

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH JULY 2009

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Reddick. Messrs. Wilson and Dear.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

This could not be carried out last month due to the absence of Mr. Wren.

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

4. PLAY AREA REPORTS

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

5. HIGHWAYS REPORT

The June Highways report has been received from Central Bedfordshire Council and all items requiring attention were noted.

6. QUOTES FOR WORK TO POPLAR TREES – WATERSIDE

The committee has received two quotations for the requisite tree works at Waterside. It was agreed that Bartlett Tree Experts should be requested to carry out the work.

7. GRASSCUTTING AGREEMENT

The committee agreed to continue with the current arrangement whereby the Town Council would be responsible for cutting the grass within the 30mph limit on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council.

The clerk is to request a copy of the contractor's Public Liability Insurance Certificate in order that it can be forwarded on the Central Beds Officer.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to write to the M P to seek her assistance and to register the committee's disgust that they still have not received a reply from the Police Authority or the Chief Constable despite several requests

The clerk is to report a missing stopcock cover outside unit 13D on the industrial estate.

The committee agreed to issue the contractor with a job description sheet including the specified number of hours required.

It was reported that a resident's tree was overhanging the footpath in Old Station Way. The clerk is to write to the resident accordingly.

The clerk is to enquire as to when the annual drain clearance operation is to be carried out in the town.

The clerk is to contact Central Beds Highways Director in order to get an update on the proposed compulsory purchase order of a ransom strip in Churchill Way.

It was agreed to seek the help of Cliff Andrews from the Ivel & Ouse Countryside Project with a view to planting some trees/shrubs on the Bellcote Meadow in order to reduce the noise emanating from the 'Goalforce' equipment.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.