

## WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

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Members of Woburn Sands Town Council are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Woburn Sands Town Council on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.**

### MINUTES

256/23	<b>Present:</b> Cllr P. Skelton, C. Cowmeadow, J. Green, G, Brooke, T. Sutton, R. Lanyon-Hogg, Clerk A. Jordan	
257/23	<b>Apologies and approve reasons for absence:</b> Cllr M. Geddes, Cllr J. Rae, and Cllr D. Hopkins	<b>Accepted</b>
258/23	<p><b>Town Mayor's Announcements (if any):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mayor hosted a Christmas event on 21<sup>st</sup> December for Councillors and staff which was appreciated by all and a nice way to end the year</li> <li>• Attended Aspley Heath Parish Council's Green Infrastructure Plan which was very interesting, they are making good progress and the presentation of the event was very good</li> <li>• Visited 2 Station Rd with the Clerk and Cllr Hopkins, meeting Cllr Emily Darlington and MK Officer Stuart Proffitt to look at state of building. The attic rooms, which are particularly bad, have been locked by MKCC so we could not access. Cllr Darlington and Mr Proffitt said they would work on this</li> <li>• Cllr Green, Cllr Hopkins and Cllr Skelton attended a Planning Enforcement online drop-in. Cllr Green reported on this; everything has to be reported using the enforcement form. WSTC is concerned about the footpath from Asplands to High Street, it is not accessible, not lit, not covered. WSTC do not think we will get any action from the developer and MKCC Planning do not have responsibility</li> <li>• Mayor Skelton and Deputy Mayor C Cowmeadow are unable to accept an invitation to the MK Mayor's Civic Reception and Awards, due to previous engagements.</li> </ul>	
259/23	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</b></p> <p>a. Under the localism act 2011 (section 26-37 and schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's code of conduct Cllr D Hopkins referred to his entry in the member's register of interests</p>	
<p><b>The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time</b></p> <p>The time allocated is at the discretion of the Council/Chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the Town Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Town Council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire. A Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may address the Council on the issue during Public Question Time subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange of the issue between the public and the Council during this period.</p>		
260/23	<b>Minutes:</b> To consider the approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 12 <sup>h</sup> December 2022. To be circulated.	<b>APPROVED</b>
261/23	<b>Progress Reports:</b>	

	<p>a. Halls and Library Report: Librarian Nicky reports a positive numbers of visitors for the ‘warm room’</p> <p>b. Sports Hall update: see item below.</p> <p>c. Environmental Report and Edgewick Farm: Cllr Green, Cllr Lanyon-Hogg and Cllr Skelton offered to take turns walking the footpaths in Woburn Sands. The new MUGA on the recreation ground has opened and looks good. Some saplings at back of recreation ground have been damaged and need replacing with new trees with tree guards. Rubbish building up in private land behind shops but visible to car park users. Plaque being engraved to put up on barn, July is 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2003) of formal handover of Edgewick Farm from MKC to Town Council. Cllrs and volunteers planning an event. No news from Highways regarding improvements to car park lights. New planting regime needed with RTM now we are using a different plant nursery.</p> <p>d. Clerk’s Report: there are several issues concerning the Sports Hall which need to be corrected including repainting the main hall because the colour is wrong for badminton. The hall is going to make a loss for the foreseeable future. National Badminton and MK Dons both shown an interest in managing the hall. The Clerk is to ask the Badminton Association to discuss this with us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been complaints from residents about the planned closure of Barclays Bank. Must support the Post Office and investigating the possibility of a cash point.</li> <li>• The Clerk received a request for grazing land for horses, is Edgewick Farm a possibility? This will be considered after getting further information.</li> </ul> <p>e. Music Festival: Last year was successful and now have a 5<sup>th</sup> venue this year, Nonnas. 100 bands are interested in taking part. The Community Market are going to be on the Memorial Green on Saturday and Sunday. Schools been contacted for a competition to design a programme cover. There is a working group up to 28 people and the festival organisers are looking for donations. Pubs hosting bands are donating £300 each. Suggest Cllr Brooke contacts Aspley Heath PC to inform / discuss. Cllr Sutton offered to volunteer as Treasurer. Congratulations to Cllr Brooke for all her work. Looking for local registered charities to receive donations from Music Festival fundraising.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b> to speak to Environmental Health.</p> <p><b>Clerk</b> to contact Highways re car park lights and SID</p> <p><b>AGREE</b> to setting up software /heating and window control</p> <p><b>AGREE</b> to repainting</p> <p><b>Clerk</b> to speak to Edgewick Farm volunteer group</p> <p><b>Clerk</b> to pass on contact of AHPC’s Clerk to Cllr Brooke.</p>
262/23	<p><b>Unitary Councillor Report:</b> to be circulated in Cllr Hopkins absence. A new waste contractor is to be announced soon. Met with I. Stewart MP and Marston Vale group.</p>	
263/23	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To consider and approve payments for January. To be circulated</li> <li>b. To approve WSTC grant payments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Friends of Edgewick Farm - £200</li> <li>ii. Genesis youth group - £250</li> <li>iii. Poor’s Coal Charity - £200</li> <li>iv. Helping Hands - £250</li> <li>v. St Michael’s Churchyard - £300</li> <li>vi. WS Band - £400 from arts funding</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>a. APPROVED</b></p> <p><b>b. APPROVED</b></p>

