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Minutes of the meeting of the Services and Environment Committee held on 11th June 2025 at 19:00hrs using www.zoom.us

Present: Cllrs Mark Greenwood (Chair), Paul Mackin, Elsa Tattersfield, Nicola King, Den Fensome

Town Clerk: T Medley and C Quinlan (Admin Assistant)

1. **Apologies:** received from F Fitch and Cllrs Christine Culleton, Fred Wilson, and Danny Cummins.

2. **Declarations of interest:** None.

3. **To elect a Chair and Vice- Chair.** Cllr Mark Greenwood was proposed as Chair by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Mackin, all agreed. Cllr Culleton was proposed as Vice-Chair by Cllr Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Tattersfield, all agreed.

4. **Minutes**
   The minutes of the meeting of the committee on 14th May 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed digitally by the Chair. The Zoom recording was agreed to be deleted. Proposed by Cllr Tattersfield, seconded by Cllr Greenwood, all agreed.

5. **Public Question Time:** None

6. **To discuss and agree plans for Bellcote Meadow Millennium Green Anniversary - A flag raising event has been suggested for 16th September with the Lower School attending, as a joint celebration of the 25th anniversary of BMMG.** Previously when the TC have been presented with a Green flag award the Eco-council from the school attend the presentation. It has been suggested this year to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Millennium Green a larger event be organised. It was suggested 16th September, Mayor and other Cllrs will attend. It was suggested it be timed to coincide with the end of the school day so that other children may attend.

7. **To discuss the damage to the BMMG Williow – there is damage to the willow in Bellcote Meadow Millennium Green and bark stripped off the tree – there is evidence of dry rot in the right section.** Children are stripping back the bark, damaging the tree and causing rot. It was resolved that CQ will contact Maydencroft for a quote for an inspection of the tree and for fencing to protect it.

8. **To discuss and agree the upcoming AGMs for the BMMG Trust and Shefford Greenspace Conservation Group.** It was resolved that CQ will arrange a date for a Tuesday late morning for both AGMs. Reports will be provided by the Chairs of both groups.

9. **To discuss and agree National Play Day.** The Children's centre are happy to make arrangements for this event on 6th August, 11am-2pm. Cllr Greenwood proposed a donation of £750, seconded by Cllr Tattersfield, all agreed.

10. **UK Prosperity Fund.** TM has spoken with the fund organisers and agreed £20k in Capital funds and £7.5k in Revenue for the TC to encourage more people to come to the Town, the fund is to promote economic growth. Cllrs put forward ideas for TM to take forward:

    1. Additional Christmas lights
    2. Start a Go Fund me page for Old Bridge Way repairs.
    3. Replace the old Willow at Bellcote meadow.
    4. CCTV looking at the Co-op/ Old Bridge Way area, linked to a control room.
    5. Permanent gas beacon
    6. Storage of town assets
    7. Regeneration of the Chapel at the cemetery
    8. New benches at the STMA
    9. Informal seating area/ sensory garden by the Church- not suitable due to ownership.
    10. Men's group
    11. Renovations to water pump/trough and a refill station- already being looked at.
    12. 2-way radios for CERT group and events £269.99
    13. Stand for portable BBQs at Bellcote meadow.
    14. Flagpole
    15. Picnic benches Bellcote.
    16. Finish populating the website.
    17. Christmas grotto
    18. Fun Day
    19. Extend youth summer provision.
    20. Healthy eating cookery workshop
    21. Local artist running a graffiti art project.
    22. Competition- Shefford has got talent aimed at different age groups.

11. **Website.** Aurora has produced a demo of what has been completed, Cllr Greenwood will provide a PowerPoint for Full Council. The TC have budgeted for 20 pages and could launch on 20 pages but will need to generate approximately 55.

12. **Summer Fun Day.** Sally has been working on the admin. Posters have been ordered at a cost of £94+vat, these should be delivered next week and CQ and Sally will put them up around the town. Ken Pollard will be the compere, CQ will confirm this with Lesley. There has been a suggestion for a Candy Floss stall and a dog treat stall, Lesley will arrange these.

Meeting closed 19.48hrs