

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2003**

PRESENT

Mr. Fletcher presided over Mesdames Harrison and Warwick, Messrs. Mackin, Coward and Dear.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Reddick, Messrs. Blake and Wren.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. NUISANCE YOUTHS-COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENT IN WHITWORTH COURT

A letter of complaint has been received from a resident in Whitworth Court regarding youths playing football in Duck Lane Car Park and using abusive language when challenged by them. The police visited the car park but the nuisance continued after the police left. Clerk to contact resident to explain how the matter can be progressed.

4. MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN CENTRE-LETTER FROM RESIDENT

A letter and two photographs have been received from a local resident regarding various problems in and around the town centre. Clerk to write and inform the resident of what remedial action the Town Council could take but also pointing out that the majority of these matters related to action required by other authorities. Photographs to be forwarded to Mr. M. Kenworthy at Bedfordshire County Council.

5. LETTER FROM PC BATTAMS-VARIOUS ISSUES

PC Battams has replied to a letter that he had previously received from the Town Council about various items about which the Council was concerned. The items mentioned were:- 1.) Speedcheck, Stanford Road/Bedford Road, 2.) Parking Stanford Road, 3.) Parking, Lucas Way and 4.) Football, Old Station Way Car Park. The letter stated the action he had taken on some of those matters and offered advice on others.

6. RUBBISH BIN-CAMPTON ROAD

An e:mail has been received from a resident stating that the rubbish bin in Campton Road, opposite the burial ground is now missing. Mrs. Harrison will investigate.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PATROL-GUARDFORCE

Information has been received from 'Guardforce' regarding private policing of the Shefford area. Information to be gathered as to what other Parishes/Towns are using this system and with what success.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the area surrounding the trees outside the Council Chamber has become overgrown and requires attention. Mrs. Harrison will contact Mr. Carafola of Raynesway Construction to see if the County Council can undertake the remedial work.

Mr. Livesey, Chairman of Clifton Parish Council attended the meeting prior to it's commencement to discuss matters related to traffic flow/management etc. between Clifton and Shefford bearing in mind the proposed increase in pupil intake at Samuel Whitbread College.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.