	<p>vii. Swallowfield PTFA were asked to reapply and have asked if we would consider funding an activity, i.e. a science experience/event or just materials? Requesting any amount we can offer.</p> <p>viii. Aspley Guise Rainbows (also serving WS) requested funding for hire of a hall in Aspley Guise. We asked they reapply for materials rather than running costs and they sent a list of items including craft materials, sports items, and a flag for Remembrance Parade and other events requesting £500</p> <p>ix. The Three Parishes have submitted an application for £550</p>	
264/23	<p><b>Finance Meeting:</b> Budget recommendations: to be circulated. Precept requirement will be - £153,080</p> <p>WSTC's budget requirement will give a 6.7% increase on Band D house, this take into account an error by Milton Keynes Council which adds 3% to the Town Council figure.</p>	<b>APPROVED</b>
265/23	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a. <b>22/03162/HOU</b> to erect a single storey side/rear extension. 51 Wood St. WSTC had no objection.</p> <p>b. <b>22/03196/CONS</b> to construct a two storey teaching block, sports hall and related works, increased car parking, new pedestrian access and play area. Fulbrook School. This is a revised application, the original application in Nov. 2021 for a single storey teaching block. WSTC concerns regarding increase in traffic and parking issues remain the same. Residents of Burrows Close had a meeting with Cllr John Baker from CBC / AGPC regarding the traffic from Fulbrook School on Saturday mornings. There is no parking on school grounds due to building work.</p>	
266/23	<p><b>Notifications of decisions made from Milton Keynes Council:</b></p> <p>a. <b>22/02729/HOU</b> 18 Tidbury Close. Planning permission granted, WSTC had no objection but asked neighbours comments taken into account.</p>	
267/23	<p><b>Sports Hall:</b> approve quotes for Sports Hall work: paint walls suitable colour for badminton, and software for heating controls. See above.</p>	
268/23	<p><b>Meeting with Redrow Homes, Swan Hill developers:</b> Councillors met with representatives with Redrow homes on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Some issues identified include the position of the play area, parking, location of bins and space allowed for when put out for collection.</p>	<b>Clerk</b> to post WSTC response to our website
269/23	<p><b>Futures Group:</b> Cllr M Geddes email regarding this event has been circulated. Cllr Skelton attended the AHPC/Greensand Green Expo and was impressed by their arrangement of tables and visitor engagement. Suggest we try this method for the Futures Group meeting. Cllr G Clough from Aspley Heath PC did a really good job and we could take ideas for our meeting. Suggest we display the Climate Change Survey actions at the meeting.</p>	<b>Cllr Skelton</b> to prepare for the meeting
270/23	<p><b>Section 106 funding:</b> WSTC need to agree consultation method for suggested outdoor stage at Parklands; agree how to spend funds earmarked for arts.</p> <p>Other funds: MKC Highways have not yet arranged the installation of the SIDs. Our portable one on Newport Rd should be moved to the Bow Brickhill Road.</p>	<b>Cllr Brooke and Clerk</b> to meet regarding consultation <b>Clerk</b> to speak to Mike Smith about moving SID

271/23	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for advice on getting a petition for a 20mph speed limit on Bow Brickhill Rd, The Leys, and Hardwick Rd</li> <li>• And an enquiry re. for 20pmh limit on Downham Rd</li> <li>• Report of litter and possible fly-tipping in Russell Street</li> <li>• Request to share information from CCTV with TVP.</li> <li>• Crimewave £5,800 per year per camera. Suggest we apply for S.106 funds for a camera on behalf of GPCC</li> <li>• Complaint regarding access to Summerlin toilet</li> <li>• Residents came to express concern re. closure of Barclays</li> <li>• Work on the right of way across Recreation Ground to continue during the last two weeks of February to include installing a French drain.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk to investigate s.106 criteria</b></p>
272/23	<p><b>Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
273/23	<p><b>Councillor's reports and items for next agenda:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Futures Group meeting</li> <li>b. Music Festival (to be a standing item)</li> </ol>	
274/23	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Monday 13<sup>h</sup> February 2023</b>  <b>Venue: The Committee Room at The Memorial Hall</b>  <b>Dates of future meetings:</b> regular town council meetings are to be on the second Monday of the month except for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Monday a Bank Holiday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Town Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</li> <li>• Council Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• Annual Town Council meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> <p>Other dates:  June 12<sup>th</sup>  July 10<sup>th</sup>  No meeting in August  Sept 11<sup>th</sup>  Oct 9<sup>th</sup>  Nov 13<sup>th</sup>  Dec 11<sup>th</sup></p>	

Meeting ended 10pm

Signed by Chairman: