

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 25th November 2013.

1. Present:

Cllr. J Nicholas - Chairman
Cllr. M Cato - Vice Chairman
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. C Williams
Cllr. D Edmonds

Mrs R Zimmerman – Minute Taker
Mrs S Kerr
PCSO Chelsea Boxell
Mr R Goddard and Mr C Russell (Mirus)
1 member of the public

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from:
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. S Moore
Cllr. C Osler

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Time

There were no issues raised.

5. Office Computer System

Rob Goddard and Chris Russell from Mirus IT attended to discuss refreshing our current infrastructure as our server is of an age that it is unreliable. Members received a copy of the health check Mirus had produced and prices have been submitted. Cllr Sanders proposed, Cllr Cato seconded, and the motion was carried, with one against, to place the order with Mirus for the upgraded equipment. Cllr Nicholas advised that there is a provision for this in the current years' budget.

6. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th October

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

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

7. Reports:

Police Report:

PCSO Boxell attended the meeting. Members received the crime figures for November which showed overall that crime had reduced in comparison with 2012. Members also received a copy of the Correct Procedure for Crime and ASB reporting to Police, as previously requested. PCSO Boxell mentioned that there has been a group of youths gathering in the Westcroft Shopping area and were interested in asking if the Parish Council would like to offer assistance in this matter. Cllr Nicholas suggested that the Youth Leader be contacted in respect of this. Cllr Nicholas thanked PCSO Boxell for attending and stated that the information had been very informative.

Clerk: There was no Clerks report due to the Clerk being on sick leave.

Chairman: The Chairman advised that she had attended Giles Brook School to watch the young children taking part in a workshop provided by Milton Keynes City Orchestra who had previously received a grant from the Parish Council. It had been a wonderful experience. Cllr Edmonds wanted to thank Sharon Kerr and Rebecca Zimmerman for all their hard work.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr Williams: Informed Members that there had been an ongoing issue at a stretch of road in North Furzton where pedestrian access had been blocked by a van continually parking on the pavement causing pedestrians to walk in the road. Ward Cllr Williams advised Members that insufficient action had been taken and that he would be following this up.

Ward Cllr Williams further advised he had received an email from the Head of Highways concerning the continuing problems at the junction at Livesey Hill, Shenley Lodge. The email advised there would be no commitment to complete any works at this location, but it may be considered for design in 2014/15. Cllrs Nicholas, Cato and Verman will together, with Ward Cllr Williams, compose a letter expressing their concerns. Cllr Nicholas suggested that she may ask Cllr Stuart Nightingale from Shenley Church End for assistance, as this is of joint concern.

Ward Cllr Williams finally updated Members on the continuing accident spot at Dulverton Drive and Hawkshead Drive. There had been a response from over 650 people in connection with the proposed traffic signals, no right turn or roundabout. Ward Cllr Williams will meet with the Parish Council and road Officers to see which option they would like to pursue.

Planning & Environment Committee:

Cllr Thomas informed Members there had been a public consultation in connection with the Kingsmead South development, he had been in touch with Planning Officers at MKC who had advised that it is unlikely anything will happen before January 2014. Cllr Nicholas informed Members of a meeting she was attending on

Tuesday morning at Shenley Brook End ponds, with Mark Aitkens from All Green Landscapes and Martin Kincaid from The Parks Trust, with a view to discussing the way forward with the dredging of the ponds.

Community Committee:

Cllr Livingstone questioned the reasons for the Bulb Planting not taking place this year. Cllr Chapman advised that the physical requirements required proved to be an issue, as the ground is very hard and compacted in the areas proposed. Cllr Nicholas advised Members that she was aware that Great Linford Parish Council had carried out bulb planting in their area and she would contact their Council for helpful advice. Cllr Livingstone asked for this to be taken back to the Community Committee for further investigation. Ward Cllr Williams again stated that his offer of a contribution towards the purchase of the bulbs was still on the table.

Policy and Finance Committee: There had been no meetings since the last Parish Council meeting.

8. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

Cllr Nicholas: Informed Members that a report had previously been circulated.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

There was nothing to report.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Edmonds: Informed Members they were striving forward to re-engage with residents. 6,800 leaflets had been printed and were being delivered to residents in their area inviting them to a free fish and chip supper in January.

Valley Steering Group

Cllr R Verman: Informed Members there had been no meetings but there was one coming up shortly.

LCSA: There had been no meetings but there was to be one this coming Saturday.

STARS: A meeting assessment form had previously been circulated from Cllr Chapman.

Parishes Forum: Cllr Livingstone informed Members that there is a meeting on 12th December and there are three items on the agenda:

- Update on replacement to road signs and pot holes.
- HS2 route from M1 to M40 for the transportation of waste materials.
- Infrastructure Levy.

TVP Liaison Group:

Cllr Nicholas will write on behalf of the Parish Council to find out when the next meeting will be.

Clerks Forum:

There was nothing to report.

9. Statement of Community Involvement

Cllr Nicholas informed Members that this explains how MKC will deal with planning in the future. Cllr Nicholas recommended that all Members visit the website to answer the questionnaire. Cllr Williams asked that this be taken to the Planning and Environment Committee meeting to agree on a preferred option.

10. Declarations of Interest

All amended forms were signed by Members.

11. Finance

Members received the finance report and payments to be authorised including retrospectives, all were approved.

12. Audit Report

A copy of the interim audit report had previously been circulated to all Members. Cllr Nicholas informed Members that the auditors had asked for alterations to be made to the Financial Regulations to bring them in line with the Standing Orders, this was unanimously agreed. Other recommendations were also suggested, these were again unanimously agreed.

13. Budget 2014/15

A first draft of the 2014/15 budget was circulated to all Members. Cllr Livingstone informed Members there was to be a meeting on Wednesday at MKC where the precept is to be approved. Cllr Nicholas requested that both the Planning and Environment Committee and Community Committee take a final look at their Budget requirements so they can be taken to Decembers' Full Council meeting.

14. Pride in the Parish

Cllr Chapman informed Members that at the last meeting residents were able to see the facilities available at the Emerson Valley Rugby Club. The next meeting is to be on Wednesday.

15. The following dates and times were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 2nd December 2013

Community Committee – Monday 13th January 2014

Policy & Finance – Monday 20th January 2014

Parish Council – Monday 16th December 2013

16. Date of next meeting – Monday 16th December 2013

Meeting closed: 21.15 hours

Signed.....Chairman

