

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Harrison presided over Mesdames Holmes, Warwick and Reddick, Messrs. Fisher, Steeples, Leith and Mr. Mackin who arrived part way through the meeting. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillors Messrs Chapman and Birt, PC Battams

**1. APOLOGIES**

Messrs. Coward, Fletcher, Dear, Gray and Wren.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

At this point, time was allotted to three residents from Purcell Way who came to inform the Council of their concerns regarding nuisance noise and activity on the Millenium Green. The residents provided the Councillors with notes of the incidents that occur on and around The Green and included an outline of possible remedies that could be considered which hopefully would help to reduce the annoyance that some residents are suffering.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr. Leith commented that his name had been omitted from the list of outside representatives and informed those present that he was the Council's representative on the Bloomfield Games Association.

The Minutes were then confirmed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

A member of the public questioned what was meant by the comment on Minute Page Number **1219 : 5/2005 (24/05/2005)** whereby it was stated that "Shefford Sports Trust may soon become more active". Regrettably the Council couldn't elaborate as this had been a comment from a member of the public who was absent at this meeting but had been present at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As the Mayor had not arrived by this time, Mrs. Harrison informed those present that she had not received any briefing notes but said she would like to thank Mr. Wren and others for all their good work in the organising and running of the Parade at the Summer Fayre.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheets – Issues 21 – 22 - 23 and 24.

6.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for May 2005

- 6.3 A letter from Arlesey Town Council informing members that Cllr Hugh Harper has been elected Chairman for 2005/6 and Cllr I Dalgarno has been elected Vice Chairman. The letter also gave information about their Civic Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at St. Peter's Church 10.30 a.m.
- 6.4 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- 6.5 An invitation from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity to attend an awards evening to celebrate the Calor Bedfordshire Village of the Year at Oakley Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.
- 6.6 An invitation from Bedfordshire Railway & Transport Association to attend a conference on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Stratton Hotel, London Road, Biggleswade starting at 10.30 a.m. The conference will discuss rail related issues and public transport generally. The cost is £18.50 per delegate and includes lunch.
- 6.7 An invitation from the NHS to attend a seminar entitled 'Investing Your Mental Health. The venue is Bedford Corn Exchange, St. Paul's Square, Bedford and will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
- 6.8 A letter has been received from the Monitoring Officer at Mid Beds District Council informing Councillors that a training course will be held in September/October to overview ethical issues and the Code of Conduct. Any Councillor who wishes to attend should contact the clerk.
- 6.9 Various publications : Local Council Update, Countryside Voice (CPRE), Funding Times, Fieldwork (CPRE),

## **7. POLICE REPORT**

This was given by PC Battams who also informed members that the report of 'Criminal Damage-Other on the A600 30<sup>th</sup> May' as shown on the Recorded Crime Incidents for May should not have been included as it did not relate to this area.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Services and Maintenance of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Finance and Policy of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005

## **9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

This was given by County Councillor Mr. Younger who complimented both Ampthill police and particularly PC Battams for their excellent work in the town and extended his thanks for their efforts accordingly. Chief Superintendent Colbourne, the Divisional Commander, is to be contacted and informed of the Council's gratitude regarding the achievements of his officers.

**10. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

This was given by District Councillor Mr. Chapman.

**11. ACCOUNTS**

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

**12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

An amendment to page number 1229 : 6/2005 – Any Other Business. This should read Samuel Whitbread Community College and not Robert Bloomfield Middle School.

The Planning Department of Mid Beds District Council is to be contacted and informed of lorries parking for long periods outside units 5 & 6 of the Business Park in Southbridge Street.

Concerns were raised yet again about the persistent problem of road 'dips' in Ivel Road. The Area Engineer of the County Council is to be contacted with a view to arranging a site meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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