

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

PRESENT

Mesdames Harrison and Reddick. Mr. Dear.
The meeting was not quorate.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Mackin, Wren and Barham.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. HIGHWAYS REPORTS

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

4. PLAY AREA REPORTS

The August Play Area reports have been received from the contractor and all items requiring attention were noted.

5. PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS – MBDC

The committee has received a report from the District Council showing the number of hours of decriminalized parking enforcement for the following quarters ; 2006/7 Q3, 2006/7 Q4, 2007/8 Q1, 2007/8 Q2, 2007/8 Q3, 2007/8 Q4 and 2008/9 Q1. In total 103 Street Penalty Charges were issued in Shefford for the 7 quarters shown.

6. LETTER FROM EVERSHEDES RE POPLAR TREES – WATERSIDE

A further letter and report have been received from Eversheds regarding the Poplar trees at Waterside. The members felt that an independent Arboriculturist should be consulted as the report seemed inconclusive and as such the work may not be worth doing. This is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and Policy committee.

7. CAPITAL SCHEME TO REPLACE STREET NAMEPLATES – MBDC

Several street signs have been identified as either missing, of poor quality or old style metal plates on metal posts. These will be forwarded to the Building Control Department at the District Council as per Services & Maintenance committee meeting 1676 : 9/2008.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the dog waste bin at Waterside was not large enough. Concerns were raised that senior citizens were getting wet when queuing at the bus stop in Clifton Road due to the dilapidated state of the shelter.

The meeting closed