

# WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

## **Draft**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

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

## 179/17 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

None

## 180/17 **Declarations of Interest**

None

## 159/17 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

## 181/17 **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	Chased again
Pot holes in Chapel Street	Repaired
Illegal cars parked in car park rear of 2 Station Road	1 remaining cars

### **Information**

Decoration completed at Summerlin  
Wi Fi booster and camera purchased  
Fire Equipment service carried out on all halls  
Boiler servicing completed at Summerlin, Memorial and Library.  
Forde & McHugh have completed connections for street lights in car park.

Nat West Closure Head office will reply but there will be no alternative for branch to remain open in the Town. Letter still not received.

Taylor Wimpey have declined meeting regarding Sports Hall as too early, but confirmed they would not be equipping the hall.

- b. **Halls and Library**
- Cllr. Geddes reported on the various works that had been carried out and that the volunteers will now open the Library Monday afternoons from 1<sup>st</sup> April.
  - The Clerk reported on the success of Saturday afternoon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb when MKC and volunteers met, an extremely good attendance.
  - The Clerk reported on bookings at the Fire Station on Monday evening, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
  - The Clerk asked Councillor to make a note of the following dates to open and close Summerlin Centre while Caretaker is on holiday.  
8<sup>th</sup> April evening, 9<sup>th</sup> April afternoon, 11<sup>th</sup> April morning and evening, 13<sup>th</sup> April early evening.
- c. **Environment**  
Nil to report
- d. **Police and Policing**  
The Clerk had notified the new Sgt. of the dates of the Council meetings and for attendance by the Police to the Annual Town Meeting and enquired the name of a contact for Beds Police to attend.
- e. **Edgewick Farm**  
Cllr Skelton reported that the boardwalk has been extended, and investigation underway for further funding to complete. October 21<sup>st</sup> has been confirmed of the Apple Pressing Day. It was requested that Environmental Health be contacted regarding raw meat being left at the Spinney for the foxes.
- f. **Fulbrook School**  
No meeting has taken place.  
**Swallowfield School**  
No meeting has taken place.
- g. **Market**  
Weather wet and not helped by Network Rail putting out unsuitable signage, and extending the closure hours. The next market will be 11<sup>th</sup> June. A trader selling coffee would like to place his van at Edgewick opposite the Allotments. Cllr. Farrant will clarify details so correct permission can be sought.
- i. **Christmas Fayre**  
Cllr. Farrant had circulated report of last meeting, the idea of Reindeer seemed a little too expensive and also it was noted that the RSPCA informed people that the animals find crowds very stressful.
- j. **Music Festival**  
Cllr. Bunker reported that the festival had snowballed, 3 pubs the local schools and bands were all interested in taking part. She enquired if power could be used at The Old Fire Station as the hiring of generators was very expensive. This was agreed as long as cables were up to safety standard. The festival will be from 12.30 to 20.30.
- k. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**  
Cllr. Hopkins had circulated a report it is hoped that a consultation will be held in Woburn Sands possibly in May. NR will then issue their final proposals by end of 2017, but unlikely that any formal approval will be given until end of 2018. However there was concern that there seemed no liaison with MKC and NR regarding the Expressway and Cllr. Hopkins will try to express the importance of both parties to meet. However, it was noted that the due to high level of decisions the full approval of the route would not emerge until end of 2017 and an optimistic date to commencement would be mid 2020's completion by 2030. Next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### 183/17 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated which included information on bus services to be put out for re-tendering including 300 service which will result in an hourly service. Plan:MK proposals including land in Bow Brickhill. Once Fen Street link completed the A5130 will be declassified, information regarding the planning application for Showground people, MK50, and notification that the Eaton Leys development has been withdrawn.

### 183/17 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 17/00409/OUT Outline application for residential development of up to 303 dwellings; doctor's surgery; open space; landscaping; pedestrian; cycle and vehicular access from Newport Road and Cranfield Road; and supporting infrastructure with all matters reserved except access

#### **Land north of Cranfield Road, Woburn Sands**

#### **Wavendon Properties**

Object on same grounds as previous applications.

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

Nil

- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**

- d. **F.O. Parklands**

Report of meeting circulated,

including that an invitation to help run an activity in the park for the Music Festival, Update on landscape deficiencies, and speeding.

- e. **Notification from Central Beds of the following application.**

CB/17/00948.FULL

Demolition of dwelling and construction of 2 3 bed houses at:

#### **3 Church Road**

No Objection however sad to see a loss of a historical building noted in the Heritage Trail booklet.

### 184/17 **Town Meeting**

Agreed that the following reports will be given at the Town Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April:  
Chairman's Annual Report, Planning, Halls, Edgewick, Finance, Unitary Councillor.

### 185/17 **Friends of St. Michaels**

Mrs Blackburn has circulated a report of a meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> January it was noted that the Church hope to build an extension of a Church Hall which can also be used for Social events and community groups. Councillor Blackburn was thanked for her support and help.

### 186/17 **3g Floodlit football pitch**

The Clerk attended a meeting and circulated report. Agreed to write a letter that the Council had no S.106 money available for this project as all put towards the new Sports Hall.

### 187/17 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Tree to be removed on verge of Spinney (Edgewick) at the cost of £260. Agreed that work should be done and the Clerk had already date for works on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

### 188/17 **Finance**

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment. Clerk clarified that the lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb came to just under £3 per head.
- b. It was Approved that the Clerk set up setting up telephone banking with Nat West Bank

### 189/17 **Correspondence for information**

### 190/17 **Communications**

Cllrs. Rae to update. Agreed that the Clerk list current applications which are being considered and Cllr. Rae will draft information to head the page. The problem with the Google Count has now been resolved.

### 191/17 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.**

Vauxhall Fishing Club members parking in residential areas of Parklands.

### 192/17 **Date of next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Meeting Closed 8.50pm