

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH AUGUST 2005

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Holmes, Messrs. Steeples and Fisher.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Warwick, Messrs. Leith, Coward, Gray, Wren and Dear. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillors Messrs. Birt and Chapman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 29th July were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor offered his sincere congratulations to Mr. Wren and his team of volunteers for their excellent work at the recent VJ Day celebrations which was deemed a great success.

Mr Mackin reiterated a request that he had made at an earlier meeting for a Council member to represent him at the Civic Reception on September 26th as he would be unable to attend himself due to annual leave.

Mr Mackin informed those present that nominations for the OVFFF trophy should be given to either Mr. Steeples or the Clerk by 21st September in order that the Finance and Policy Committee can decide on the winners. There will be two awards, one for a female and one for a male who are deemed to have contributed unstintingly to the community of Shefford over the last year.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheet for the month of August.

6.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for July 2005.

6.3 A letter from F B Parrish & Son explaining the reasons for the recent odours emanating from a compost heap on the outskirts of the town.

6.4 Navigators Way leaflet from the Ivel & Ouse Countryside Project.

6.5 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan – 1st September to 31st December 2005.

6.6 Notice of the Agenda for B:DAT Community Advisory Panel for Mid Beds.

6.7 Various publications : 'Action for Tourism' Issue No. 48 July 2005, Bedfordshire Heartlands Tourism Association, Bulletin 25 Standards Board for England, 'Network' Issue 80 Summer 2005 from BRCC, Local Council Update, Annual Policing Plan 2005 – 2006 (Bedfordshire Police).

7. POLICE REPORT

This could not be given due to the absence of PC Battams.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee meetings were held during August.

Mr. Mackin commented on the Planning Applications received and dealt with during August.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This could not be given due to the absence of County Councillor Mr. Younger.

10. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This could not be given as no District Councillors were present.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Appreciation and congratulations expressed to those involved with the VJ Day celebrations.

A question asked as to whether or not any consideration had been given to celebrating Trafalgar Day. It was thought that this could be a possibility but would probably have to be on a somewhat lesser scale than the recent VJ Day celebrations.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.
