

**Minutes of the meeting for the Planning and Environment Committee held at the Parish Office, 6  
Wimborne Crescent, Westcroft, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.15pm.**

**Present:**

Thomas K. – Chairman  
Livingstone D.  
Wylie L.

**Also Present:**

Leonards N. To take the minutes in the absence of the Deputy Clerk.

**1. Apologies:**

Councillor Mrs J. Nicholas

**2. Declarations Of Interest:**

Councillor L. Wylie declared a personal interest with reference Killerton play area as he lives close by.

**3. Public Time**

No issues raised

**4. Minutes**

Councillor K. Thomas will circulate a copy of the letter he has written, reference the licensing application for the Rugby Club on Emerson Valley which should have been written by the former Locum Clerk.

A spelling mistake was noticed where "Carloe" was typed instead of "Carole".

**5. Planning Issues**

No objections were raised to applications from :  
5 Ancona Gardens, 38 Wallinger Drive, 26b Clegg Square, 13 Barkestone Close.

Councillor K. Thomas agreed to check the plans for the next month

**Killerton Close Play Area:**

A meeting was held with the MKC contractor in charge of finishing the work to this play area. The project was predicted to begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> January and last for 14 days, however the work was finished only last week. A deep hole had been dug to become a sand pit, the hole was left surrounded by a fence for safety reasons. However youths in the area broke the fence down and the hole was left insecure. In time the hole filled up with water causing obvious safety issues. It took a long time to get the hole sorted out, the major problem being there was no drainage for the water to disperse. Children were using the mud as missiles and generally making a mess in the area. It was also noted that foxes had begun using the sand pit as a toilet. Councillor L Wylie reports that the job is now done, the hole is filled in and the sand pit has been raised up.

Councillor D. Livingstone will write a letter to MKC recording the Parish Councils disappointment in the project management. The Parish Council feels that the sand pit is a health hazard.

Councillor L. Wylie reports that there is a problem with youth antisocial behaviour in the park, for example, graffiti, misuse of the play equipment and fizzy drink bottles being launched. It was suggested that it would be a good idea if the PCSO's could visit this area regularly. Councillor L. Wylie has offered to attend the next NAG to express these concerns.

## **6. Allotments**

With regard to the matter of clearing the sites which are to be vacated by Mr Palmer & Mr Partner it was resolved that the Parish Council should seek a detailed quotation for the clearance before taking any further action.

It was also resolved that we should seek legal clarification of the situation

## **Polytunnels**

Councillor K. Thomas suggested that we should put a clause into the tenancy agreement to say that if a tenant wished to put a larger polytunnel than is currently allowed on his site, then he should seek Parish Council approval and the approval of his neighbouring allotment holders.

It was decided that there would be no further polytunnel size enforcement until the allotment working party has finished drafting the new tenancy agreement.

One allotment holder from Windmill Hill has rung to say that he was bought a large polytunnel for his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the committee discussed this matter and thought the best course of action at the moment would be to allow him to keep his polytunnel.

## **Allotment Shop**

Windmill Hill allotments society have contacted the Parish Council regarding the possibility of extending the allotment shop. Following discussion it was felt that the proper course of action would be to go through the normal planning process with MKC. Councillor Thomas agreed to obtain confirmation of this.

## **7. Correspondence**

None

**8. Date of next meeting of this Committee:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010