

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

None.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. DEBRIS – 29 / 33 NORTH BRIDGE STREET**

A letter has been received from a resident complaining about bricks from an old church wall being dumped along the fence at the rear of 29-33 North Bridge Street by a church working party. It was stated that a representative of the church had been contacted three times by a Council member. However, so far the bricks have only been removed further away from the existing fence and as such deemed not to have been adequately dealt with. The clerk to inform a church representative that unless the bricks are fully removed from the area, ideally by the hiring of a skip, the Council will have no alternative other than to report the situation to Mid Beds D C as fly-tipping. The resident is to be informed of the Council's actions.

**4. TREES IN RIVER IVEL**

A reply has been received from the Environment Agency regarding a letter previously written to them about two trees in the River Ivel Navigation Channel. The letter explained that the removal of the trees was the responsibility of the landowner. However, the Agency's letter further added that their Enforcement Officer would be contacting the owner with a view to getting the trees removed.

**5. WEED SPRAYING**

A letter has been received from Raynesway Construction Southern informing the Council that they will be carrying a weed spraying operation on the footpaths in the town during June 2004.

**6. STATE OF TOWN PAVEMENTS AND STREET LIGHTS**

It was decided to carry out a survey of the pavements and streetlights in the town. Mr Mackin stated that he would draw up a list of street names and will distribute them amongst members in order that they can carry out their part of the survey.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that vehicles were approaching the crossing in Bedford Road with excessive speed. The Police are to be asked to carry out a speed monitoring check before another accident occurs.

It was further noted that vehicles were entering the gap in the vicinity of the new houses in Lucas Way at an inappropriate speed. Ideas and suggestions are required as to how vehicles can be made to slow down.

Concerns were raised about the amount of speeding traffic in New Street and the potentially hazardous parking situation outside the school.

Various reports have been received regarding lorries speeding along Ampthill Road particularly in the early morning.

Some trees in Ampthill Road with overhanging branches require attention. They are situated approximately at the junction with School Lane. Mr. Wren stated that he would ascertain the house numbers outside of which the trees are growing in order that the County's Tree Officer can identify them with a view to carrying out the necessary remedial work.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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