

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 13th February, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors Cllr. P Farrant (in the chair)
Cllr. M Geddes, Hopkins, Mrs J. Jeffreys,
Dr. J. Rae, Cllr. P. Skelton K. Temple
Clerk: Mrs L Stapleton
Apologies: Cllrs. C. Cowmeadow, G. Bunker

157/17 Town Mayor's Announcements

None

158/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. J Rae declared a personal interest on planning application for 5 Theydon Avenue.

159/17 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

160/17 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

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge Covered by meeting at Parklands.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street	Planned works
Illegal parking top of Downham Road	Reported
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
Pot holes in Chapel Street	Reported
Illegal cars parked in car park rear of 2 Station Road	2 remaining cars

Information

Fencing & associated works at The Old Fire Station has been completed
Heritage Walks as part of MK50 has been arranged for Fri 8th Sept at 6pm and
Sun 10th Sept at 3pm.
Club Lane is registered to Connelly Homes
Nat West Bank Plaque will probably be handed over to Town Council when branch closes.

Nat West Closure Head office will reply but there will be no alternative for branch to remain open in the Town. Letter to be received.

b. **Halls and Library**

- Cllr. Geddes reported on the Library meeting held with MKC officers with Cllr Jeffreys and the Clerk on 1st February. Full IT is now working during volunteer hours, they plan to move the office from the side room to the small study room to enable the Librarian to work in the office and watch the Library which cannot be done in its present location, the reception desk will also be moved to near the small study room door. Refreshments will be withdrawn.
- The Clerk reported on a letter from a hall hirer requesting permission to provide alcohol at an anniversary party in the Memorial Hall on 1st July. There was no objection.
- There has been a recurring problem with the boiler in The Summerlin Centre that it keeps losing pressure, it has been suggested either a new low pressure boiler at approximately £2,400 or fitting a Micro Flo approx. £1,200 or replacing pipes approx. £,3000

It was agreed that Cllr Geddes meet with the Caretaker to go through option in more detail. It was agreed as a matter of urgency this needs to be repaired.

- A hall booking enquiry for 1st July was discussed.
- Mr Brewer had informed the Clerk that afternoon booking of the bar for Christenings etc was not covering his costs and suggested that if afternoon bookings require a bar then to pay £60 if bar takings came to £350 then the £60 would be refunded. This was agreed and to commence from 1st March 2017.

c. **Environment**

Pot holes were reported on Station Road near Summerlin Drive.

Recycling scheme was discussed but Woburn Sands had not increased its waste significantly, the scheme will run to the end of February.

d. **Police and Policing**

PCSO reported that a new Sgt had been appointed, it was agreed to let her know the dates of the Council meetings.

Cllr. Geddes reported that the Police have initiated a new structure with a rapid response team.

e. **Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton reported that it had been suggested that October 21st would be a Community Apple picking/juicing day.

He reported that raw meat was being left in the Spinney again and there had been complaints from dog walkers that this was attracting rats on public land.

A letter will be sent to request that this stops.

f. **Fulbrook School**

The school had to close down one day due to a fox in the grounds.

Swallowfield School

The school want to be involved in the Music Festival to participate in MK50

g. **Market**

The next market will be 12th March

i. **Christmas Fayre**

Cllr. Farrant reported that there was now someone new in charge of publicity and put forward some new ideas.

j. **Music Festival**

Proceeding

k. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**

Cllr. Hopkins had circulated a report which noted the new appointment of Phil Verster as managing director of EWR. The nearest location to Woburn Sands for a public exhibition on the next round of consultations will be held at the Forest Centre, Marston Moretaine.

161/17 Unitary Councillor Report

Report had been circulated which included information on Plan MK which will be 2016 – 2031. Council Budget and future development sites and applications.

162/17 Planning

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

Councillor Rae took no part in the discussion on application 5 Theydon Avenue.

