

**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee held at the Parish Office, 6 Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Williams – in the Chair

Cllr. D. Livingstone

Cllr. Mrs N. Leonards

Cllr. Mrs J. Nicholas

Cllr. K. Thomas

**Also present:** Anne Wilson – Locum Clerk

2 members of the public

**1. Apologies**

**RESOLVED** that apologies be received from Cllr. Edmonds, Cllr. Osler and Cllr. Small.

**2. Declarations of interest**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr. Livingstone declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 - askmk.tv as Lincoln Bedeau is known to him and Cllr. Mrs Nicholas declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 Public Time as she is a member of HOWE-PARK NAG.

**3. Public time.**

Neil Warden, as Chairman of HOWE-PARK NAG informed members that the £2000 donation from the Parish Council and additional funding by Cllr. Stuart Burke was enabling ten bins to be purchased to be placed in the area that covers Tattenhoe and Emerson Valley. Due to the difficulties with NAG's procuring goods the Council would be purchasing the bins. The estimate for the bins included emptying for the first year and then some of the grant to the NAG in future years would be used to offset the cost of emptying. Neil would send a list of the proposed sites for the new bins to the Locum Clerk. Kathy asked for a bin to be placed outside her house which was in the NAG area.

**4. Furzton Sure Start Children's Centre**

Anne Train, Children's Centre Coordinator for Furzton Sure Start Children's Centre addressed the meeting on the work of the Children's Centre and said she hoped it would be open just after Easter. She explained about the services they would be offering mainly for the under fives. She was very keen to get the community involved and encouraged the Council to be part of their future by having a member sit on their Advisory Board. Anne Train stated that they would like to be informed of any community event the Council was looking to put on.

**5. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and to receive reports on any matters arising, which are not included elsewhere on this agenda.

The Locum Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Small had contacted her about transferring £750 to the Parish Council from his ward funds to assist with the grant for Kilkenny House.

Cllr. Wylie had met with Carole and would be setting up the Allotment Working Party meeting in the near future.

Cllr. Livingstone and Cllr. Thomas had been to Giles Brook Primary School to present Cassius Brookes with a £20 book voucher as the winner of the story competition from the last edition of the Community News. They were very impressed with the school and the way the Parish Council was promoted. The

school was very keen to work with the Parish Council and had offered the Council a stall at their summer fayre which would be a good way to engage with the local community.

The Locum Clerk confirmed that staff and Councillors had been booked on the SLCC Playground Safety Course and the Allotment Course.

The question was asked if anyone was going to attend the STARS meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April – It was felt that someone should attend from the Parish Council.

## **6. Grants and Projects.**

There were no updates or reports except that the Locum Clerk had not heard back from the resident who asked about bin installation in the park that separates the two sides of Tattenhoe.

## **7. Staff Reports**

**RESOLVED** that Members noted the reports from the Parish Warden and the Youth Leader. It was agreed that both were very comprehensive.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that members agreed that the proposed February half-term project – The Furzton and Shenley Lodge Video project was an excellent idea and the Parish Council would fully support it. It was noted that Cllr. Jenni Ferrans was also contributing to the project. Cllr. Livingstone hoped to show the video to the Safer Neighbourhood Deliveries Conference that he was speaking at and saw it as a pilot that could be delivered out across the borough.

## **8. Parish Warden and Assistant Parish Warden Job Descriptions and Job Specifications**

**RESOLVED** that Members agreed the Job Descriptions and Job Specifications for the role of Parish Warden and Assistant Parish Warden. Members noted that they had been compiled in conjunction with the Parish Warden.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that a 22.5 hour a week Assistant Warden post be advertised. The Locum Clerk would also place the advert with Job Centre Plus. Cllr. Livingstone confirmed that there were funds in this year's budget to recruit someone now.

## **9. askmk.TV**

Cllr. Livingstone reported that both he and the Locum Clerk had met with Lincoln Bedeau from askmk.tv to look into the making of a Community Video. He said that this was an ideal opportunity to improve the communication and interactive relationship with local residents although he acknowledged that it would be difficult to cover all the area in the parish unless more than one video was made. The cost would be approximately £1800 for a six minute video and there would an additional cost should any copies be required on DVD.

There could be an interactive part of it at the end of the video that could be accessed by residents putting in a local postcode although the logistics of this would need to be considered carefully to prohibit people that do not live in the area from commenting. With approval this video could also be available on Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites.

**RESOLVED** to:

- Invite Lincoln Bedeau to address the meeting of the Parish Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010
- That the Council agree to purchase one video, see the standard of the video and then decide on the way forward

- After evaluating the success of the first video look to roll them out across the parish.

**10. Correspondence.**

Cllr. Livingstone reported that on the supplementary item report going to the MKC Standards Committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 it stated that the parish of Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe had a population of 24100 and Bletchley had a population of 21700.

Councillor Williams drew Members attention to the plight of Ashley Hyde, a local parish young person who had a very rare form of cancer and was seeking financial help to enable him to have much needed treatment in America. Members acknowledged that the Council legally could not make a donation towards the treatment but following lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Chris Williams, with the approval of Ashley's parents to write an article for the Community News bringing attention to the local residents of this young person.

Cllr. Leonards said that with a young family she was interested in being the Council's representative on the Furzton Children's Centre Advisory Board. Cllr. Williams said that he was also interested.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**Chairman**