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Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Memorial Hall.

MINUTES

295/23	<p>Present: Councillors P. Skelton, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins, R. Lanyon-Hogg, J. Rae, T. Sutton, J. Green. Clerk A Jordan. Member of public M. Wathen joined at 7.50pm.</p>	ACTIONS
296/23	<p>Apologies and approve reasons for absence: Cllr C. Cowmeadow, Cllr G. Brooke.</p>	ACCEPTED
297/23	<p>Town Mayor's Announcements (if any): Attended Edgewick Farm volunteers Committee meeting</p>	
298/23	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST:</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>The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time 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>		
299/23	<p>Minutes: To consider the approval of the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on Monday 13th February 2022. To be circulated.</p>	APPROVED
300/23	<p>Progress Reports:</p> <p>a. Halls and Library Report. Nothing to report</p> <p>b. Sports Hall update: letter sent to Regional Manager at Taylor Wimpey to complain about the issues WSTC have had with the Sports Hall. Cllr Geddes read last paragraph of the letter which says we consider the hall unsuitable for use. WSTC is asking TW to carry out remedial action and pay for costs and lost revenue.</p> <p>c. Environmental Report and Edgewick Farm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Lane weeding is written in the Grounds Maintenance contract with RTM, need to make sure RTM aware • The Recreation ground: there is still no contract for gate to Swallowfield School • Plan for another town litter pick on 30/04/23 • Trees have been planted on Summerlin Drive • Regarding the complaints about outdoor lighting from a house in Aspley Heath, the lighting improved, but still bright. Any complaints to go to Central Beds. But Cllrs suggest anyone thinking of complaining to look first as there has been some improvements • Flooding at Recreation ground, despite drain being installed, but there has been a high level of rainfall 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly tipping/rubbish behind chemist again • WSTC have been informed we cannot put trees in the street planters because they are too shallow • An apple tree has been planted at Edgewick Farm orchard in memory to a long standing resident who has recently passed away. This was paid for by her family • 2 station Rd hedge and shrubs still overhanging the pavement and blocking visibility of the road sign <p>d. Music Festival. Cllr G Brooke sent apologies for this meeting but has asked when the single basketball hoop and stand is going to be removed. Quotes being gathered for an outdoor power supply. Many acts are already booked for the Music Festival.</p> <p>e. SEMK and EWR: the next SEMK Stakeholder meeting is on 21.03.23 in the committee room, time to be confirmed. L&Q and O&H will be present, with MKCC Officers and parish councillors. EWR are yet to produce a business plan. Redrow application for a DISCON (i.e. landscape and management plan) was for notification rather than consultation. 23/00409/DISCON.</p> <p>f. Clerk's Report: to be circulated. Ask for a risk assessment for the crazy golf event . SID on Bow Brickhill Road, MKCC can move our SID for us from Newport Rd to Bow Brickhill Rd but there is no suitable post yet</p>	<p>Clerk to contact Emily Darlington & Stuart Proffitt re 2 Station Rd.</p> <p>Clerk to forward Redrow letter again</p>
301/23	<p>Unitary Councillor Report: to be circulated. Thanks to Cllr J Green for attending Danesborough Forum. Cllr D Hopkins attended a workshop at MK Gallery for a presentation of New City Plan, a 25 year local plan. The plan includes 75,000 new houses, i.e. 3,000 per year, with a new junction on M1 to give access. Resident of Russell St thanked the council for getting pot holes filled, paths repaired, and 20mph signs installed. Cllr Hopkins was pleased to meet the King at an event to confirm MK City status.</p>	
302/23	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. To consider and approve payments for March. To be circulated. The high utility bills for Sports Hall were noted but WSTC hope the bills will be a little lower now the hall is in our control. Newsletter costs about £4,000 per year. A lot, but still an important way to get WSTC information across. The website and Facebook pages are not looked at so much. Different people look at different media and we have to try and use diverse media to reach as many as possible. Recently there has been an increased number of pages in newsletter, which affects cost. Will need to increase the print run as new houses come in, but the TC will receive a higher precept from council tax on the new houses.</p> <p>b. To consider a quote to clean and repair the war memorial; the quote is £2,790.00 £1,500.00 was budgeted for this.</p>	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>Clerk to look for more quotes</p>
303/23	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. 23/00310/HOU Demolish of existing rear extension, erect new single storey rear extension, convert garage to a study, various related window and door amendments. 4 Station Road. WSTC has no objection but recommend a caveat, that the annex remains as a legal part of the main house (No 4 Station Road) and does not become a separate address.</p> <p>b. 23/00373/HOU The conversion of the loft, with a front dormer window and installation of roof lights to the rear roof slope. 10 Drayhorse Crescent.</p>	
304/23	<p>Notifications of decisions made from Milton Keynes Council:</p> <p>a. 23/00155/TCA 5a Club Lane. NO OBJECTION (WSTC had no objection).</p>	

