

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 13th MAY 2009

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Wren.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLAY AREA REPORTS

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

4. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATH 3

Footpath 3 will be closed from 12 May for up to 6 months to allow enabling work to be carried out alongside the river. Clarification is to be sought as to what exactly the 'enabling work' entailed as it was felt that work had already been carried out in that area.

5. TOWN & PARISH PARTNERSHIP FUND SCHEME – 2009/10

Several suggestions were made as to what would be the best use for the funding allowance. The clerk was requested to obtain quotes for each suggestion from the Highways Department before a decision could be made.

6. NOTICE BOARD

The committee decided on a style and size for a town notice board. The clerk is to raise a purchase order accordingly.

7. POPLAR TREES – WATERSIDE

It was felt that over time the Poplar trees at Waterside had become very tall and potentially dangerous in high winds. The Arboricultural Officer at Central Beds is to be requested to give his opinion as to what remedial work is required.

8. EXTENAL PAINTING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER

Quotations for the external painting of the Council Chamber are to be sought in the hope that the work can be carried out in the very near future.

9. GOALFORCE – BELLCOTE MEADOW

A further communication has been received from a resident living near the *Goalforce* at Bellcote Meadow informing the committee that he intends to take the matter of the noise emanation from the equipment to his MP. It should be noted that the complainant has not kept a diary of incidents (as recommended by the Mid Beds Environmental Health Officer) or if he has then the committee has not had sight of it.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Both Mrs. Bralant and Mr. Wilson agreed to attend the *New Councillor Training Induction* course on 30th July at Cardington Village Hall.

It was agreed that 4 flag sockets could be installed in Kingsmede gardens in respect of the Christmas Lights. A sketch/map of the sockets is to be requested.

The Council's contractor is to be requested to clean the bus shelters in the High Street.

It would appear that CCTV cameras were placed near the Lucas Way footpath because of various incidents that had occurred there. It is thought they will be in place for another week.

The Council's contractor is to be requested to remove the damaged *Clifton Road* nameplate only (LH side when exiting the town) and the notice board affixed to the public toilet wall.

It was reported that traffic was driving round the wrong side of the road at the Woolpack roundabout to avoid the constant congestion that occurs there.

Information is to be sought from the Central Beds Highways Officer as to the legality of placing numerous 'A' boards and general advertising signage at the High Street/Old Bridge Way junction. Both the grasscutting and driver visibility are being affected.

The drains in the High Street appear to be full. The Council's contractor is to be requested to clear the ones in the pavement only as it is thought that the roadway drains will be jetted by Central Beds in the near future.

The Greensands Ridge Investment Prospectus 2009/13 is to be studied in order to ascertain if funding is available for any projects that the Town Council might be interested in taking up.

The meeting finished at 9.25 p.m.