

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH JULY 2004

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Holmes, Rooker and Reddick, Messrs. Gray, Fisher, Coward. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillor Mr. Chapman and P C Battams.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Collins and Warwick, Messrs. Leith, Dear, Wren, Steeples and District Councillor Mr. Birt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27th June were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

It was explained that the blue markings on drain covers in the town denoted that the drains had been inspected.

Mid Beds District Council has been contacted to see if a representative is available to attend the Council Chamber on 30th July to give a presentation to members on the Alternate Waste Collection system. MBDC has responded but stated that they are more than happy to give a presentation but the most probable date would be September.

A further request has been sent to the County Council's Highways Department informing them of the serious consequences that could occur if the large pothole in Ivel Road isn't dealt with immediately.

It was reported that the possible threat of the withdrawal of the Wanderbus facility has been averted as new driver's etc. have now been found.

As the Council's Internal Audit is now half way through, it was suggested that Councillor Birt should be contacted to request him formally to write and confirm that the £200 donation to the Shefford Lights Committee had in fact been received.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that required remedial work to the bridge on Churchill Way should commence on 2nd August and last for approximately six weeks.. Public notices have appeared in the Press and on site.

The Mayor also confirmed that there will not be any Committee meetings during August and the next full Town Council meeting will be on 27th August.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Recorded Crime Incident Sheets for the period 1st June to 30th June 2004.
- 6.2 Bulletin 20 from the Standards Board for England
- 6.3 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan - 1st August until 30th November 2004.
- 6.4 A leaflet from the Stables Coffee Shop, Kimbolton Road, Bolnhurst that it is open from 2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Saturdays from April to October.
- 6.5 An invitation for members to join a walk from Ampthill Park to Maulden Church Meadows to celebrate the re-launch of the Greensand Ridge Walk.
- 6.6 Information from the Beds R C C informing members that the Bedfordshire Rural Transport Partnership's Community Transport Brokerage is up and running again. Some of the benefits mentioned are : affordable minibus travel, advice on volunteer driver MiDAS.
- 6.7 Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity Study Tours : A leaflet informing members that there is an opportunity to participate in up to three further study tours over the coming year due to the success of the Study Tour last September.
- 6.8 A leaflet from Mediation Link informing members of the availability of local Lawyer Mediators to offer advice to members of the public with regard to the resolving of family disputes.
- 6.9 Various Publications : Clerks & Councils Direct, Local Council Review, Local Councils Update, Bedfordshire, Horizon, Funding Times, Anglian Water – Drinking Water Summary, The Playing Field, Beds Trading Standards & Registration and BRCC 'Network'.
- 6.10 A letter has been received concerning from a local resident which raised several points concerning flood information.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted :-

Planning & Environment of 7th and 21st July 2004

Services and Maintenance of 14th July 2004

Finance and Policy of 21st July 2004

8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Younger.

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Chapman.

10. ACCOUNTS

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

1101 : 7/2004

11. APPOINTMENT SHEFFORD SPORTS TRUST

A letter has been received from Mrs. Collins informing members that she had not agreed to be a Trustee on the Shefford Sports Trust. As there weren't any new nominees, it was decided to make an agenda item on the forthcoming committee meetings.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A request was made for fly tipping to be monitored in order to establish as to whether or not there was an increase when the new Alternate Waste Collection system started.

A report regarding the build up of waste at Old Bridge Court and a request for the Council to arrange for it's removal.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