- a. 17/00078/TCA Intention to prune overhanging branches to 1 Leylandii (T1) and Silver Birch (T3) and proposed cuts to lower branches and prune overhanging branches to 2 Horse Chestnut (T5 & T6) at:

5 Theydon Avenue
Mr Rae
Leave to Tree Officer recommendation.

17/00028/FUL Single Storey side and rear extension at:
15 Badgers Holt
Mr Gunther
No Comment

17/00130/OUT Outline application (all matters reserved other than access) for residential development of up to 203 dwellings; doctor's surgery; open space; landscaping; pedestrian; cycle and vehicular access from Newport Road and Cranfield Road; supporting infrastructure (resubmission of 16/00672/OUT) at:
Land north of Cranfield Road, Woburn Sands **Wavendon Properties**
Object on same grounds, further comments to include the MK Preferred route for the expressway, MK.Plan and transport assessment not up to date.

17/00095/FUL Single storey rear extension.at:
2 Turnpike Court
Mr & Mrs Henson
No Comment

Information application under Wavendon PC

17/00099/FUL Change of use of land to form a site for travelling showpeople comprising of 4 plots for mixed residential and storage use with associated access and landscaping at:

Land to the East of 6 – 28 Lower End Road **Mr & Mrs Mayne**
Object

- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
13 Russell Street (loft conversion) Permitted
- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**
Cllr. Geddes requested a meeting with Taylor Wimpey regarding the Sports Hall. Greens progressing and marketing last of the houses. Suggest a meeting regarding the Community Room
- d. **F.O. Parklands**
Report on meeting was circulated by Cllr. Skelton. Adoptions and remedial works on Station Road were discussed. Dog mess, fishermen parking in Drayhorse Crescent, horse use on new path to rear of Maple Grove and debated if they should be allowed. A request will be put to Phil Snell regarding the quality of the finishing of the path edges where surplus earth has been piled high on the grass verge.

163/17 Milton Keynes Licensing

Notification received that application for 37 High Street was permitted with conditions regarding litter.

164/17 Library refresher Saturday 25th February

Library volunteers get – together/training during the afternoon.. It was agreed to provide lunch for volunteers And staff as a token of appreciation for all their hard work. Subject to confirmation of numbers agreed £55 -£80

- 165/17 **Draft lease for Car Parking Spaces to rear of 2 Station Road**
Cllr. Cowmeadow approved the amended draft lease which reflected the Council's wishes from the previous meeting. This is now being prepared for signing.
- 166/17 **MK Transport Partnership Sub Group Meeting**
Nil to report
- 167/17 **Level Crossing Closure**
Notification received that the level crossing will be closed from 23.00 Saturday 11th March until midday 12th March.
- 168/17 **Summerlin Decoration**
Three quotations were considered for decoration works to the Summerlin. Esk Contractors were given the contract.
- 169/17 **Summerlin Back Door**
Two quotations were received other companies did not reply for quote. Gallaghers were given the contract.
- 170/17 **Fire Station CCTV / WiFi**
Extra camera to cover car park and Wi Fi booster so Wi-Fi from the Summerlin can be used in The Old Fire Station cost £251. This was approved.
- 171/17 **Town Maps**
The Town Maps will not be eligible for S.106 funding. It was agreed that the location be on the wall next to the noticeboard on Station Road and a replacement for the map on the High Street using existing posts. Cllr. Rae suggested putting the Council's website address on the header boards.
- 172/17 **Internal Audit Checks**
Councillor Cowmeadow circulated a report regarding the internal audit to all Councillors.
- 173/17 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**
None
- 174/17 **Finance**
 - a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
 - b. Applying for telephone banking with Nat West Bank, to enable transfers between the accounts when Woburn Sands Branch closes was approved.
- 175/17 **Correspondence for information**
 - a. Letter of thanks for grants have been received by Swallowfield PTFA, Poor Coals Charity, St Michaels Church, Evergreens, WS Toddler Group, George Wells Charity, Woburn District Handbell Ringers, WSBCA and The Woburn Sands Band.
- 176/17 **Communications**
Cllrs. Rae reported a couple of links not working and that Vision Ict were investigating why the Google monthly count was not working.
- 177/17 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**
It was queried if a review of the Neighbourhood Plan should be discussed. Agreed that this will take place when Plan MK is further forward.
- 178/17 **Date of next meeting will be held on 13th March 2017**