	b. 23/00127/TCA 6 Sandy Court/18 Russell Street. NO OBJECTION (WSTC has no objection)	
305/23	<p>The Futures Group: feedback from the meeting and how to proceed. Councillors are happy with the turnout, and good number of volunteers, 15, have come forward to form the group. Cllr Geddes suggests calling this a 'Futures Panel' rather than 'committee' and take everyone who volunteers rather than setting a limit. Cllr Geddes will speak to the Chairman of Aspley Guise PC to see if they want to be included and have a representative on the panel. Suggests holding meetings in a variety of places. Cllr Geddes wants to talk to Fulbrook head teacher about a meeting. Can Cllr Cowmeadow talk to the school on WSTC behalf. Wait until after elections to ask WSTC councillors to volunteer to be on the panel. Cllr Geddes is happy to act as a convener at discretion of WSTC council. It was suggested waiting to see how autonomous the group is going to be. Concluded that this can wait until after new council is formed.</p> <p>Health was the biggest issue of concern by residents at the meeting. Cllr Geddes has told MK Officers WSTC would like an urgent discussion on medical provision in SEMK. Should keep the Futures Panel in people's mind with advertising, posters, website etc. Thanks to Councillors Geddes, J Green, P Skelton, T Sutton and the Clerk for help running meeting.</p>	Cllr Geddes to convene first meeting.
306/23	<p>The Sports Hall: to consider asking the Gravel Pit Close Charity to take on management of the Sports Hall. The GPCC should be independent from WSTC and the Sports Hall can come under the charity but then enter a service level agreement with the council. WSTC to seek legal advice. No GPCC Trustees can be town councillors, it must be independent of the council to benefit from tax rebate. For the first few years it may rely on grants from the TC. This will keep it within community control rather than being run by an outside organisation. The Hall is owned by the town, so any new trust needs to be answerable to the council. Maybe a freehold/leasehold arrangement.</p>	AGREE to seek legal advice
307/23	<p>MK New City Plan consultation: WSTC response. An excellent response written by Cllr Skelton.</p>	APPROVED
308/23	<p>Anglian Water meeting: feedback from meeting. Cllrs P Skelton, J Green, T Sutton attended. Cllr Hopkins had already attended the meeting between Wavendon PC and Anglian Water. There was a presentation, but it had some inaccuracies and presumptions, and an unsuitable traffic management plan. Anglian Water appeared not to know about the SEMK development, saying this too far ahead for their current plans.</p> <p>Regarding the recreation ground: will only be in the recreation ground for about 4 weeks, will be out by mid-June for the fairground and in plenty of time for the Music Festival. A small compound just for the drilling and installation of the pipes not a works compound. Roads will be closed for some period of time. Will dig eight meters deep under rail line. Cranfield Road pipes very poor and urgently need replacing to avoid bursting. If work is not done in time in the recreation ground for the summer events, AW will fill in and come back at a later date to finish the work. Work to go from Cranfield Rd up to Frosts. AW will be able to work around new MUGA. WSTC will be unhappy if Recreation ground closed in school holidays.</p> <p>It was noted that AW say laying a pipe under the railway would make a pedestrian bridge difficult or impossible to install in the future.</p>	
309/23	<p>ERG: applications for funding to consider, including a Heritage Trail, hanging baskets/flower displays, replace bench by bus stop, High Street outside power supply.</p>	

	Cllr J Green and the Clerk met with Amanda Creed from MKCC regarding ERG, we need to have the pro-forma in by 27.03.23 to show spending. The Heritage Trail and Fullers Earth Trail are to be costed now, budgeted £8,000 and they are available in the community not delivered door to door. Outdoor power for Xmas lights one idea, but could be problematic. WSTC could, however, purchase new or replacement Xmas lights. Should consult with the Xmas Fayre Committee.	APPROVE purchase of Xmas lights.
310/23	Section 106 funding: Cllr G Brook was not present, but is talking to the Friends of Parklands group regarding public art in Parklands. Recreation ground outdoor electricity, and Old Fire Station garden. Quotes being collected.	Clerk to discuss with Cllr G Brook
311/23	Elections: reminder of dates. 27 th March to 4 th April. All those wishing to stand should contact the Clerk by 31 st March. Cllr D Hopkins standing down as Parish Councillor but still standing as Ward Councillor and has advised WSTC he will continue to attend all parish meetings.	Clerk to leave printed nomination forms in WSTC office.
312/23	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints about bus 450 not running as advertised and apologies from Britannia Buses, they intend to start on 27th March. • Complaint about leaves on the pavement of Station Rd. None there any longer. • Motorbikes on footpath – an ongoing problem with complaints from residents 	
313/23	Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair office sink tap 	
314/23	Councillor's reports and items for next agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 2nd May • Litter pick Sunday 30th April – 10am outside Memorial Hall. • 20th Anniversary Edgewick Farm beginning of July • SEMK • EWR 	
315/23	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th April 2023 Venue: The Committee Room at The Memorial Hall	

Meeting ended at 9.55PM

Signed:

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