

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005**

**PRESENT**

Mr Wren presided over Mesdames Harrison and Reddick, Mr. Mackin.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Warwick, Messrs. Coward and Dear.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. RURAL GRASS CUTTING**

A reply has been received from the County Council's Principal Engineer in answer to the committee's concerns about the intended frequency of rural grass cutting. It would appear that if members' of the public have issues with the height of vegetation which they feel could obscure visibility, then the County Council will investigate and arrange for additional work to be carried out if required.

**4. TOWN & PARISH HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME  
2004/5**

A letter has been received from the Policy Advisor at the County Council informing members that although funding has been reduced for the current financial year, their Development Control Committee has recently agreed to allow each Town/Parish Council to fund vehicle activated signs in each village. This decision allows the Town/Parish Council to use their 'Partnership Allocation' towards the cost of these signs. More information is to be sought and discussed more fully at next week's meeting of the Finance & Policy committee.

**5. STREET LIGHTING – CHICKSANDS JUNCTION**

An e:mail has been received from a representative of Jacobs.Babtie regarding the committee's concerns about the poor quality of lighting and signage at the Chicksands junction on the A507. It is anticipated that an inspection will be carried out to establish if both or either are deemed to be adequate.

**6. PLAY AREA REPORTS**

Another month's playground inspection reports have been received. One of the reports recommended the installation of a litter bin in The Meads. Prices are to be sought before any action can be taken. It was also noted that a report and Risk Assessment is currently being carried out in respect of two play areas that the District Council have offered for adoption by the Town Council, namely Kingfisher Way and Churchill Way.

**7. MILLENIUM GREEN PLAY AREA FENCING**

The clerk is to seek a quotation from a third contractor in respect of the erection of a perimeter fence at the Millenium Green Play Area.

**8. ADOPTION OF SMALL LAND AREAS**

The County Council is to be requested to issue formalised documentation regarding the Town Council's adoption of small areas of land at Kingsmede, Duck Lane and the corner of Ivel Road.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The County Council is to be contacted with regard to two areas of land in the town which are prone to 'puddle' after heavy rainfall, namely outside 43 High Street and in New Street.

It was noted that the surfaces in Kingsmede are breaking up and require re-surfacing.

Notification of three areas of road surface requiring attention in Ivel Road, predominately between Oakwood Road and the crest of the hill.

A request for three dog bins to be installed – Riverside, top of New Street and the area opposite the locally known Barratt's Play Area.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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