

## WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30p.m

<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	P. Farrant (in the chair) C. Cowmeadow, G. Brooke, M. Geddes, J. Jeffreys, J. Rae, P. Skelton, K. Temple
	<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs L. Stapleton
	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr, Hopkins

### 142/18 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also informed members of the sad news that Tony Armstrong passed away on Christmas Eve and gave funeral details. The owner of Spectrum was keen to help and support projects especially green projects. This was really appreciated and the Clerk will thank her for the offer.

### 143/18 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Personal interests: Cllr Rae with planning application 17/03343/TCA
- b. Pecuniary interests: None Declared

### 144/18 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

### 145/18 **Progress Reports** for information.

#### a. Clerk

#### **Items I am chasing with MKC**

1. Dealt with complaint regarding Dog Fouling in Elm Grove. Elderly person letting dog out of door.
2. Dealt with 147 emails returning after Christmas
3. Working final budget figure suggestions for finance meeting
4. Spent a lot of time with a flat enquiry for someone who had notice served on them
5. Complaint about rubbish behind TJ's
6. Boiler Services
7. Street Lighting faults
8. Sorting some Newsletter photographs
9. Referred complaint regarding Holly Hedges to AG PC.
10. Request site meeting with Phil Snell regarding Footpath No. 2
11. Spent 25 minutes with a resident of a sheltered Housing very upset and tried to calm down with suggestions on how to deal with the complaint.

#### **Items I am chasing**

Pedestrian Refuge – Taylor Wimpey. Now being dealt with by Highways.

#### **Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.**

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street	Reported
Faded yellow lines in Downham Road	Reported
Russell Street, High Street, The Leys	
Loose Grid across pavement outside Gibson Andrew	
Flat above post office	

#### b. **Halls and Library**

Cllr. Skelton reported that he was impressed with income received from solar panels. The Clerk reported all boilers had been serviced. A resident had made enquiries regarding hall booking on Christmas Day. This was discussed and agreed that it could be possible but details would have to be made if an emergency arose.

#### c. **Environment**

Nil to report.

#### d. **Police and Policing**

PCSO Dabnor came into office to enquire if there were any concerns.

**e. Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton had circulated report mentioning volunteers doing routine winter maintenance and a litter problem. This will be mentioned in the Spring newsletter.

**f. Fulbrook School**

Nil to report

**g. Market**

A meeting to be held

**i. Christmas Fayre**

Nil to report

**j. Music Festival**

Cllr. Brooke reported that meetings had taken place. 15 bands confirmed, 2 stages confirmed, sound engineer hired at reasonable rate, will commence 13.00 to 21.00hrs  
Catering vans have confirmed bar, confirmed and stalls will be on field. Summerlin and Old Fire Station buildings required.  
£500 was donated to Willen and £200 to Mad about Harry from 2017 proceeds.

**k. Love Woburn Sands**

Cllr. Brooke reported she had attended 1 meeting and tabled posters. A large amount of money has been ringfenced for a certain project which was applied for the grant. This is for a Community Taxi. Under Community Smiles  
Cllr Skelton pointed out that laminated Christmas Cards were delivered which were unrecyclable so perhaps some thought could be given to change to a recyclable product.

**l. East/West Rail/Network Rail**

Notification that Phase 2 has had a number of changes and now going out to round 3 Public Consultation until 9 February.

It was highlighted that the school crossing proposed footbridge has been taken out of the plan, suggesting that the crossing will be over the level crossing on the road.

Agreed to object to this change due to the safety of pedestrians who will have to cross roads at a dangerous junction.

**146/18 Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated with information regarding Outline application for Levante Gate, the Oxford – Milton Keynes – Cambridge corridor an area that has potential to become UK Silicon Valley. Iain Stewart will take on the role of standard bearer to help fulfil its potential, East West Expressway, Nation's tribute 11<sup>th</sup> November. Planned road work Newport Road.

Iain Stewart had met with the Chairs Wavendon, Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill Aspley Guise and Aspley Heath and Woburn Sands Councils and Budge Wells on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

He informed everyone he had no power and he cannot direct local councils regarding the implications of large planning application in our surrounding area and members mad very clear how unhappy everyone was. Iain is showing willingness to make sure he knows what residents want. He also mentioned that Government were looking in to stopping Developers land banking.

**147/18 Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications

- a. 17/03343/TCA Notification of intention to reduce of Leylandi to height of gutter (approx 6m ht and 4m spread because excessive shading and 1 Damson Tree approx 6m ht and 6 m spread because of excessive shading between boundaries of 5 and 7 Theydon Avenue and 5 and 9 Theydon Avenue at:

**5 Theydon Avenue** Mr S Rae  
Leave to Tree Officer recommendation.

17/03348/FUL

1395  
Variation of condition 4 (2nd storey windows) attached to 16/02418/FUL to

allow window to be obscured glazed to level 3 to a height of 1.7m above FFL but a restricted opening is requested for ventilation such that the privacy of neighbour will not be compromised at:

**3 West Road**

Mr & Mrs Broadban

No Comment, but any neighbours comments to be considered

17/03377/TCA

Notification of intention to 3 x Scots Pine along rear boundary property: -  
Remove deadwood and crown thin by 20%, targeting heavy limbs at:

**5 Sandy Court**

Mr & Mrs Williams

Leave to Tree Officer Recommendation.

