

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Wren presided over Mesdames Harrison and Reddick. Messrs. Mackin, Coward, Dear and Pollard.

**1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN**

Proposed Mrs Harrison, seconded Mr. Mackin and agreed unanimously that Mr. Wren be elected Chairman.

**2. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN**

Proposed Mr. Mackin, seconded Mrs Harrison and agreed unanimously that Mr. Coward be elected Vice Chairman.

**3. APOLOGIES**

None.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**5. PLAY AREA REPORTS**

The May Play Area Reports have been received from the contractor. All items on the report were noted along with the fact that there was an increase in dog fouling. The Dog Warden is to be notified of the main areas of concern and requested to monitor them accordingly.

**6. HIGHWAYS REPORTS**

The May Highway Reports have been received from Beds Highways. All items on the report were noted accordingly.

**7. DECORATION – TOWN MEETING ROOM**

An estimate for the redecoration of the Town Meeting Room has been received from a contractor and accepted accordingly. Colour charts and test pots were shown to the members and a suitable colour chosen.

**8. QUIET LANES – BEDS C C**

In March 2006 the Quiet Lanes Policy Note was adopted as part of the C C's Network Management Strategy. As part of the update process, the Planning & Transport Policy Officer has requested Town/Parish Councils to submit any comments they may have to him by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

**9. TOWN MUSEUM**

As no suitable premises can be found in which to store the forge and other artefacts, it was decided that discussions about the museum would no longer be on the main committee agenda. However, any information received about premises that could be suitable for housing the items would still be discussed.

## **10. UPDATE FARMERS MARKET**

Mr Pollard updated the committee on the latest situation regarding the proposed Farmers Market. At present it is still hoped that the market will take place on the second Saturday in July – (12<sup>th</sup>). The Tastes of Bedfordshire group fully supports the initiative along with several other organizations.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The committee has received a copy of an e:mail to Beds Highways from a resident registering surprise that yellow lines have been painted along North Bridge Street (layby side). As they had never been there before and he couldn't find a Traffic Area on the CC website he wondered if it was a mistake by the contractor. The committee also thought it must be a mistake and are similarly mystified.

A letter has been received from the Director of Community Services informing the committee that it is no longer possible to offer PCSO's as an option under the Confident Communities Fund. Two meetings are to be held whereby Councils can obtain advice as to what they would like their allowance to be used for instead. The committee is to respond that they would now like their allowance to be used towards funding for the proposed 'youth project building' on the industrial area.

Mrs. Reddick agreed to serve as the Council's outside representative on the Whitbread Wanderbus committee and Mr. Wren agreed to serve on the Town Band committee.

No response has been received from the Friday Market operating company regarding the Council's offer to purchase the 'Right' to hold a market. The clerk is to write to the Managing Director of the company as it is now understood that she holds the 'Right' on a personal basis.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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