

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors C. Cowmeadow (in the chair)
P. Farrant, J. Jeffreys, D. Hopkins, Dr. J. Rae,
K. Temple
Clerk: Mrs L. Stapleton
Also Present 1 member of the public (until 7.41)
Apologies: Cllrs, M. Geddes, P. Byrne and A. Bramall

139/16 Town Mayor's Announcements

Cllr. Cowmeadow wished everyone a Happy New Year.

140/16 Declarations of Interest

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. Personal interests: None declared
- c. Pecuniary interests: None declared

Meeting Closed for Public Speaking.

Resident spoke regarding agenda item 12. Details minute 147/16

Meeting re-convened 7.41

141/16 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2015 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

142/16 Progress Reports for information

- a. Clerk
The Swan
Requested site visit to investigate Corner of Hardwick
Road and large puddles, including broken drain and blocked drain.
No reply. To report again.
On-Going

Items I am chasing with MKC

Planning/Enforcement

37 High Street air conditioning unit Still awaiting Conservation rpt. **Carl Stokes**

13 Maple Grove, extension of garden into MKC land **Legal & Property**

It was noted that no reply from Anna rose had been received, but some information had been forwarded from Cllr. Hopkins regarding Woburn Sands Review for Conservation status

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge Still in negotiations with Network Rail regarding traffic management, but looks like early next year.

Emma Walton

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded road signs Newport Road opposite Cranfield Road and Station Road opposite Weathercock Lane. Chased again Dec.
Cllr. Hopkins had been assured that these signs were to be replaced, but has just been informed that now taken off the list. He will be taking this up again with MKC.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street

Planned works

Footway (Station Rd – Wood St) in Theydon Ave.

No Information

Edgewick Claim

Information forwarded to Insurers

Information

Planning enforcement attended Station Road where front wall had been taken down.

Very happy, as wall will be replaced and some bricks have been saved to re-use.

Verified that officer still happy regarding colour of bricks and loss of hedge. Hedge to be replanted, happy with everything else but will make sure old bricks are re-used.

Contractor monitoring Fire Station Car Park.

Notification of proposed road closure 5 – 7th March 2016 for Network Rail

Notified happy to move this closure either to the weekend before or after this date.

Proposed works to sub-station should commence 15th February on the Memorial Green.

Greg Rutherford Tribute

No further news except artificial grass which is coloured is painted and does not last very long.

Sandbags for Christmas Fayre

12 Sandbags have been received from MKC.

b. Halls

Nil to report.

c. Environment

Cllr. Temple reported Pot holes Station Road, illegal parking on High Street and misuse of Blue Badge parking.

d. Police and Policing

Nil to report

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr. Jeffreys reported that trees have been planted in the Rec.

f. Fulbrook School

Cllr Cowmeadow reported that there was going to be a meeting this week.

g. WSBCA WS Community Market

Meeting to be held 12th January. Next market is on 13th March.

h. Christmas Fayre

Cllr. Farrant reported that there had been enquiries made regarding certain issues and the Clerk had given information which had been requested.

Many thanks was expressed to Cllr. Hopkins for obtaining 12 sandbags.

i. East West Rail

Nil to report

143/16 Unitary Council Report

Cllr. Hopkins circulated his report commenting on School Transport, MKC budget, Station Road traffic, sites within and adjoining the SLA, East West Rail and Open Libraries. on school transport.

144/16 Planning

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

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| a. | 15/03040/CLUP
5 Aspley Hill
No comment | proposed single storey extension at:
Mr P Ward |
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15/02993/FUL Demolition of rear stores and single storey rear extension, front porch, removal of chimney stacks, insertion of window to side elevation, amendments to rear elevation doors and windows and internal alterations at:

46 The Leys **Mr G. Johnson**
No Comment subject to neighbours comments

15/02980/FUL First floor rear extension at:
38 Weathercock Lane **Mr J Gough**
Further information to be sought from planning officer.

