

## **WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30p.m

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

### 177/18 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

There were no announcements

### 178/18 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Personal interests: None Declared
- b. Pecuniary interests: None Declared

### **Meeting closed for public speaking:**

179/18 The Chairman was asked to report the following as resident unable to attend meeting.

The drain which has been repaired numerous times is again making a very loud noise and vibrates nearby houses when larger vehicles drive over it.

Cllr. Hopkins will report this to MKC requesting a structural engineer to inspect.

### **Meeting Convened**

### 180/18 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

181/18 **Progress Reports** for information.

- a. Clerk
  - 1. Renewed Gas Contracts
  - 2. Met contractors for sign quotations
  - 3. Data Protection work

#### **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

Bleacher Beacon not working on zebra crossing

Faded lines for disabled bays again, and double yellow lines on junction Russell Street with High Street.

Dogs off lead in Rec.

Confirmed first Tuesday every month for I & A in Library £30 per month from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Trying to establish how anyone interested in employment units at Parklands can register.

- b. **Halls and Library**

Old Fire Station. A proposal for The Old Fire Station extension was tabled which was agreed to go out for quotations, This will then allow a request for S.106 money to fund the building and associated works.

Summerlin Centre The Clerk had circulated information regarding the lights at the Summerlin Centre.

Ballasts need replacing at the cost of £568, however after receiving notification of a grant from the Parish Partnership Fund for £1,300 it was agreed to replace with LED lighting, reducing the number of fittings and consumption at approx £2,500. Quotes to be obtained.

**c. Environment**

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding dogs off the lead in the Recreation Ground and suggested that an article could go into the next newsletter, which was agreed.

The Clerk had also circulated an email regarding a near miss on the High Street Zebra Crossing, a suggestion was made whether it would be suitable for a Pelican crossing, Cllr, Hopkins will take this up with Milton Keynes Council.

It was reported that a couple of the small posts had been damaged in Hardwick Place on edge of Mowbray Green, allowing cars to park on the grass. The Clerk will make enquiries to get them replaced.

Cllr Geddes also reported on the tyre marks on the grass verge on the corner of the The Leys where large vehicles have insufficient room when cars are illegally parked on the double yellow lines. This will be reported to Milton Keynes Council.

**d. Police and Policing**

Notification had been received that the Police would be happy to meet with Parish Councils regarding training to use equipment for a Community Speedwatch. The Council had previously agreed not to take part in this, but the Council will mention in the next newsletter to see if any members of the Public would be willing to take part.

**e. Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton had circulated a report of the meeting with P. Snell regarding the extension of the Boardwalk funded by S.106 money. This was agreed and should be done early Summer. He also requested that the hard surface of the new path put in to the rear of Blackthorn Grove be extended to meet with Footpath 2. This was also agreed. Trees will be planted on 26 March.

**f. Fulbrook School**

Car Boot Sale will be held 29 April

**g. Market**

Next Market Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Easter Hunt arranged for the Children.

**i. Christmas Fayre**

It is with regret that Glen and Patti Gurney have resigned from the Committee, their hard work has been very much appreciated and we hope that Glen will still be able to help in some way with the Raffle.

**j. Summer Festival**

On-Going

**k. Communications**

Cllr Rae informed Councillors that the information on the Summerlin Centre and The Memorial Hall both with photos has now been put on the website. New website proceeding.

**l. Love Woburn Sands**

A prior meeting had taken place informing the Council on the project of Community Smiles, concentrating on social needs, working with the schools and were able to help with IT equipment. The school raised funds which went towards the Winter Night Shelter, ongoing projects will be Community transport and an IT project looking at the local history. The Council were asked to identify needs and sources of funds.

**m. East/West Rail/Network Rail**

Next meeting to be held 16 March.

**182/18 Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated with information regarding information on A5130 / Station Road.

MK Site Allocations Plan: schedule of main modifications for public consultation, update on the A421 dualling, Heritage open days, new trains for Bletchley Bedford line, and the decision on the development Framework that Town/Parish Councils have an increased role in service delivery.

