

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Holmes, Clark and Reddick. Messrs. Gray, Steeples, Coward, Fisher and Wren.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Messrs. Leith and Dear. County Councillor Mr. Younger, District Councillors Messrs. Birt, Brown and Chapman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 were confirmed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

It was reported that a new Beat Manager has still not been assigned to the Shefford and District area.

**5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he thought the Annual Town Meeting had been reasonably well attended.

It appears that there is still a demand for a skate park. The problem of finding a suitable location is still the main problem.

Beds Police are to be contacted to carry out a speed and volume check in areas of concern. i.e. Bedford Road and Churchill Way. The Highways Department of the County Council is to be contacted to ask why the Vehicle Activated signs have still not been installed.

The Head Office of Somerfield's is to be contacted with a view to requesting their assistance in reducing nuisance behaviour in the store's car park. It is alleged that the local store management gave permission to erect a skate ramp in the car park thus causing a public safety hazard.

Further requests to take action to secure the proposed retail site in the High Street have been made to Tesco. Concerns were raised over both public safety and the fact that the site is an eyesore.

A meeting is scheduled for late May to discuss the possibility of a Share Funded PCSO.

The Mayor suggested that consideration should be given to the possibility of contacting the Probation Service to seek their thoughts on the provision of personnel to litter-pick in Drovers Spinney. The Ivel & Ouse Valley Project Officer is to be contacted to see if this is a viable proposition.

P C Sutcliffe is to be contacted to seek an update on the installation of the No Cold Calling Zone signs.

The Mayor informed those present that he was considering funding for various projects, namely to organize a trip to Hazard Alley for youth groups, provide high visibility armbands for the Lower School and to replace worn-out Neighbourhood Watch & Burglar Beware signs.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Community Crime Intelligence Trend Sheet – March 2006, Anti-Social Behaviour Recorded Incidents – March 2006.

6.2 Draft Community Well Being Select Committee Work Programme April 2006 – December 2006.

6.3 Mid Beds District Council Forward Plan 1<sup>st</sup> May 2006 to 31 August 2006.

6.4 Standards Board for England - Bulletin 28.

6.5 Various Publications : Edition 2 Spring 2006 Grantscape, Issue 49 April 2006 Bedfordshire Heartlands Action for Tourism, Local Councils Update, Bedfordshire Youth – Hurricane, Bedfordshire Spark Adult Learning – Spring Edition, Local Council Review.

6.6 Card from Kay Farris thanking the Town Council for her recent Civic Award.

## **7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

Services and Maintenance of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

Finance and Policy of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

## **8. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

As Mr. Younger was aware that he would be unable to attend the meeting he sent an e:mail updating those present on both town and county issues which was read out by the Mayor.

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## **9. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

This could not be given as no District Councillors were present.

**10. ACCOUNTS**

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

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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