

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT

Mrs. Harrison presided over Mesdames Holmes and Clark, Messrs. Mackin, Fisher, Gray, Wren, Leith and Coward. District Councillors Messrs. Brown and Chapman.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs Reddick, Messrs. Steeples and Dear. County Councillor Mr Younger and District Councillor Mr Birt and PC Battams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th September were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

These were read out by Mrs Harrison as Mr Mackin had not arrived at this time.

Mrs Harrison informed those present that Mr Mackin would be attending later but his presence had been required at another meeting.

A wreath had already been purchased which would be laid at the forthcoming Remembrance Service and members were invited to contribute towards the cost.

Finally, Mrs Harrison informed members that the full Council meeting for December would be held on the 30th and light refreshments would be available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

6.2 A flyer has been received informing members of the Bedfordshire Food Mark which will be launched on 16th November at Barnfield College.

6.3 Invitation to the AGM of the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity Ltd on Monday 14th November, Cardington Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

6.4 Invitation to the AGM of Victim Support Bedfordshire on Thursday 10th November at Eversholt Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

6.5 Mid Beds District Council Youth Report.

6.6 Various publications : Bedfordshire, Local Council Update, The Playing Field, Local Council Review, Bedfordshire Matters from CPRE, Countryside Voice from CPRE, Town & Parish Standards:05 from the Standards Board for England.

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 5th and 19th October 2005

Services and Maintenance of 12th October 2005

Finance and Planning of 19th October 2005

N.B. 1272 10/2005 Item 14

Disappointment expressed that the construction of the Campton Underpass as a means of foot access to the new Mid Beds D C offices will not go ahead.

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Mr and Mrs Fisher agreed to the proposal that the presentation of the OVPPF Trophies should take place at the Annual Town Meeting in April.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This could not be given due to the absence of County Councillor Mr Younger but Mrs Harrison read out notes that Mr Younger had previously passed on to her.

10. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr Brown and Mr Chapman.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public pointed out that several locks were missing on the bollards in the High Street which meant that they could be more easily lifted and possibly used as a 'weapon'. An enquiry is to be made as to who has the responsibility for repairs to street furniture generally.

A lamp-post in Ivel Road is leaning at a 45° angle.

Report of two similarly leaning lamp-posts in Church Walk adjacent to Somerfield's store.

It was thought that when the new road survey has been completed it should be possible for the Highways Department of the County Council to calculate the possible cost of the remedial work required.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.
