

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH MAY 2003

PRESENT

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed Mr. Fletcher, seconded Mrs. Harrison and agreed unanimously that Mr. R.Fletcher be elected. Mr. Wren was elected deputy and seconded by Mr. Mackin.

Mr. Fletcher then 'took the chair' and the meeting continued.

2. APOLOGIES

None

3. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – KINGSMEDDE

This was supported by the Council providing the bays were marked clearly and that there were appropriate yellow lines. It was pointed out that there is long term parking available nearby.

4. PEDESTRIAN CENTRAL REFUGE – CLIFTON ROAD

Work has already started and planning permission is not required for this form of crossing

5. PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING – BEFORD ROAD

A map accompanied a letter from Beds. C.C. and a copy of a notice that will appear in the Biggleswade Chronicle detailing exactly where the Zebra Crossing will be.

6. BOLLARDS – SHEFFORD TOWN CENTRE

A copy of the Council's letter regarding visibility markings has been forwarded to Catherine Ferris, Walking and Cycling Officer Beds. C.C. It was generally thought that various areas of the town centre should be pressure-washed and this issue is to be referred to the Town Centre Partnership Meeting on 15th May .

7. B R C C – BUS SHELTER INITIATIVE

Clerk to write to the B R C C for an update on the situation so far.

8. PLAY AREA NEAR MILLENIUM GREEN

Letter from Action Point saying that a member of the public has asked if the bark chip surface could be topped up. Further letter from a resident Mrs. S. Wood informing Council that this work has now been done.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Letter from Mr. Jonathan Sayeed regarding 'youth shelters' requesting two members of the Council to attend a meeting in Flitwick on 20th June 9.30 a.m. It is hoped two members will go

9.2 Letter from B R C C asking for two members to attend a seminar on 21st June 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. regarding the 'Rural Character' of the area.

9.3 Letter from Beds. C.C. regarding the siting of a Recycling Exhibition Trailer. Suggested at the Summer Fayre 15th June or at Somerfields Store car park. Clerk to inform.

9.4 Letter from Action Point Service to enquire when a by-election is imminent so that the protocol for Members surgeries can be adhered to. i.e. No Action Point Surgeries for Members are held in the run-up – 6 weeks – to local elections .

9.5 Letter from Environmental Services advertising Bedfordshire Flood Fair 22nd June at Shuttleworth College, Old Warden.

9.6 Letter from Beds C C – Town & Parish Liason – Questionnaire re highway related issues. JMH to complete.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Landlady from the 'Woolpack' P.H. informed Mr. Mackin that the mower being operated by Mr. Granger's father hit a stone which was propelled through the window of the pub and showered a member of the public with glass. It was suggested that the landlady's insurer and Mr. Granger's insurer 'get together.

10.2 Bad parking in Clifton Road is having an adverse effect on Fire Appliances and Paramedics getting through. Mr. Mackin will speak to P.C. Battams.

10.3 Report of rubbish dumping near cemetery. Clerk to write to Mid Beds. D.C. to arrange removal.

10.4 Metal sign to be made for car park saying:- NO BALL GAMES ALLOWED - BY ORDER SHEFFORD TOWN COUNCIL.

10.5 Wooden 'Town sign has split – to be filled with linseed oil.

10.6 Shrubbery round trees to be tidied. Possibility of a metal sleeve being put round tree trunk. JMH has catalogue.

10.7 Noted that quality of grass cutting is very poor on roundabouts.

10.8 Area round Scout Hut. Robert Lucas Trust has asked the Council to get quotes to clear this area. The Trust will pay if STC maintain it. JMH to speak to John Donovan to see what needs to be done and then quotes can be arranged.

10.9 Mr. Gray thought another dog-waste bin should be placed in Ampthill Road. JMH to have a site visit. It was thought there could be one placed near the new estate but in such a manner so as not to obstruct access through.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.
