

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 27th October 2014.

1. Present:

Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D Edmonds
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. C Williams
Cllr. D Sanders

Ward Cllr. P Cannon

R Zimmerman – Minute Taker

2. Apologies:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman
Cllr. S Moore
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle

Ward Cllr. Bald

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

There was one member of the public present, with no points to raise.

5. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 29th September 2014 and Extraordinary meetings

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 29th September and Extraordinary meetings held on 7th and 14th October, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Reports

Police:

Due to the absence of PC Jones the crime figures for October were not available. Two reports from the PCSO's had been previously circulated.

Clerk:

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

Chairman:

The Chairman's' report had previously been circulated. The report covered item 8 on the agenda.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr. C Williams reported that:-

- There had been travellers in the car park at Furzton Lake and The Parks Trust and MKC had acted very quickly in their eviction.
- A female swan, one of a pair on the lake, had become entangled in fishing line causing harm and distress. It has now been rescued and is recovering at a sanctuary.

Ward Cllr. P Cannon reported that:-

- MKC landscaping contract will be up for renewal on 1st November and Serco have been awarded the contract. This will hopefully be a change for the better.

Ward Cllr. E Bald was not able to attend the meeting, she had previously sent a report which was circulated to all Members.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th October had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Cato asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Community Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Cato asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Policy and Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Cato asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

7. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

A report from Cllr. Nicholas had previously been circulated to all Members.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. M Geaney reported that a meeting had been held on 1st October and membership was not looking good. She asked if anyone had any ideas to bring new members to the group, if so, to please let her know.

Cllr. M Geaney also reported:

- They were still awaiting a reply from Anglian Water in connection with the water running over near Furzton Lake, which could have serious implications if the weather turns extremely cold.
- They were still trying to get a response from The Parks Trust in connection with a lorry which had caused a problem parking on a grass verge by creating a deep rut.

Cllr. M Geaney commented that the NAG would be holding a full yearly review and she would like to stand down as Chairman. Cllr. Edmonds suggested that both NAG Chairmen meet to share ideas going forward.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. Edmonds reported that all was going very well. He had been re-elected for the coming year with Ward Cllr. Burke being Vice Chairman once again.

Cllr. Edmonds also reported:

- They had success with Rusland Circus in Emerson Valley and all benches will be removed and re-positioned in more suitable positions.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr. M Geaney confirmed there had been no more meetings.

STARS:

Cllr Chapman confirmed there had been no further meetings.

Parishes Forum:

Cllr. Cato confirmed 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 that the next meeting would be on 20th November.

8. Contract for Partial Funding of PCSO's

The Chairman had previously circulated to all Members a report covering this agenda item. Cllr. Cato informed Members that at the previous Policy & Finance meeting, Members had agreed to stop the part funding.

Cllr. Williams expressed an interest in this item as a Ward Councillor, and was not in support of the decision.

A vote was taken to ratify the decision made by the Policy & Finance Committee, all Members voted in favour, with one against.

9. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved.

10. Budgets

A first draft budget report was circulated to all Members. Cllr. Cato reported that in the absence of Cllr. Nicholas and Sharon Kerr, the Finance Officer, the report was to be taken away and any queries emailed to Sharon Kerr.

11. Emerson Valley Community Centre.

Cllr. Cato reported that all works required for the efficient running of the Centre had been carried out. The outside varnishing and decoration was to wait until the weather improves in Spring 2015. Cllr. Cato is to ask Sharon Kerr, if when the Wardens have time, they could rub down and varnish the very bad windows for now.

There has been much more interest in bookings at the hall and curtains are to be purchased to cover the three doors at the rear of the hall, to make it more suitable for general use.

12. New parish Office

Cllr. Cato reported that the Community Foundation were meeting on 18th November and will hopefully approve passing the land to us. We wait to be informed of their decision.

13. Confidential Item

The following motion was proposed

The Committee is invited to resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press, public and staff be excluded temporarily and they be instructed to withdraw.

The motion was carried

R Zimmerman and Ward Cllr. Cannon left the meeting at 20.07 hrs.

Confidential Item (see separate minutes)

14. The following dates and times were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 3rd November 2014

Community Committee – Monday 10th November 2014

Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 19th January 2015

Parish Council – Monday 24th November 2014

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 24th November 2014

Meeting closed: 20.25 hrs.

Signed.....Chairman