

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mrs. Clark, Messrs. Fisher, Leith and Wren. County Councillor Mr. Younger.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mesdames Harrison, Holmes and Rooker. Mr. Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

None.

**5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Mackin showed members the new logo for the Community Safety Group as designed by students at the Samuel Whitbread Community College.

Mr. Mackin informed members that the Community Safety Group have asked to have the town designated a 'No Cold Calling Zone' which is in line with many other communities. It is hoped that the initiative will be operational by March 2006. The scheme appears to be very effective and is helped by the fact that some of the Trading Standards Officers involved are in fact serving Special Constables. This means that not only can they speak with 'rogue traders' but also have the power to arrest them. Bedfordshire County Council is the first county to use 'serving Specials' for such a task and both Council Officers and Police Officers should be congratulated in developing such a scheme.

Mr. Wren gave a short resumé of the first meeting of the Summer Gala committee informing those present that the date for the Summer Gala is 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheet for the month of December

6.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for November 2006

6.3 Recorded Nuisance Incidents for November 2006

6.4 Mid Beds Voluntary News – December 2005

6.5 Watch Wide News – Winter 2005

6.6 An invitation to attend a seminar on the Quality Parish Council Scheme

6.7 Various publications : Funding Times, Fieldwork (CPRE), Bedfordshire, Parent Partnership News, Local Council Update, Bedfordshire Heartlands Headlines, Local Council Review, Mid Beds Local Strategic Partnership Newsletter (Autumn 2005), Hurricane.

## **7. POLICE REPORT**

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

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005

Services and Maintenance of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005

Finance and Policy of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005

## **9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

This was given by Mr. Younger.

## **10. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

This could not be given due to the absence of the District Councillors.

## **11. ACCOUNTS**

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

## **12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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