

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30p.m.

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

178/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Cowmeadow had no announcements.

179/16 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. Personal interests: Cllr. Temple declared an interest in planning application 55 Vandyke Close due to a close relative having an interest. He will take no part in the discussion for this application.
- c. Pecuniary interests: None declared

180/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

181/16 **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.
Photo will be taken when flooded.

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**
Letter sent to Carole Mills regarding these outstanding issues.

Issues

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

Emma Walton

Friends of Parklands

To establish Fishing Club Insurance cover is required of £290.

F.O.P are requesting a grant to cover this cost.

This grant was agreed when details of bank, accounts and constitution are received.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded road signs Newport Road opposite Cranfield Road and To be replaced
Station Road opposite Weathercock Lane. To be replaced

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street Planned works

**Footway (Station Rd – Wood St) in Theydon Ave.
Willow Tree Parklands**

Reported again
Completed

It was noted on the site meeting that the Willow Tree had been completely removed. It will be queried who authorised this work.

Request for sign not to obstruct entrance into Mowbray Green from Lay-by
Not taking any requests. Agreed to enquire about costs of installing a sign.

Information

Sub Station – Memorial Green

Works to sub-station is completed

Permission given to remove a large shrub.

Logo

Bespoke Media are investigating a logo for the Town Council

b. Halls

Cllr. Geddes reported on the flood at the Summerlin on Friday evening.

The Caretaker had sourced the leak to the bar dishwasher, he closed room off and dried carpet over weekend.

The Clerk has asked him to arrange for a service on the machine.

Mallone Associates had inspected the damp in the Memorial Hall committee room and will be sending through a report and specification for work to resolve the problem.

c. Environment

Cllr Temple reported the pot holes on Station Road are getting worse.

The Committee had a site visit at Parklands to ascertain landscape maintenance defects and planning breaches. Cllr. Skelton had prepared a report listing defects on the adopted areas which had been circulated. (phases 1 & 2)

Agreed that the Clerk send to Milton Keynes Council.

A further report will be produced of areas of concern regarding landscaping and alterations to approved plans which Taylor Wimpey are responsible for. (Phases 3 & 4)

Cllr. Skelton was thanked for his hard work and excellent report.

d. Police and Policing

Cllr Rae reported that at the next Parishes Forum meeting 24th March, Police Commander would be giving a talk.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr. Jeffreys reported that more trees had been planted.

f. Fulbrook School

Cllr Cowmeadow reported that a meeting was due the following week, school transport will be discussed.

g. WSBKA WS Community Market

Cllr. Byrne reported that the market was not so well attended, possible reason could have been that the level crossing was closed.

h. Christmas Fayre

Notes from the previous meeting had been received.

i. East West Rail

Next meeting will be held in April.

162/16 Unitary Council Report

Cllr. Hopkins circulated his report commenting on School Transport, Plan:MK, Council budget, Notification of outline applications for The Stables, Hewlett Packard and the Fairfield Partnership.

182/16 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a 15/03192/FUL Erection of detached garage with garden store & hardstanding (amended plans) at:
87 Newport Road Mr R Franklin
Prefer original plan but no objection.
- 16/00458/FUL Front dormer windows to complete the modernisation of 2 adjoining dwellings at:
17 and 19 Downham Road
No comment
- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
2D Russell Street Permitted
28 Vandyke Close Permitted
16 Station Road Permitted
- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates (if any.)**
Greens
Queried footpath access to one of the houses with MKC as was on original plan.
Parklands
Landscaping and adoption of highways main subject. Environment Committee took on role of landscaping. Cllr. Hopkins had forwarded the defects relating to highways that MKC had noted. These need to be put right before the adoption can proceed.
- d. **F.O. Parklands (if any)**
Agreed to fund insurance to set up Woburn Sands Angian Fishing Club when further details have been received.

183/16 **WS Library**

Reports of Meetings to review Partnership Agreement and with volunteers to establish if volunteers would be able to open during the hours that will be cut from 1st April.
Agreed to advertise for more volunteers, but should be able to manage for April and May.

6 month inspection of damp had been carried out by Malone Associates on 11th March.
Extremely pleased with the results. Agreed a further inspection in 6 months.
Current Librarian will be leaving on 29th March.

184/16 **Community Parking Scheme**

Grant of £4,250 has been awarded. This will be put to the upgrade of the Old Fire Station Car Park.

185/16 **Station Road Traffic Issues**

The information received from a resident was appreciated and had been circulated to all Councillors.
Meeting to be held 4th April 11 a.m. with MKC

186/16 **MKC Planning Policies**

Cllr. Geddes reported that he had received a telephone call regarding the reference to the Neighbourhood Plan in a Planning application report that went to D.C. It was explained that because WS6 restricts additional housing to limited infilling it is deemed to be a relevant policy under Para 49 of the NPPF. (this explains the reason report) When MKC have regained a 5 year Housing Land Supply then all these policies would come back in force. The Council could regain a 5 yr housing land supply in advance of the Site Allocations Plan being adopted through planning permissions being given.

Members were not happy with this outcome especially for the delay of the Site Allocations Plan which could open up the opportunity to prospective developers.

187/16 Greg Rutherford Tribute

Quotation received from Playground Supplies being the only reasonable option after trying to source different materials it was agreed to go ahead but after to a site meeting to agree a reduction to the size.

188/16 Plan:MK

A draft response had been circulated. It was agreed to send this but after a meeting with a representative of Aspley Guise Parish Council on 15th March. Members agreed that Cllr. Geddes and Councillor Mrs Jeffreys would agree any changes if necessary after the outcome of this meeting, to meet the consultation deadline.

189/16 Bow Brickhill Parish Council – Plan:MK

Invitation to attend a meeting at Bow Brickhill Pavillion on 23rd March 7.30p.m. This will be to discuss proposed actions to be taken in dealing with the threat to our villages.

190/16 To Accept Councillor resignation.

Cllr. Mrs Byrne has notified the Clerk in writing of her intention to resign as Councillor from 31st March.

It was with much regret to lose Cllr. Mrs Byrne who had made a valuable contribution to the Council.

She said that she would continue to support the local community on a voluntary basis.

Cllr. Mrs Byrne was thanked for all her hard work.

191/16 The Old Fire Station

Remedial works to the car park have been completed and contractor will inspect again in a few months.

Malone Associates carried out a survey 11th March of the building regarding damp and insulation and will forward a specification for contractors.

192/16 Emergency Plan

Template has been received and Cllr. Cowmeadow will start the process.

193/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

None.

194/16 Finance

- a. List of Payments circulated was approved for payment
- b. Cllr. Cowmeadow reported on the Internal Audit checks carried out 2nd March 2016. He reported that he was satisfied and the Clerk and her assistant were thanked for keeping finances in order.
- c. Agreed to review financial regulations to include new updates
Cllr. Geddes enquired about the implementation of the new Pension scheme employers were legally bound to implement. The Clerk had checked with Inland Revenue and the Town Council implementation date is 2017
- d. Budgets were circulated to all Members.

195/16 Correspondence for Information

- a. BBRUA latest newsletter.
- b. Letter of thanks from Candy (Librarian) and Woburn Sands Band and St. Michaels Church for grants.
- c. Draft copy of Bow Brickhill Neighbourhood Plan had been received.

196/16 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr. Rae raised noticeboards and this will be discussed at the next meeting

197/16 Date of next meeting 11th April 2016

Meeting Closed 9.21 p.m.