

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 12TH JULY 2006**

PRESENT

Mr Wren presided over Mesdames Clark and Reddick, Messrs. Mackin, Rance, Barber and Dear.

Mrs Holmes was present for the duration of Bedfordshire police's presentation only.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Smith and the Clerk

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

At this point the Chairman welcomed P C Saward and P C Busby who arrived to give a presentation to the members regarding the Bedfordshire police's proposals which they intend to submit to the County Council regarding changes for the A507.

The proposals were discussed by those present after which P C's Saward and Busby were thanked for their attendance and subsequently left.

3. INVENTORY OF TOWN'S LITTER BINS

An inventory to ascertain the exact location of the town's litter bins is to be carried out. Their location can then be plotted on a street map for future reference.

4. PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

A further month's play area inspection reports have been received from the contractor. These were read out and remedial works noted accordingly.

5. HIGHWAYS REPORT

The latest Highways Report has been received from the County Council. The report highlighted various pavement and road faults in the town and gave an indication as to the proposed date for repair. An e:mail received from the County Council indicated that the weed spraying operation in the town should be carried out in the next three weeks or so depending on weather.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Council's contractor should be contacted with a view to removing and tidying up various areas that have become overgrown with vegetation, namely Kingsmede, Duck Lane.

It was reported that there was a large Elder tree overhanging the pathway in North Bridge. The contactor is to be contacted to carry out appropriate remedial action.

The grass cutting contractor is to be contacted to request that that he cuts the grass along the river footpath.

The committee received a report informing them that the recently erected 'No Cold Calling' signs are falling down. Mr. Mackin stated he would contact the appropriate person to get them re-aligned.

Concerns were raised that the three Vehicle Activated signs were not fully operational. Enquiries are to be made as to the reasons for the delay.

It was reported that the path between Bedford Road and Lucas Way needs cleaning.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.
