committee had determined that the office should be closed for the period between Christmas and New Year with staff being granted 2 days' leave and asked to take one day's holiday. After an intervention by

Councillor Williams the latter point was discussed by Council, in the absence of staff, and **it was resolved that** the Chair of Council be empowered to consult staff on this matter.

The Chair reported the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the provision of IT services. The Clerk advised that the current provider had been unable to adjust their quotation as invited. Members discussed the case for and against changing provider and **it was resolved to** appoint EBS.

C/110/11. Authorised Signatories

It was resolved to appoint Cllrs Williams, M Geaney and Vidamour as authorised signatories.

C/111/11. Committee Membership

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Cato to the Planning and Environment, and Policy and Finance Committees, and Cllr Wolfe to the Community Committee

C/112/11 Emerson Valley Management Agreement

Members considered the proposed revised management agreement and made the following observations:-

There should be an asset register to indicate clearly which “contents” are to be covered by the Council’s insurance in section 4.4

Delete the words “or a proper proportion of Business rates or other rates and taxes applicable to it” from paragraph 5.9

Add the words “and in good order” to paragraph 5.17

C/113/11 Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence list that was tabled.

C/114/11 Finance

Council received the report of the RFO with details of the current financial position and payments to be authorised which were approved. The position with the provision of fire safety services was noted.

C/115/11. Future events and meeting dates:

Planning & Environment Committee – 7th November 2011

Community Committee – 14th November 2011

Parish Council - 28th November 2011

(And members were reminded of the visit to the CCTV suite at Central Milton Keynes Police Station on Monday 21st November at 7.00.p.m.)

SIGNED.....Chair