

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 19th December 2011.

C/133/11 Present : Cllr. D. Livingstone – Chairman
Cllr. M Cato
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. D. Edmonds
Cllr K Geaney
Cllr. M. Geaney
Cllr. J Nicholas
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D Sanders
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr C Williams
Cllr. D Wolfe

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

C/134/11 Also present:
Cllr E Bald

C/135/11. Apologies
Cllr. K Thomas

C/136/11. Declarations of interest

Cllr Wolfe declared an interest in item 9.
Cllr Williams declared an interest in item 10 and advised Council that he would neither participate in discussion nor vote on the items. (In fact Cllr Williams left the meeting before this item was discussed)

C/137/11. Public involvement
No members of the public were present.

C/138/11. Minutes of the meeting on Monday 28th November 2011
The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 28th November, having been tabled, were corrected to record that the “brainstorm” session will be on 20th February, then approved and signed by the Chairman.

C/139/11. Reports .
Police – the PCSO reported on latest crime figures which continued the downward trend. A significant number of offences were domestic related; the frauds were internet frauds; and the “kidnapping” was drugs related

where the alleged victim had not paid for drugs used and was taken in to a car by the alleged offenders to resolve the non-payment.

The Clerk - Council received a report from the Clerk and **agreed** that the rear lobbies in the office could be made available for occasional use by the reparation team. Council noted that the supply of electricity would switch to British Gas.

At this point the Chair updated Council on the Westcroft nursery. He reported to Council the interest of Shenley Brook End Academy which had arisen as a result of a conversation with the Vice Chair. Given the resources, experience, and Ofsted registration of the Academy this now appears to be the preferred way forward to ensure the future of the nursery as Council had always wished.

Much work has been done by Cllr Nicholas but much still needs to be done to finalise a joint submission to MKC by the end of January. When the final draft is prepared it will be submitted to an extraordinary meeting of Council for consideration

Ward Councillors – Cllr Bald spoke of the budget consultation which MKC is carrying out for 2012/13 and the need to save a further £28m over the following 3 years. She also responded to questions/comments about street lights being turned off.

Cllr Williams spoke about the western flank. Subject to planning permission it was hoped that work would begin in April 2012 and, over the next 10 to 15 years, 6500 new homes will be built.

He spoke also about the theft of manhole covers; he has asked MKC to investigate plastic replacements.

And Cllr Williams advised that he has carried out a survey of public opinion regarding speed limits and would be proposing 20mph and 50 or 60 mph limits in areas of Shenley Lodge and Furzton. He would ask for this matter to be included on an agenda in the New Year.

Planning & Environment Committee - Cllr Nicholas reported briefly on the meeting in December.

Parks Trust – Cllr Nicholas also reported on the Parks Trust. There would be a planning application for a cafe and visitors centre in Howe Park Wood; the Passivhaus development is under way; the Trust will plant bulbs in 20 areas of the city to celebrate the diamond Jubilee and the Trusts 20th anniversary; and the Trust wishes to improve engagement with parish and town councils.

C/140/11

Fire Service

The Clerk presented a report seeking authority to change the contractor for the future provision of fire services.

It was resolved that Ace Fire and Security be appointed to provide fire risk assessment, emergency lighting and fire alarm servicing with effect from 3 January 2012.

C/141/11

Community green schemes and public sector energy efficiency

Cllr Wolfe introduced a recent Government initiative to support community action on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Parish Councils, in collaboration with communities, are able to submit bids for funding for

projects which satisfy given criteria. However the timescale is very tight with applications having to be submitted by 22nd December or 20th January.

Members had insufficient information about the initiative to make a reasoned decision and, therefore, **it was resolved that** Cllr Wolfe and the Clerk would look into this matter and ascertain whether an application could be drafted, for consideration at an extraordinary meeting of Council in time for the second deadline to be met.

C/142/11 Communications and Meeting Protocol

The report from the Clerk was received and the guidance on communications and meetings accepted.

C/143/11 Planning Applications

The meeting considered applications received from MK C and **resolved :-**

Not to object to 11/02675/FUL – 12 Darby Close

Not to object to 11/02630/FUL – 47 Hartdames

To object to 11/02494/FUL – 14 Cardwell Close because the dormer window in the proposed room over one half of the garage would overlook the neighbouring bedroom; and to express concern over whether the foundations for the existing middle wall separating the garage into two halves would be sufficient to bear the weight of the extension

To object to 11/02359/FUL -20 Roeburn Crescent because the householder has exceeded her authority by incorporating into her garden, without official consent, land that was designated as amenity land; and this represents an unacceptable loss of amenity land.

And to express concern over the impact of 11/02640/FUL – 15 Highveer Croft, which might represent a loss of amenity to the neighbouring property bounded, as it will be on both sides, by a larger property.

C/144/11. Correspondence

The correspondence list was noted.

C/145/11 Finance

Council received the report of the RFO with details of the current financial position and payments to be authorised which were approved.

C/146/11. Future events and meeting dates:

The following dates were noted:-

Planning & Environment Committee – 9 January 2012

Community Committee – 16 January 2012

Policy and Finance Committee – 23rd January 2012

SIGNED.....Chair