

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2004**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. BROKEN FENCING – PURCELL WAY PLAYGROUND**

A report of broken fencing has been received from Josie Blair of Action Point. Clerk to contact Clements Construction to see how much it would cost to repair it in the present format or alternatively replace it with one of different construction. The company is also to be asked for a quote to move the swings to another position on the site in order to accommodate an additional piece of play equipment.

**4. PARKING OUTSIDE THE 'TAKEAWAYS' – HIGH STREET**

This topic was previously discussed at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February but was further discussed by the Services and Maintenance Committee to see if any additional remedies could be sought.

**5. TOWN SIGN**

Best Brothers are to be asked to quote for the job of securing the support post of the Town Sign into it's sleeve. An enquiry is also to be made as to the cost of a totally new post.

**6. TWO HOUR PARKING, NORTH BRIDGE STREET**

Enquiries are to be made from the County Council as to the possibility of having a two-hour parking restriction in the North Bridge Street bay. Further enquiries are also to be made from the County Council as to the likelihood of 'yellow lines' being imposed on various areas of the town. A street map showing those areas is to be sent to the Highways Department accordingly and a further copy is available at the Council Chamber.

**7. BUS SHELTER INITIATIVE**

A reply has been received from Mid Beds D C in answer to a request from the Town Council for an update on the situation regarding the replacement of old bus shelters and the possibility of installing new ones at some bus stops. However, the reply did not answer the question and assumed that the Town Council's request was a new enquiry for additional bus shelters. The Clerk to telephone the Senior Engineer at Mid Beds D C and inform him that it was not a new request but an update on a situation that has been on-going for almost two years. A file is available for his perusal.

**8. RESIDENT'S E:MAIL--A). WIDTH RESTRICTION B). SKATEBOARD HAZARD**

The resident's e:mail enquired as to what is the latest situation regarding the width restriction in Churchill way and also complained about children skateboarding and cycling across the road at this point, apparently without attention to road traffic. An explanation to be sent to the resident as to the current situation on the width restriction and also to inform him of the remedial action that the Council intends to take. Namely, that tokens are available for use to transport skateboarders to proper parks by taxi and it is also a strong possibility that a skate 'tube' will be offered for use in the Spring. It is hoped that this will draw them away from the potentially hazardous area of the highway. The resident is also to be informed that the Police and PCSO's are aware of the situation will visit the area on occasions.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A note was made of various litterbins in the town that were missing or in need of repair. Members to compile a list of other missing bins.

Mr. Wren to contact Mr. Bond to inquire about bricks/debris that are to be found in the vicinity of The Meads that appear to have been transported from the area adjacent to St. Michael's church.

A letter is to be written to all residents in Stanford Road asking for their assistance in reporting any incidents of a hazardous nature that they observe on the highway in that area. Information is requested on time, date, registration number and brief details of incident. The letter is to request that the information be given to Mr. Dear by phone on 014621 618352 or to his address at 28 Gresham Way.

Prices to be sought from Pro Earth Developments regarding the possible purchase of a 'Sandhopper' machine that can be used for filling the sandbags required for flood defences.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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