

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 13th February at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.**

DRAFT MINUTES

275/23	Present: Councillors P. Skelton, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins, C. Cowmeadow, J. Green, T. Sutton, R. Lanyon-Hogg, J. Rae, Clerk Alison Jordan Members of the public Z. McCarthy, L. Roberts, L. Hearne.	Actions
276/23	Apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr G Brooke	
277/23	Town Mayor's Announcements (if any): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Skelton attended a COWS meeting where they said farewell and thanks to Emma and Brett; they wanted to talk about futures Group meeting and some were not happy with 5pm start but asked could they drop in? • Friday 10th met with Wayne from RTM to discuss planting. 	
278/23	DECLARATION OF INTEREST: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 b. Cllr J Rae declared an interest in item 284/23 c. 	
<p>The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time</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> <p>Mss Z. McCarthy, L. Roberts, L. Hearne spoke about plans for a street party on the High Street and a crazy golf day to be held at various venues in Woburn Sands.</p>		
279/23	Coronation event: Agreed the council will apply for a road closure for a Coronation Street Party on Sunday 7 th May., and approved allowing crazy golf holes on the Recreation Ground, Mowbray Green and the Memoria Green.	AGREED APPROVED
280/23	Minutes: To consider the approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 16 th January 2023. Circulated. Clerk to contact Highways re. SID to be moved to Bow Brickhill Road rather than Hardwick Road as on minutes. WSTC would like to see a 40mph 'slow down' zone before 30mph on this road coming into Woburn Sands.	APPROVED Clerk to contact Highways
281/23	Progress Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Halls and Library Report: Compliment received from a hall user, for the library, the new windows look good and library volunteers and staff are very pleased. 	

	<p>this issue. CIL representative is to attend the Futures Group Meeting.</p> <p>Accessibility should be something we take into account in all we do and to be raised with actions for the new council in May. The results of the Climate Change Survey indicated a large percentage want the High Street to be pedestrian friendly. Can the pavement be widened to allow for ramps? Is there 106 funds available for this? ERG funds needed to be earmarked by March so this funding might not now be available. Is there funding for businesses to be more accessible? There is an increase in full pavement parking in the town, blocking all the pavement.</p> <p>g. Clerk's Report: circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents are unhappy about Barclays closure; customers are encouraged to complain. Applying for a deposit card is problematic, cannot be done in person but online system not working. Cashback without purchase is likely to be possible at the Co-op and Tesco, Barclays looking at some part time face-to-face banking. Enquire about a Post Office account. Can we ask not to pay online only • Councillors want to know what has happened to the WSTC memorial plaque from NatWest. Can we have it at Memorial Hall rather than moving away? • There has been a request for a Memorial tree, maybe this can be an orchard tree at Edgewick Farm • Prospective Councillors: forms to be returned to Clerk by Monday 3rd April at latest. The Clerk to seek advice on completing the forms correctly. • CAB sessions at the library can be paid out of warm space funds. 	<p>Clerk to look into opening a Co-Op account</p> <p>Clerk to take advice on electoral matters</p> <p>Clerk to book CAB sessions.</p>
<p>282/23</p>	<p>Unitary Councillor Report: to be circulated. Cllr Hopkins has spoken to Vicky Cropper Clerk regarding train service. It is not likely to be returned until 2024, because change of stock and driver training. Bus replacement service problems mean fewer and fewer passengers. There are accessibility issues on the buses, no cycles, and the drivers are not checking tickets. No new information on EWR programme. Cllr Geddes suggests contact Jeremy Damrel from EWR to keep in touch and ask for update.</p> <p>WSTC support green initiative.</p> <p>RE. Oxford/MK/Beds/Cambridge/Northants. The ARC is now a 'single institution without a Directly Elected Mayor across a FEA or whole cross regional area'. Leader of the Council, Cllr Pete Marland and the MKCC administration support this option.</p>	<p>MG to write to EWR</p>
<p>283/23</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To consider and approve payments for February. To be circulated b. To approve WSTC grant payment of £350 for The Three Parishes c. To approve increase in the hire charge to MKC for use of halls as polling stations to £250 to reflect the actual cost of hire for the full day. £350 per hall. d. To consider quotes to replace the fence behind the library car park. Defer for more quotes. 	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p>£350</p>

