

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2005**

PRESENT

Mr. Wren presided over Mesdames Harrison, Clark, Reddick and Rooker, Messrs. Mackin and Dear.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. GRASS-CUTTING CONTRACTS

The 'master map' was completed showing all the areas for which the Town Council has a responsibility for the grass-cutting operation. Mr. Mackin volunteered to get the maps 'colour copied' with a view to enclosing them with an explanatory letter to potential contractors in the next few weeks.

4. ROADS SURVEY

Some work is still outstanding on the roads survey but it is hoped to that all roads in the town will be surveyed in the next few weeks. The final summary will then be forwarded to the County Council in due course.

5. BERKLEY ESTATES re SOMERFIELD'S STORE

A letter has been received from the Director of Property Management at Berkley Estates informing the committee that Somerfields have demised the local store and car park to them. Further information indicates that should there be a proposal to erect some form of security gates, fencing etc. then the landlords would look upon the proposal favourably. The matter is to be forwarded to the Community Safety group for further discussion.

6. BEDFORDSHIRE PROVISIONAL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

Notification has been received from the County Council informing members that they are currently developing Bedfordshire's Second Local Transport Plan for the 2006/7 to 2010/11 period which sets out their strategy for transport in the County. The significant aspects of the Plan are to deliver their existing commitments, Consolidating their position and their preparation for growth. As part of developing the Final LTP for the end of March 2006, the County Council is seeking to involve both the public and stakeholder groups in determining the priorities for the Plan. As a result of this LPT2 Public Exhibitions will be held at various venues around the county. Mr Leith stated he would attend the workshop on 30th November in Biggleswade.

7. TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBERS

The committee was informed of the telephone contact details for the Shefford Beat Manager

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Report of several street lights not working – identification numbers and location to be reported the County Council Highways Department.

Report of one of the belisha beacon lights not working at the Bedford Road pedestrian crossing.

Request for a further investigation to be carried out on the Bedford Road crossing as there was a feeling that it did not meet all the criteria.

Report of bollard in Ampthill Road not illuminating.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.
