

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2009

PRESENT

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Clark, Bralant, Holmes and Reddick. Messrs. Fisher, Wilson, Leith and Wren.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Harrison. Messrs. Pollard, Coward and Dear. Central Beds Councillor Brown.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2009 were confirmed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None.

5. POLICE REPORT

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

6. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Friday 17th April 2009 and was well attended by both members of the public and Councillors. As there were no negative comments or complaints then presumably the Council must be performing well.

It had been previously reported that the bus times to Morrison's in Letchworth had changed. The clerk was requested to investigate.

The Gala is going well but still more people are still needed to help on the day or on the lead up.

7. GALA REPORT

Mr. Wren reiterated what the Mayor had previously stated and underlined the need for more help.

8. FARMERS MARKET

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Anti-social Incidents and Recorded Crime from 01/10/2008 to 31/03/2009.

9.2 Various publications : The Playing Field, News Central, Local Councils Update, Bedfordshire Matters – CPRE, Parish Council Update – BEaR Project.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following were adopted :

Planning and Environment of 1st and 15th April 2009.

Services and Maintenance of 8th April 2009.

Finance and Policy of 15th April 2009.

Mr. Wilson informed those present that he had represented the Town Council at a Development Control meeting at the Central Beds offices on 7th April in order to object to Planning Application MB/09/00217/CAC.

11. CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cllr. Birt reported that there had been computer software problems between Central Beds and the Borough Council but these had now been resolved.

At present there is a lot of focus directed to the forthcoming elections on 4th June but after that the forces will be directed to the workload ahead.

Cllr. Birt informed those present that Stephen had been really pleased to accept his certificate at the Annual Town Meeting on 17th April 2009.

12. ACCOUNTS

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

13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident raised concerns about the bus shelter that had been recently erected outside his house in Ampthill Road which reduced his visibility when exiting his house. He further informed those present that for various reasons the current bus stop had been moved from its original position hence the reason for the bus shelter being placed where it is. He suggested that if the shelter only was moved to the original position of the bus stop then this would directly benefit his visibility splay. The Council queried this suggestion but the resident informed them that there was an example of a shelter not being directly next to the stop at the top end of Ampthill Road. The clerk was requested to contact Central Beds to see if they would accommodate the resident's request.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.