15/03109/FUL Conversion and alterations to rear and front elevation of garage to form habitable accommodation and single storey front extension at:
5 Maple Grove **Mr M. Lorizzo**
No comment as long as extension does not make property below MKC parking standards.

15/03139/FUL Demolish existing rear porch and replace with single storey rear extension with lean to roof and roof windows at:
2D Russell Street **Mr & Mrs Croft**
No Comment subject to neighbours comments.

15/03162/FUL Single storey and side and rear extension at:
25 The Leys **Mrs Ladyman**

b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
25 The Leys Refused

c. **Parklands, Greens, SLA Updates (if any.)**

It was reported that the public exhibition was not up to standard with no information boards and no details of Plan:MK. A draft letter to be sent to Mr Wilson was approved. The Clerk informed Members that an enquiry had been made regarding a proposed planning application and wished to book a hall in the next couple of weeks for a public exhibition. It was agreed that as soon as any information received would alert residents as soon as possible regarding the exhibition.

145/16 **WS Library**

The Clerk informed Members that Love Woburn Sands had confirmed the IT drop in is to Commence 18th January 10 – 12 midday.

Paul Sanders had circulated the proposed changes to Libraries, reducing staff times and introducing open Libraries.

Agreed that a meeting should take place to review the Partnership Agreement, and to object to a reduction of staff hours in Woburn Sands as the Town Council already contribute financially, and until other Parishes do the same our staff hours should remain. It was also pointed out that the technical side of installing the mechanism for Open Libraries might prove difficult on our current doors.

Agreed to hold a meeting to formalise a “Friends of the Library” after the meeting with MKC.

146/16 MKC School Transport

Cllr. Hopkins reported on a successful meeting held with representatives from MKC, Governors of Fulbrook and representatives of parents from Fulbrook regarding the possibility of withdrawing transport to Leighton Buzzard schools. It was agreed the best method of introducing this would be to phase in over a period of time commencing 2017.

Cllr. Cowmeadow expressed concern that Woburn Sands residents had no choice but to send primary children into the Beds system as both Woburn Sands schools are in Bedfordshire and should have a choice to continue all schooling in Bedfordshire, this should be recognised by MKC.

147/16 Station Road Traffic Issues

1 Member of the Public had now circulated a response requested under the FOI regarding the criteria used for the A5130 through Broughton to have a HGV restriction.

Members agreed that the criteria of being near schools also applied to Woburn Sands.

Information received regarding traffic routes Woburn Sands and alternative routes which should be used avoiding Woburn Sands.

A draft cost of monitoring vibration and noise, promotion, and production of traffic order was also circulated. If the Town Council wish to proceed, approx. £11,000

Members agreed that now all information had been received, that Milton Keynes Council be officially asked to carry out the noise and vibration surveys, and to continue to pursue the HGV ban.

Cllr. Hopkins suggested that there should be money available due to the development of the Eastern expansion. The Clerk will write to MKC. It was also suggested that the resident of Woburn Sands contact another lobbying group in Wavendon.

However it seems that there will be reluctance to introduce a weight limit until works to the A421 is completed.

148/16 MK Plan

Consultation response has been extended therefore will be discussed at the March meeting.

149/16 Site Allocations Plan

Consultation response required by 20th January.

A further comment to the letter sent in December regarding the Site Allocations was approved.

150/16 Co-Option

Agreed that Councillors Cowmeadow, Jeffreys and Rae will interview applicants on 1st February.

151/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

None

152/16 Finance

- a. List of Payments circulated was approved for payment
- b. Cllr. Cowmeadow reported on meeting held on 4th January outlining the proposed pre-cept.
- c. Members approved the precept of £104,570 less grant £290.

153/16 Correspondence for Information

Nil

154/16 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr. Rae mentioned the poor state of the front wall outside Barclays and Beasleys.

156/16 Date of next meeting 8th February 2016

Meeting Closed 8.47 p.m.