

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2008**

PRESENT

Mr. Wren presided over Mrs. Harrison. Messrs. Mackin, Coward, Dear and Wilson.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Reddick.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLAY AREA REPORTS

The November play area reports have been received from the contractor and all items requiring attention were noted.

The Director of Highways is to be requested to attend to the damage at the Kingfisher Way play area as a matter of urgency as school holidays are imminent.

It was suggested that speed signs could be placed in Churchill Way bearing in mind the *Safer Routes to School* initiative and the number of incidents that have occurred at the play area.

4. HIGHWAYS REPORT

The November Highways Report has been received from Beds Highways. All items on the report were noted accordingly.

5. LETTER FROM THE MID BEDS M P

Nadine Dorries has forwarded a copy of a letter she received from a resident about the two dilapidated bus shelters in Clifton Rd. and Southfields. The clerk has already advised Mrs. Dorries on the current situation with particular regard to funding issues.

6. PRECEPT 2009/10

The precept in respect of the Services and Maintenance committee was established and as such is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council.

7. GRASS CUTTING

The 'Invitation to Tender' advertisement in respect of the grass cutting contract is to be advertised in the local press next week. Applicants will receive a map of the areas of grass to be cut along with a written specification.

8. BUS SHELTERS

The clerk updated the committee on the current situation regarding bus shelters. Funding from the C C for the four shelters in Ampt Hill Road may be available. It has

now been established that the shelters must be real time compatible and an end of January deadline for the receipt of funding has been set for the two dilapidated shelters (Clifton Rd. /Southfields). It is hoped to progress the installation of the other four shelters as soon as is practicable.

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9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk informed the committee that the contract for the purchase of the 'Right' to own and run the Friday Market will be passed to the Town Council to peruse within the next seven days.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.