

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2004

PRESENT

Mrs. Harrison presided over Mesdames Holmes, Warwick and Reddick, Messrs. Wren, Dear, Fisher, Gray, Steeples and Leith. District Councillors Messrs. Brown and Chapman, County Councillor Mr. Younger.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Coward and Mackin, Mrs. Collins and P C Battams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the absence of the Mayor, the announcements could not be formally given but Mrs. Harrison said that the Town Council is to discuss with members of the STMA committee as to how the site could be developed as the Town Council has the STMA agreement in principle.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 An invitation from Mid Beds D C to a Community Safety Conference in Flitwick on 11th March at 6.30 p.m.
- 6.2 A notice of cancellation of a meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee on Wednesday 3rd March.
- 6.3 An invitation from the Bedfordshire Association of Town & Parish Councils to attend a half-day seminar on Affordable Rural Housing. This is to be held at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on Saturday 20th March.
- 6.4 Mid Beds D C Forward Plan from 1st March to 30th June 2004.
- 6.5 Questionnaire from Beds Police Authority on Best Value Review – Partnerships.
- 6.6 Consultation Document – Compact Draft Codes of Good Practice from Bedfordshire and Luton Compact.
- 6.7 Various Journals:- Countryside Voice, Bedfordshire Emergency Services Major Incident Committee, Vital Villages Update, Streetscene, Beds C C Service Development Plan 2003 – 2006.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted:

Planning and Environment of 4th and 18th February 2004

Services and Maintenance of 11th February 2004

Finance and Policy of 18th February 2004

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Younger.

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Brown and Mr. Chapman.

10. ACCOUNTS

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

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was asked as to whether or not the contractor had taken on the waste removal vehicles. This was answered by District Councillor Mr. Brown who stated that they had in fact done so. He further added that a twelve-year contract had been negotiated with the contractors and at the halfway point of that contract there was an option to say that should MBDC be able to obtain waste removal vehicles cheaper than the contractor then this would be in order.

It was asked if the proposed meeting with Mid Beds D C regarding facilities at the Middle School would put back the date that had already been given. It was stated that there was a set agenda and the date would not be affected. Additional facilities may be added and these would be school orientated as that was why the funding had been granted in the first place. However, income could be generated for the school by hiring out the facilities.

A request was made as to a possible date whereby a visit could be made to the Elstow Recycling Unit.

A complaint has been received regarding the refuse bin in Old Bridge Court that is deemed to be too small for the amount of refuse it has to contain. Mr Fisher will make enquiries as to what can be done to obtain a larger bin as will the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.
