

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 15th December 2014.

1. Present:

Cllr. J Nicholas – Chairman
Cllr. M Cato – Vice Chairman
Cllr. D Livingstone
Cllr. M Chapman
Cllr. R Verman
Cllr. N Vidamour
Cllr. K Geaney
Cllr. M Geaney
Cllr. S Moore
Cllr. K Thomas
Cllr. D Sanders

Ward Cllrs. Edith Bald and Geetha Morla

R Zimmerman – Minute Taker

2. Apologies:

Cllr. C Williams
Cllr. M Mitchell-Doyle
Cllr. C Osler
Cllr. D. Edmonds

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 24th November 2014

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 24th November, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

6. Reports

Police:

A report to the Council showing crime figures for December was circulated. P.C Steve Jones was not available to attend the meeting. Cllr. Nicholas is to speak with P.C Jones concerning a couple of the items.

Clerk:

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

Chairman:

The Chairmans report had previously been circulated. Cllr. Nicholas informed Members that the Clerk will take Ill Health retirement with effect from 31st December 2014.

Cllr. Nicholas confirmed that the office would close on 24th December and re-open on Monday 5th January.

Ward Councillors:

Ward Cllr. Bald reported that she was currently in discussions with MKC about the proposed budget.

Ward Cllr. Morla has been dealing with the issues of trollies around Westcroft and has been informed by Morrisons, that if residents make them aware of trollies outside their property, they will remove them within 30 minutes. Ward Cllr. Morla has also been speaking to Hertsmere Leisure concerning the height restriction barrier that has been broken at the Westcroft Pavilion.

Planning & Environment Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December had been circulated to all Members. Cllr. Verman asked Members if they had any comments, there were none.

Community Committee

There had been no meeting this month.

Policy and Finance Committee

There had been no meeting this month.

7. Meeting Updates

The Parks Trust:

Cllr. Nicholas had previously circulated a report to all Members. Cllr. Nicholas informed Members there is to be Carols in the Wood at the new Study Centre in Howe Park Wood in Tattenhoe, this Sunday at 3.30pm.

Shenley Lodge & Furzton Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. M Geaney reported they had been in touch with a Park Ranger as there had been a cupboard in Cold Harbour Spinney, the cupboard has now been removed. They are still sorting the flooding issue with Anglian Water. They have been in touch with MKC about broken grit bins in Furzton, it appears there are many others also broken around the Parish and it may take some time for them all to be replaced.

They will be holding their annual review on 7th January where the Chairman for the next year will be decided.

Howe Park Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr. Edmonds was unable to attend the meeting this evening, no report was available.

The Valley Steering Group:

Cllr. M Geaney informed Members that the meeting in December had been postponed until January.

STARS:

Cllr Chapman confirmed there had been no further meetings.

Parishes Forum:

There had been no further meetings. The next meeting is arranged for this Thursday.

West Flank Interagency Group:

Cllr. K Geaney reported there had been a meeting, no minutes had been received. R. Zimmerman was tasked with asking A. Ridgway if they are ready yet.

8. Finance

Payments to be authorised including retrospectives were approved. Cllr. Sanders requested the yearly monitoring charges for the alarm at EVCC be circulated. R. Zimmerman was tasked with this.

9. Budgets

A list had been circulated to all Members outlining the precept figures, for their consideration. Cllr. Nicholas informed Members that final budget figures will be taken to the Policy & Finance meeting on 19th January for agreement and then ratified by Full Council on 26th January. The final budget figures will then be sent to MKC by 2nd February.

10. Consultation on Parish Polls

Cllr. Nicholas reported that this item had been covered by the Chairmans Report previously circulated. A list of 4 questions were required to be answered, Yes or No, in response to the Consultation.

Members agreed unanimously to reply, Yes, to all 4 questions.

11. Planning Applications

Cllr. Verman informed Members that a planning application 14/02405/FUL from MKC, for We Buy Any Car, had been received, asking for retrospective approval for the erection of a kiosk, for use as a sales office. Members agreed unanimously to respond to MKC and say that they have no objections, but it should be re-sighted away from the junction, preferably near the petrol station at the far end of the car park.

12. Emerson Valley Community Centre

Cllr. Cato reported that most of the work has now been carried out, with the last few items being put off until the new year. User charges have been reviewed and will be in place from 1st April 2015. The hall has also seen an increase in parties leading to an increase in revenue.

13. New Parish Office.

Cllr. Nicholas reported that a letter had been received from the Community Foundation, confirming that we have the land.

Members congratulated the Chairman for negotiating considerably reduced costs for the land.

Cllr. Nicholas informed Members that the application for funding was ready to be sent off. It was confirmed that TVP had been informed of the proposed move and that the required 6 months notice would be given to them, as the build progresses.

14. Planning & Environment Committee – Monday 5th January 2015

Community Committee – Monday 12th January 2015

Policy and Finance Committee – Monday 19th January 2015

Parish Council – Monday 26th January 2015

15. Date of next meeting – Monday 26th January 2015

Meeting closed: 20.40 hours

Signed.....Chairman