

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2003**

### **1. PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Holmes, Reddick and Collins, Messrs. Gray, Leith, Fletcher & Steeples. Also present was District Councillor Mr. M. Chapman.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Wren, District Councillors Mr. Brown and Mr. Birt, County Councillor Mr. Younger and PC Battams.

### **3. MINUTES**

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

None.

### **5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**5.1** Announcement of public meeting with Chief Superintendent Twydell on June 10<sup>th</sup> in the Methodist church at 7.30 p.m. Item to be published in the Biggleswade Chronicle regarding the 'Rave' at Chicksands

**5.2** The Council e-mail is now on line. Anybody with an e-mail address should give the information to the clerk.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1** E-mail from Helen Spring - Countryside Outreach Officer – regarding the identification of various groups of disadvantaged people with a view to volunteer conservation work, pic-nics and treasure hunts.

**6.2** Letter from Treasurer of Whitbread Wanderbus Committee to see if the Council know of any volunteer drivers.

**6.3** Letter from Mary Faircloth thanking the Council for the gift of a glass bowl as acknowledgement of her time as a Councillor.

**6.4** Letter from Mr. Mason of Harrogate asking the Council if they know of any 'signs' or 'plaques' in Shefford or surrounding area that commemorate the Festival of Britain.

**6.5** Letter from Aragon Housing Association regarding two items of spring mounted play equipment to be placed at the Lucas Way development. She would like the Council's approval before submitting the proposal to planning.

**6.6** Letter from the Environment Home Services of Mid Beds D C asking if the Council if they would display two notices in the Council Chamber window in respect of a Campaign to Raise Awareness Regarding Standards of Rented Living Accommodation.

**6.1** E-mail from Mr L. Birt informing the Council that Messrs. Daniels have withdrawn their Planning Application for a Cottage Hospital in Old Bridge Way / Churchill Way and for the Council to note that the pedestrian crossing in Clifton Road has parking problems whereby the rear overhang of the vehicles protrudes over 1/3 of the crossing (on the north side of the road) making it difficult for wheelchairs.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted

Services and Maintenance	14.05.2003
Planning and Environmental	21.05.2003
Finance and Policy	21.05.2003

## **8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

The report could not be given due to the absence of County Councillor Mr. Younger.

## **9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

This report could not be given due to the absence of District Councillors Messrs. Brown and Birt.

## **10. ACCOUNTS**

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

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Improvements to be made in New Street – introduction of paving etc.

Request for speed checks in Bedford Road and Clifton Road.

It is thought that the crossing in Clifton Road is unlikely to be painted. A central refuge with 'narrowing' at the appropriate roadside kerbs will slow traffic down.

Application to be made to Election Monitoring Officer Of Mid Beds D C to see if the Town Council can have an extension of one month to give additional time to find two more suitable candidates for co-option on to the Council.

**12. TO CO-OPT TO FILL FOUR OTHER VACANCIES**

Robert Blake and Gloria Warwick were co-opted on to the Council. Proposed by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Steeples and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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