

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison, Clark, Holmes and King. Messrs. Wilson, Fisher, Leith, Coward, Steeples and Wren.  
County Councillor Younger, District Councillors Birt and Brown.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Reddick and Messrs. Dear and Pollard.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were confirmed and signed.

**4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

No definition of 'people at risk' and 'vulnerable people has yet been received.

**5. POLICE REPORT**

This could not be given due to the absence of PC Busby.

**6. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The *Smartwater* kits have now been delivered and it is hoped that distribution will be organised for early in the New Year – Homewatch colleagues will also be involved in this process.

Both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the first of many consultation meetings with the objective of defining the area to be covered by the alcohol ban. The next level of consultations will take place early next year and will involve licensees. It is hoped the process will be completed by March 2009.

The Council has learned that S106 funding is available for four bus shelters – arrangements are continuing to replace the two dilapidated shelters in Southfields and near the Fire Station. The clerk will be having a meeting with the surveyor on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**7. GALA REPORT**

The date for the next Gala is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**8. FARMERS MARKET.**

This could not be given as Mr. Pollard was unable to attend the meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1 A letter from the Leader of the County Council giving information on Parish Paths Partnership, Project Involve, Highways Partnership, Confident Communities Fund.

9.2 Various publications : Local Council Review, The Bulletin-Standard Boards for England, Beds-Spread and Beds. Parent Partnership News.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
N.B. Apologies for Mr Steeples to be noted for the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008 meeting.

Services and Maintenance of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

Finance and Policy of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

## **11. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

Cllr. Younger reported that Robert Bloomfield will be taking over the catering with a view to healthy eating and value for money.

Cllr. Younger's funding allowance has been distributed to the Shefford Majorettes and other local groups.

## **12. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

The new Unitary arrangements are still taking place.

Several areas in South Beds. are suffering from unemployment problems which could be exacerbated if this should spread to Leighton Linlade and Dunstable. There is not an immediate short term answer but it is hoped that local entrepreneurs could perhaps take on one or two people as multi-national industries would not be interested.

There are new signals at Campton/Chicksands-the chevrons are to be removed and smaller ones will take their place. The kerbs are to be made up to full on the roundabout and the lowered kerbs are to be removed.

With regard to the proposed football pitch in Stanford Road it was stressed that consideration should be given to appropriate siting of the 30mph limit

## **13. ACCOUNTS**

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

## **14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Planning permission has been granted for the Stanford Road and Hitchin Road football grounds but nothing can take place until building begins on the old football ground.

**1716 : 12/2008**

A communication has been received from Nadine Dorries stating that planning permissions in Shefford should not be such that it turns into a commuter town.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.