

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2005

PRESENT

Mrs. Harrison presided over Mesdames Holmes and Reddick, Messrs. Dear, Fisher, Gray, Fletcher, Steeples and Leith. District Councillors Messrs. Brown and Chapman, County Councillor Mr. Younger and PC Battams.

1. APOLOGIES

Mesdames Warwick and Rooker, Messrs. Mackin, Coward and Wren, District Councillor Mr. Birt.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th August were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Mr. Mackin's absence, Mrs. Harrison informed those present that a new logo had been designed and adopted for the Community Safety Group by the art department of Samuel Whitbread College.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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6.1 Various publications : Funding Times, Local Council Update, Clerks & Councils Direct, Horizon, Local Council Review, Bedfordshire, Fieldwork from CPRE, Bedfordshire Heartlands Headlines, Hurricane (Youth Journal Magazine from MBDC), In the Picture from Beds and Luton Casualty Reduction Partnership.

7. POLICE REPORT

This was given by PC Battams.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 7th and 21st** September 2005

Services and Maintenance of 14th September 2005

Finance and Policy of 21st September 2005

*Note 1256 : 9/2005 item 6

It should be minuted that the reason for choosing option (a) was firstly because it was felt that a PDF method for receiving information was not always wholly adequate and secondly a document sent in A1 format does not necessarily suit an A4 screen display or paper. In both cases there will inevitably be time restraints in responding to applications due to the frequency of the meetings of the Planning and Environment committee however speedily they are received from the County Council.

** Note 1256 9/2005 item 10

District Councillor Mr. Brown suggested that the Council should ascertain who owned the area of land to the west of Churchill Way before commencing with any negotiations.

9. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by Mr. Younger.

10. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

This was given by District Councillor Mr. Brown and District Councillor Mr. Chapman.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was asked as to whether or not there had been any feedback on the Town Plan. It was stated that some feedback had been received which would be reviewed next April as that would then be one year since the Town Plan had been issued.

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The members were informed that a meeting of the MUGA committee was soon to be held and as such a question was asked as to the situation regarding the Shefford Saints F C (Juniors). The questioner was informed that a representative of the Saints had twice been invited to a meeting but regrettably had been unable to attend and on another occasion the representative had been unable to gain access to the Council Chamber. However, it was stated that if any representatives of the Saints F C wished to attend a meeting to discuss any issues they may have, then they would be most welcome.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

- 12.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Street for the month of September
- 12.2 Recorded Crime Incidents for August 2005.
- 12.3 Invitation to attend a Youth Participation Workers Forum on Thursday 20th October at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.
- 12.4 A letter from a Shefford resident congratulating Mr. Wren and his team of volunteers for the excellent result they achieved in respect of the recent V J Day celebrations.
- 12.5 An invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils on Thursday 20th October at 7.30 p.m. in Moggerhanger Village Hall.
- 12.6 Arts events leaflets from the Youth and Community Artswoker at Mid Beds District Council.