

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 10 January, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors Cllr. C. Cowmeadow (in the chair)
Ms G. Bunker, Cllr. Hopkins, Mrs J. Jeffreys,
Dr. J. Rae, Cllr. P. Skelton

Assistant Clerk: Mrs P. Biggs

Apologies: Cllr. M. Geddes, Cllr. K. Temple, Cllr. P. Farrant,
Mrs L. Stapleton

Also present ten members of the public (until 8 p.m.)

140/17 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members that he had attended a Christmas get-together/thank you for volunteers at the Library on 15 December and the Christmas Carol Concert on Christmas Eve at Mowbray Green.

141/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

Meeting closed for Public Speaking 7.35

10 local residents attended the meeting to voice their concern regarding the Planning Application for 1 Station Road from Dominos Pizzas.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting 7.55 p.m.

142/17 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

143/17 **Progress Reports** for information

a. The Swan

Requested site visit to investigate Corner of Hardwick Road and large puddles, including broken drain and blocked drain.

On-Going

Items I am chasing with MKC

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

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge Covered by meeting at Parklands.

Connolly Homes Wiring connection required for Street Lighting in Car Park.

Detailed information sent by email.

Agreed to progress the cost of connection to Connolly Homes.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street	Planned works
Illegal parking top of Downham Road	Reported
Broken bollards in High Street.	Bollards replaced
Ferns growing over Hardwick Road	Nil to report
Faded yellow lines in Downham Road	Nil to report
Illegal Parking in disabled bay on High Street	Wardens Aware
Tables outside Café	Reported
4 cars without tax & MOT in shoppers car park	MKC sent Letters

Information

Tree works in shoppers car park will commence 23rd January.

CCTV signs have been installed at The Old Fire Station

Fencing & associated works will commence 11th January.

PAT testing will be on 23rd January for 3 halls and office.
Heritage Walks as part of MK50 has been arranged for Fri 8th Sept at 6pm and
Sun 10th Sept at 3pm.

b. Halls and Library

Nil to report

c. Environment

Nil to report

d. Police and Policing

Nil to report

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr Skelton reported that a new seat has been installed in the Spinney. The noticeboard will be set up later in the year.

f. Fulbrook School

Cllr Cowmeadow reported that the School had received a 'Good' Ofsted Report.

g. Market

i. Christmas Fayre

Cllr. Farrant had circulated a report on the last meeting of the Christmas Fayre Committee.

j. Music Festival

Cllr. Bunker reported that there would be a meeting next week of the music festival working group.

k. East/West Rail/Network Rail

Cllr. Hopkins reported that the next meeting would be held on 3 March.

144/17 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr. Hopkins was asked if a Review was needed of the Neighbourhood Plan.

He agreed that this should be discussed at the February meeting of the Council.

The question was asked does this need to coincide with Plan MK.

A meeting will be held at Milton Keynes Council on 21 February 2017 regarding Proposed Strategic Sites

There will be a further consultation day regarding East/West Rail Link on 17 May.

Councillors expressed their concern that Woburn Sands although contacted to arrange a venue for this consultation a venue was not available. The assistant clerk was asked to offer the Memorial Hall or the Old Fire Station (evening) as suitable venues.

145/17 Planning

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 16/03608/TCA Notification of intention to reduce Blackthorn by 1.5m, reduce Elder by 1.5m reduce Box by 1.5m and reduce Holly by 1.5m at:

34 Station Road Mr E. Amery

If the Tree Officer is satisfied then there is no objection from Woburn Sands Town Council.

16/03621/FUL Extension and change of use (Use Class A1) of a redundant barn to form a 1 bed studio (Use Class C3) at:

73 High Street AP Consulting Engineers

Original comments still stand regarding parking. Woburn Sands Town Council still object.

16/03556/ADV Advertisement consent for 2 x internally illuminated fascia Signs and 1 x internally illuminated projecting sign at:

1 Station Road DPSK Ltd

Lighting and signage must not exceed what is already there. Will detract from Conservation Status if allowed.

b. Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council

Land to South of Railway	Permitted
Cllr Hopkins was asked to contact Charles Hurst about this.	
25 Station Road	Permitted
63 Elm Grove	Permitted
13 Russell Street (extension)	Permitted
87 Newport Road	Permitted
28 Vandyke Close (15/02821/FUL)	Permitted
Land at School Crossing	Permitted
Nampak – notification that conditions 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17	Discharged
Condition 8 Refused	
66 Station Road	Prior approval not required.

c. Parklands, Greens, Updates

Cllr Jeffreys confirmed that meeting had been arranged for 3 February on Parklands to discuss various issues including care of trees.

Cllr. Jeffreys confirmed that cottages on Greens Court will have 2 allocated parking spaces.

d. F.O. Parklands

Nil to report

e. Presentation to Woburn Sands Town Council 21 December 2016

Cllr Hopkins had been contacted today to arrange a meeting with Savilles, Martin Grant Homes and Consortium by their representatives regarding developing the Aspley Guise Triangle.

146/17 Milton Keynes Licensing Team

Cllr. Jeffreys will speak against the application to extend Take Away hours from 11pm to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays at 37 High Street at the Licensing Sub-committee meeting to be held on 19 January.

147/17 Recycling Scheme

A vote of thanks was to be given to the Town Clerk for all her hard work concerning the instigation of this scheme in Woburn Sands.

148/17 Nat West Bank

Cllrs agreed that a letter should be sent to the Head Office (Bishopsgate, London)

To voice their concern about the closure of Nat West Bank in the High Street, Woburn Sands, citing businesses being affected, an ageing population who do not have access to on-line use, and also no effective transport/bus link to a Nat West bank in Bletchley.

149/17 Draft lease for car parking spaces to rear of 2 Station Road

Agreed to everything except users identified. The Town Council would issue permits to specific shopkeepers that the Council would identify. The lease needs the Council to allow that in addition to the council employees specified.

The Council felt that they could identify relevant shopkeepers/businesses that are situated nearer to the car park and issue them with a display permit – to be reviewed annually.

A notice would have to be erected stating that the car parking spaces are for permit holders only.

150/17 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

Agreed by email to go ahead with boiler repair at the Summerlin Centre.

151/17 To approve Precept for 2017/18

The Precept £111,140.00 less grant 213.49 was approved by all Councillors.

152/17 Date for Town Meeting

The Annual Town meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 27 April

153/17 Finance

List of payments circulated were approved for payment.

154/17 Correspondence for information

OH Properties (letter circulated)

It was decided to defer arranging a meeting until after the Danesborough meeting on 19 January 17.

155/17 Communications

Cllr. Rae reported on the website. The Links section now had information on places of worship including all religions in Milton Keynes.

156/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr. Hopkins reported on an e-mail he had received from D. Hall MK Council concerning the downgrade of the A3530 Fen Street to M1 which will happen in May this year. This is earlier than thought. And also the re-classification of the road A5130 Woburn/Woburn Sands.

He will send a copy of this e-mail to Jo Faul.

Date of next meeting will be held on 13 February 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.