

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25 APRIL 2003

1. PRESENT

Mr Mackin presided over Mesdames Faircloth, Harrison, McGregor, Reddick, Messrs. Blaxsell, Fisher, Fletcher, Gray and Steeples. Also present were P C Battams, County Councillor Mr. Younger and District Councillor Mr. Brown.

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed after the amendment to the spelling of Mrs. Faircloth's name.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Letter from Bedfordshire County Council regarding proposed waiting restrictions-Kingsmede, informing this Council that a formal consultation will commence at the end of April.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1 All Councillors are invited to attend a Public Meeting on 28th April at 6.00 p.m. regarding the problems related to Kingfisher Way.

5.2 Presentations for three retiring members for services rendered to the Council. A crystal bowl to Mrs. Faircloth, a silver platter to Mrs. McGregor, an engraved glass plaque to Mr Rutt. A general 'thankyou' was given to all the Councillors by the Mayor for their good works.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Notices of 11 residents have been elected-reminder that four more people need to be co-opted for a full Council.

6.2 Letter from Bedfordshire C.C. regarding temporary road closure of the A507 Arlesey Bridge for bridge deck construction. A plan of the alternative route was enclosed.

6.3 Letter from Bedfordshire C.C. regarding temporary road closure of B658 Bedford Road, Shefford for carriageway re-surfacing. A plan of the alternative route was enclosed.

6.4 Letter from Bedfordshire C.C. to inform STC that Raynesway Southern Construction has been instructed to construct a central refuge outside nos. 163/165 Clifton Road, Shefford. Temporary traffic lights may be required and the work will start after the Easter holiday.

6.5 Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire NHS Strategic Health Authority has invited Councillors to a stakeholder event on 23rd May at the Silsoe Conference Centre in Bedfordshire.

6.6 Letter from British Legion regarding Poppy Day Appeal.

6.7 Letter from Bedfordshire Police notifying the Council that as a result of speed checks made between 9th January and 26th March this year in various locations, 22 people were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit.

6.8 Letter from Ms. Helen Mayhew-a resident of Kingfisher Way-regarding the problems of access to the Middle School from Kingfisher Way.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted:

Planning and Environmental of 2.4.03 and 16.4.03 (Amendment to 914 : 4/2003 –16.4.03 to Read 'Eroded Bank Immediately Down-Stream of South Bridge-River Hit' – not 'Waterlogged Area')

Service and Maintenance of 9.4.03

Finance and Policy of 16.4.03

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Younger.

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Brown

10. ACCOUNTS

Accounts as listed in the Minute Book were approved for payment.

11. MID BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MBDC to be asked if they can arrange cleaning of Town Centre Area as STC are pleased with enhancement but not general condition.

TWIGDEN HOMES

Clerk to write to Twigden Homes regarding the large pothole in Churchill Way near Kingfisher Way junction as there are concerns about possible accidents.

THE OLD FORGE

May 3rd – removal of contents of Old Forge for storage. Volunteers required but entry into forge is at their own risk.

The meeting closed at 9.20. p.m.
