

# Shenley Church End Parish Annual Council Meeting

## Monday 15 May 2017 @ 7:15pm

Councillors Present:      Stuart Nightingale                      SN  
    Ray Merrin                                      RM  
    Irving Nicol                                    IN  
    Christina Johnson                        CJ  
    Bethan Norfor                                BN  
    Shaffiq Bostan                               SB

Also Present:                      Jane Munn                                      JM  
    Edith Bald                                      EB  
    Geetha Morla                                 GM  
    Tony Deeble                                    TD

<b>170052</b>	<b>Election of Officers</b>	
	Stuart Nightingale was nominated for the position of Chairman by Ray Merrin and seconded by Christina Johnson Ray Merrin was nominated for the position of Vice Chair by Stuart Nightingale and seconded by Irving Nicol The declaration of acceptance of office was signed by the Chairman	
<b>170053</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Apologies were accepted from Councillors Chrissie Ashby; Steve Weller; Abigail D'Souza; Anthony Brown; David Tunney	
<b>170054</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
	The minutes from the Annual Council meeting in 2016 were noted and approved	
<b>170055</b>	<b>Chairmans Report</b>	
	We have had 3 new Councillors join us during the last year which has been great news. We are still under our quota as designated by Milton Keynes Council and continue to highlight the vacancies through our newsletter and at events. Medbourne Pavilion continues to be an asset to the community. During 2015/16 we have had a great variety of events being held including weddings and christenings as well as community fun days and charity fund raisers. There continues to be problems caused by the lack of maintenance prior to our taking it over, but plans are in place to deal with these. The successful bid for developers money during 2016 has enabled us to improve the facility and carry out works that would otherwise have not been possible making the building more appealing to hirers and hopefully contributing to a reduction in ongoing maintenance. This year finally resulted in the completion of the fingerpost project. After a tendering process the contract was awarded to Ralph Restorations who completed the project in 5 months, almost 24 months since we first started! The finished result was worth waiting for and we have received some positive feedback on the quality of the work. We successfully bid for funding support towards improving a play area in	

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Lowndes Grove, Shenley Church End. The play area had not had any work done in it for about 10 years and a number of local residents had highlighted it as an area they would like to see improved. Working with Milton Keynes Council we were able to improve the facilities and make the layout work better for the families using it.

Milton Keynes Council has started work on improvements at Crownhill Meeting Place which will be completed in the coming months. The building has had minimal maintenance and supervision over the last few years and the Parish Council has raised repeated concerns about the building. It's great to see something positive taking place, and hopefully when the work is finished it will be more desirable to hirers and become a focal point for the community.

There have been things throughout the year which we have not been able to improve on. Parking continues to be an issue and with no funds available for additional parking schemes and no enforcement appearing to be done outside of central Milton Keynes. Without the enforcement by Milton Keynes Council there is little that can be done to educate those that ignore the parking restrictions.

Increasingly we have had to highlight areas of concern to Milton Keynes Council in relation to landscaping and litter. As a result of a reduction in budgets, contracts with Serco have been and continue to be renegotiated, and this has had an impact on the quality of the environmental work we see. The Parish Council made the decision to provide some budget to help improve this situation in 2017/18. In order to ensure the budget is spent wisely, we have tried to get a clear understanding on what environmental work will be carried out. This has not been as straightforward as it could be and we continue to gather the information needed.

Support for parish events continues to increase as do the number of events we put on. This was the first year we held Easter fun session, Summer fun sessions and a Christmas Fayre in addition to the Summer fete. All events were open to residents and the wider community and for the Easter and Summer sessions a small charge was levied to help raise funds for charity. Stall holders at the Christmas fayre and Summer fete paid a token fee which again went to charity. The events, hirers donations and the coffee mornings raised £3640.52 for our charity of the year.

Once again I express my thanks to my fellow Councillors who have all given their time to support the work of the Parish Council. Volunteers are an essential part of local democracy and the more people we can work with, talk to and encourage to get involved will help improve the community in which we live.

My thanks also go to our staff without whom, we, as Councillors could not function.

*Stuart Nightingale*  
*Chair, Shenley Church End Parish Council*

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Signed:.....Chair

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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