

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Reddick presided over Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Pollard, Wilson and Dear.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Messrs. Mackin and Coward.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOOTPATH 3**

The Orders & Commons Registration Officer at the County Council has written to inform the committee that the Order for Footpath 3 closure has been continued in force by the Secretary of State for Transport until 11 May 2009. A copy of the plan was also enclosed.

**4. PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS**

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

**5. HIGHWAYS REPORT AND SATISFACTION REPORT – BEDS HIGHWAYS**

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

Mrs. Harrison, the Town Council's highways representative, informed the committee that she had been requested to complete a 'Satisfaction Report' from Beds Highways. The answers were discussed by the committee prior to returning the questionnaire to them.

**6. TOWN MUSEUM**

A resident has written to the committee informing them that she has spoken to a director of a local company who has stated that he might have premises that could be suitable for a town museum. The clerk is to inform the resident that the Council would support any attempt to secure a museum for the town and already has a Councillor prepared to volunteer for a museum committee.

**7. NOTICE OF WORKS – ANGLIAN WATER**

The committee has received a communication from Anglian Water informing them that they will be carrying out work to flush the water mains in the town. Depending on area, the work will be carried out between 18<sup>th</sup> November and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

## **8. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

It was agreed that Mr. Wilson would liaise with Mr. Mackin with a view to writing the specification for the grass cutting contract as the current contract is now at the end of its three year term.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINEES**

The clerk informed the committee that the marquee is now being stored in the White Hart P H.

With reference to Minute No. 1698 : 11/2008, District Councillor Brown has e:mailed the committee with information from the D C's Planning Department regarding the situation currently being experienced by a member of the public who would like to own a property on the Old Bridge Way development but is caught in the middle of a conflict between the developer and the District Council.

Concern was raised that the High Street was not closed until 10.40am for last Sunday's Remembrance Day Service and not 10.30am as per the Road Closure Order. It was also noted that the road was re-opened to vehicles while some of the participating groups were still marching thus risking a potentially hazardous situation. Beds Police are to be informed of this situation.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.