17/3392/FUL

Ground floor rear extension and associated internal alterations at:

**46 Russell Street**

Mr & Mrs Gade

No particular objection on planning grounds, but any neighbours comments to be considered

Agreed that a letter regarding the Levanti application will be sent

A copy of the letter sent to Central Beds regarding the Hayfield Village, will also be sent to MKC as they have now been consulted.

b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**

19 Cable Crescent Permitted

34 Russell Street Permitted

15 Hardwick Road Permitted

89 Newport Road Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**

Pedestrian refuge on Station Road was part of condition to phase 3 of Parklands but have been informed Taylor Wimpey will not install until later stages of completion of Phase 6 due to the difficulty that construction vehicles will have entering Summerlin Drive. Agreed to report this to MKC.

The Clerk had requested a site visit to Footpath 2 to ascertain the best way to obtain S. 106 money for works needed for this footpath. Cllr Skelton offered to attend as well.

d. **F.O. Parklands and WS Angling Club**

The Piling at Parklands has caused many residents complaining of the noise and lack of any information. Due to be completed by 19<sup>th</sup> January.

Angling Club ongoing.

148/18 **Danesborough Meeting & Data Protection Officer**

Cllr Geddes reported on meeting regarding MK:Plan procedures and Central Beds Plan who are trying to complete in a short space of time.

Sarah Gonsalves explained implication to the Data Protection Act coming into force in May. Cllr Rae requested information to be sent to Clerks, but a brief guide, DP Audit papers were tabled. The Council must know what data is held and what it is done with it. Councils will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Exact details on who can be appointed was discussed. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

149/18 **School Crossing Bridge**

Rights of Way officer has queried if the Town Council was aware that the proposed bridge is no longer going ahead, and being proposed that to divert to the Highway Crossing. This will be objected to under East West Consultation.

150/18 **Letter from Bow Brickhill Parish Council**

BBPC has agreed to say enough is enough to developers turning villages into extensions of rural sprawl. Requesting residents joining them into developing a united campaign to tackle this issue at the highest in Local and Central Government.

Members agreed to support Bow Brickhill.

151/18 **Landscaping Workshop** (report previously circulated)

Cllr. Temple attended workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> December and circulated report.

Still no costs for individual Parishes were given at workshop, but generally agreed that this will come into force. Agreed to sign up but to make clear that exact costs and ongoing costs such as insurance and liability needed to be known well before the May deadline. The Town Council has registered an interest to sign up which is not binding. But a decision deadline will be May 2018.

**152/18 Parish Forum Meeting**

Cllr Rae reported on meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> December. Papers were given regarding emergency planning especially if an unforeseen major incident happens, budgets, procurement services that Councils can share and the development framework. Parishes still want exact costs for taking over responsibility of certain services. MKALC had enquired if any comments regarding the draft framework to be submitted to them. There were no enquiries.

**153/18 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Had to remove large broken branches at high level from Fir tree on Memorial Green in January as accident risk to members of the public. Steve Dear Tree Services came out same day as reported.

**154/18 Finance**

- a. Cllr. Cowmeadow reported on the finance meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January.  
It was approved by all members that the precept requirement will be £113,200 this will be funded by savings £4.180.  
More details will be required regarding our Tax for the future year. The Clerk to request more figures.
- b. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- c. Cllr Cowmeadow had carried out an internal Audit early December for March to November following audit trail and signing random checks made.  
Cllr. Cowmeadow was thanked for this work.

**155/18 Correspondence for information**

- a. Police & Crime Commissioner. Notification of survey to increase Council Tax Band D by £1 per month due to budget restrictions. Clerk had put on web site as deadline 11 January and had responded on behalf of the Town Council.  
Late notification of the New Premise License at 31 High Street had been received. Members agreed no objection as hours are same as other restaurants in the High Street.

**156/18 Communications**

Cllr. Rae to update members by showing MK Pulse magazine with an article on Woburn Sands which mentions Summer Music Festival, web site which was very useful. Cllrs Brooke and Temple will now join the group, and discussion will be given to opening a Facebook page which will have no reply section. It was also requested that more information on the Halls would be useful.  
The next meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 pm

**157/18 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

The state of the former Nat West Bank building was mentioned. The Clerk had already reported this to the surveyor.

Questions were raised about the forthcoming Newport Road closure and bus services. The Clerk will make enquiries for exact details to MKC.

Cllr Mrs Jeffreys reported that Friends of WS Station will commence work by installing and planting tubs on the platform on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

The Date of the Town Meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Memorial Hall.

**158/18 Date of the next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Meeting Closed 9.38pm