

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2003**

**PRESENT**

Mr Fletcher presided over Mesdames Harrison and Reddick, Messrs. Mackin, Wren and Leith.

**2. APOLOGIES**

None

**3. DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

A letter has been received from Mr. J. Tombe, Town Centres & Transport Improvement Team Leader giving an update on the situation and enclosing a revised draft programme showing the DPE Scheme to be implemented.

**4. LICENCE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT - STEAMER P.H.**

An application has been received from Mid Beds D C regarding a licence to be issued to Louise Smith, The Steamer P H, 142 Clifton Road, Shefford for public entertainment. The Town Council has no objection.

**5. LAND OFF MIDLAND CLOSE**

Mid Beds D C have had a response from Costdeal Ltd, the developers of the above site regarding the name 'The Sidings'. Costdeal say that such a name is 'uninviting to the public and has connotations of decay and drabness as well as an assumption that the site is near a railway'. STC to reply that they wish to continue the railway theme.

**6. SPORTING & COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

An enquiry has been received from Woods Hardwick suggesting that their client, a local landowner, may be able to offer a suitable location for some types of facilities after the consultation process has finished. Clerk to ask for more details as to exactly what is on offer.

**7. PLAY AREA SOMERFIELDS STORE**

A phone call from Mrs. Wood regarding the play area near the Somerfields store which she says has a faulty gate and the sign has slipped out of position. Clements Construction to be contacted to effect a repair.

**8. B T TELEPHONE POLE**

Tracy Gunn of 39 High Street has reported the erection of a telegraph pole outside her house. She has asked STC to contact the appropriate authority to see if it can be re-sited as it is an 'eyesore'

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1** Letter from Somerfields Store re Application for Transfer of Justices' Off-Licence. STC has no objection but Somerfields should be made aware of their responsibilities regarding the sale of intoxicating liquors.

**9.2** Letter from Beds C C (Babtie Group) re Proposed waiting restrictions, Kingsmede. There have been objections to this proposal and so the matter will be referred to the County Council's Development Control Committee for a decision whether to proceed. STC To be notified of that decision.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Ivel Drainage Board to be contacted about tree branches at the wharf that need some attention.

It has been reported that the pathway at Great Hill can accommodate an ordinary wheelchair but not a motorised type.

Report of tree branches overhanging footpath, 77 & 75 Ampthill Road. An inspection is to be carried out.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