	WSTC note the Summerlin Centre is making an income £7,000 above the budgeted amount to date.	
284/23	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. 23/00155/TCA Fell to ground a 4.5m Goat Willow tree. 5A Club Cottages. 23/00157/TCA reduce limb overhanging garden by approx. 2m, of Ash tree. 6 Sandy Court.</p> <p>b. 23/00310/HOU 4 Station Road to demolish arear extensions and build a new extension. This application only arrived today but needs to be considered before the next meeting.</p> <p>c. 23/00215/TCA 40 Station Road have applied to remove a mature Sycamore tree. WSTC objects to this application.</p>	
285/23	<p>Notifications of decisions made from Milton Keynes Council:</p> <p>a. None.</p>	
286/23	<p>The Old Ropewalk painting: WSTC agree to Aspley Heath PC's request for the painting to be donated the their parish council. It depicts The Old Ropeworks at what is now known as The Garden House, by Mrs Hamilton Bousefield in 1889 and presented to WSTC by her relative Miss Grace Moore in 1955.</p> <p>If they receive some financial benefit WSTC should share in that.</p>	AGREED
287/23	<p>Futures Group: agree a plan for organising the meeting and which Councillors will be present to help run the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr J Green has volunteered to assist with preparations.</p> <p>Cllr M Geddes objects to a drop-in type of event, but Cllr Skelton would like to see explanations on panels/displays so that people can drop-in and see the information without having to stay for the whole meeting.</p> <p>There followed discussion on how the meeting should be held.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to recruit volunteers to run the group, a community led, not council led, group.</p> <p>Cllrs M Geddes, J Greene, and P Skelton to work on the plans for the meeting.</p>	Councillors M Geddes J Green, P Skelton to prepare the meeting
288/23	<p>Section 106 funding: To consider ideas for applying for section 106 funds, and approve the applications on behalf of the GPC Charity to repair and improve the garden at the Old Fire Station, and for an outdoor power box.</p>	Clerk to get quotes
289/23	<p>The Old Fire Station: To approve creating additional storage at the Old Fire Station for the cleaner and for hall hirers by building a cupboard in the 'second' room. This would also make a tidier entrance hall.</p>	AGREED
290/23	<p>Civility and Respect Protocol: To agree to accept the BMKALC Model Councillor-Officer Protocol for WSTC. This is a guide to build and maintain good working relationships between Councillors and Council Officers</p>	AGREE to ADOPT
291/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitions have been launched for 20mph speed limit from Bow Brickhill Rd, The Leys and Hardwick Road, and for Downham Road. • A resident requests we ask the footpath between Station Rd and Weathercock Lane is resurfaced – this is CBC so the Clerk referred to them • Potholes off Maple Grove by the car park have been reported to the Clerk who has raised this with MKC 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes in Wood Street, Chapel St, Theydon Avenue • Motorbikes on footpaths, particularly a cut through path from Parklands to the Groves (Cllr Green to put an article in the WSTC newsletter) • Trees on Devon Lodge land have been inspected and work is underway, the tree surgeon visited a resident • A request for a Shop Watch scheme to be set up for Woburn Sands High Street 	Cllr Hopkins to pass on contact
292/23	Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
293/23	Councillor's reports and items for next agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. MK New City Plan consultation b. Futures Group Meeting and formation of committee group c. The Sports Hall: to consider if it can be taken on by the GPCC 	
294/23	Date of next meeting: Monday 13th March 2023 Venue: The Committee Room at The Memorial Hall	

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____