

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2004

PRESENT

Mr. Fletcher presided over Mesdames Reddick, Warwick and Harrison and Mr. Dear.

APOLOGIES

Messrs. Blake and Wren.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. TOWN SIGN

The support pole for the Town Sign appears to be beyond repair. Enquiries to be made as to whether it should be replaced with another wooden one or one made of recycled plastic. It was noted that the actual sign is made of cast iron.

4. DISABLED ACCESS TO WOODS

The removal of the kissing gate at the top of the access road in Amphill Road in favour of another system has made entry into the woods difficult for both disabled people and those with push chairs. Clerk to write to Mr. E Burnett, the P3 co-ordinator for Beds C C, to see how modifications can be made to allow better access for the disabled.

5. CHAIRMANSHIP OF SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fletcher, current Chairman of the Services and Maintenance Committee, has written to the Town Council informing them of the difficulty he has in attending all meetings of the Committee due to work commitments. Mr. Fletcher stated that he still wished to be a member but felt it would be in the Committee and Council's best interest if he resigned as Chairman. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Fletcher should remain as Chairman until May at which time it would then be possible to make new appointments for the 'Chair' etc.

6. BASKETBALL COURT/JUNIOR GOALPOSTS – BELLCOTE MEADOW

A letter has been received from Mrs. Lorna McGregor regarding the possibility of a basket ball court or junior goal posts being sited either at Bellcote Meadow or the Meads. Mrs. McGregor's letter stated that some villages had installed such posts with a good deal of success. Clerk to write to Mrs. McGregor to enquire which villages she was referring to so that they can be contacted, as there are implications in respect of both Heath and Safety and Planning permission.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A report of bricks being dumped at the site of the 'Airman' Public House.

Attention was drawn to the fact that lorries being used by the building contractors currently employed by Aragon Housing Association were making large ruts on the grass verges at the Great Hill area of the town. This is not only unsightly but is also causing a hazard to pedestrians. It was also noted that there were no road signs informing visitors to the area as to where Jubilee Place was situated. There are signs directing people from Lucas Way to Great Hill but not from Lucas Way to Jubilee Place. Aragon Housing Association to be informed of both situations.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.
