

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2005**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison and Reddick, Messrs. Gray, Coward, Fisher, Fletcher and Wren. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillor Mr. Brown and PC Battams.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mesdames Holmes and Warwick, Messrs. Steeples, Leith and Dear. District Councillors Mr. Birt and Mr. Chapman

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005 were confirmed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

None.

**5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor informed members that arrangements for the VJ Day celebrations were going well and stated that there was always a need for more help. Mr. Wren was then requested to give a more detailed account of the events along with an update on the actual progress to date.

Members were informed that a second meeting is to be arranged to discuss the possibility of having a share-funded Police Community Support Officer. Invitations to participate in the discussion are to be sent to Mid Beds Town and Parish Councils accordingly.

Mr. Mackin informed members that letters relating to the sale of alcohol to under-age persons had been sent to all licensees. Only one response has been received so far which has been passed to the Beat Manager for comment.

Mr. Mackin stated that he would be unable to attend the High Sheriff's Civic Service on 26<sup>th</sup> September as he would be on leave and asked if any other members would be able to attend on his behalf.

It appears that the District Council has cancelled all grant programmes, therefore, the intended purchase of a gazebo and equipment for the Youth Service to use in Shefford will have to be delayed until other monies can be found.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheets – Issues 25 – 26 – 27 and 28.

6.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for June 2005.

6.3 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

6.4 A letter has been received from the County Council informing members of a proposed change in opening hours of the library and requesting comment from the Town Council.

6.5 A letter from the Bedfordshire Playing Fields Association informing the Town Council that their current subscription to 'The Playing Field' was about to expire. It was agreed to continue the subscription for a further year.

6.6 Various publications : Local Council Review, Local Council Update, Clerk and Councils Direct, Bedfordshire, Horizon, The Playing Field, Funding Times, Drinking Water Quality Summary Report 2004 from Anglian Water, Hurricane, Mid Beds Voluntary News, Six Steps to a Successful Youth Shelter, Bedfordshire and Luton Public Transport Guide 2005.

## **7 POLICE REPORT**

This was given by PC Battams.

## **8 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Services and Maintenance of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Finance and Policy of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005

## **9 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

This was given by Mr. Younger.

## **10 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

This was given by Mr. Brown.

## **11 ACCOUNTS**

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

The Annual Accounts for the year 2004/2005 as Recommended by the Finance & Policy Committee were adopted by the full Council.

## **10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.