## 183/18 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 18/00240/FUL Proposed demolition of existing two storey and single storey rear additions and erection of proposed two storey rear extension at:  
**15 Theydon Avenue** Mr J Palmer (*amended no comment*)
- 18/00380/TCA Intention to fell T1 mature multi-stem ash. Pole T2 mature ash to 9 metres. Pole T3 mature ash to 7 mtrs at:  
**9 Hardwick Road** Mr D. Houghton  
Leave to tree officer recommendation
- 18/00458/OUT Outline application for the erection of 13 No. new build apartments and construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access at:  
**Land Off Asplands Close.** Goldcrest Ltd  
Prefer this application to first, request amendments to some aspects including drainage, trees, building materials, footpath. Parking and deliveries of contractors and to be fully investigated. Full response will be put on website.
- 18/00519/FUL Demolition of existing single and two-storey rear extensions, and erection of new single & two storey extensions as well as a parapet party wall at:  
**29 Hardwick Place** Mrs Gargar  
No comment
- 17/02395/OUT Outline application for the change of use from open-air storage / car wash (use class B8/sui generis) to B1/B8 use, including office, light industrial and/storage and distribution with the erection of commercial units and associated parking (all matters reserved) at:  
**Land to South of Railway Line** Jon Bradley  
Object as land included in application is where the proposed footbridge was to be therefore premature Until all matters concerning EastWest rail are known.
- 18/00554/TCA Intention to remove T1 Ash as close to the grounds as possible at:  
**4 The Leys** Mr Capper  
Leave to tree officer's recommendation
- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**  
5 Station Road Approved  
1 Deethe Close Permitted
- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**  
No information yet regarding employment units.
- d. **F.O. Parklands and WS Angling Club**  
Works on Footpath 2 should commence early Summer.  
Serco will preparing for SWIMS when weather improves
- e. **Consultation on modifications to Site Allocation Plan**  
No comment required.
- f. **Public Consultation on Development Framework for South Caldecotte until 27 April.**  
Strongly object to this as premature, local network does not have capacity for such development, no development in this area should be given until the route of the proposed Expressway is known. Should not be included in Plan:MK as no consultation has taken place.
- g. **Notification of a consultation event on changes to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Document, Presentation and open floor Q & A session on 22 March 10:00 – 12:00 Civic Offices**  
Cllr. Hopkins will attend.

## 184/18 **Data Protection**

Cllr. Rae informed Members that she had been working with the Clerk with information received from MKC and some drafts from Bow Brickhill PC. Together are in the process of preparing a Data Audit. Both attending a BALC training day on 14<sup>th</sup> March at Aston Clinton.

**185/18 Parking Signs**

3 quotations were considered for the parking signs for small car park.

2 Large signs and eight small signs, including installation.

£1,023.96                      £538.25                      £787.90

It was agreed by all Councillors to accept the quotation for £538.25.

**186/18 Fencing**

Three quotations were received for fencing in small car park.

To sweep and clean ground ready for lining parking bay, installation of close board fencing across the western boundary.

£1,200                              £1,190                              £1585

It was agreed by all Councillors to accept the quotation for £1,190.

**187/18 Remedial Work for Damp in Committee Room**

3 quotations had been received for replacement guttering and down pipes on Memorial Hall.

£1,280                              £1,500 with good report and photos                              £1,950

It was agreed by all Councillors to accept the quotation for £1,500

**188/18 Parish Partnership Investment Fund 2017/2018**

Notification that we have been awarded the following grants on a 50/50 basis on cheapest quote.

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| 1. Town Maps                                  | Not supported  |
| 2. Notice Boards                              | Granted £2,000 |
| 3. Install 39 LED light fittings in Summerlin | Granted £1,300 |

**189/18 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

None

**190/18 Finance**

- List of payments which had been circulated to all Councillors were approved for payment.
- It was agreed by all Councillors that Denise Batchelor be re-appointed as Internal Auditor for the accounts 2017/2018 ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, at the cost of £50.

**191/18 Correspondence for information**

- A letters of thanks for the Grant has been received from Sands Singers.
- BBRUA Latest newsletter received and tabled.
- Letter from resident requesting Salt Bins in Wood Street. Cllr Hopkins informed Members that Milton Keynes Council were no longer providing salt bins.

**192/18 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

**193/18 Town Meeting**

Reports from Cllr. Farrant (Annual Report), Cllr Geddes (Halls), Cllr Jeffreys (Planning), Cllr. Skelton (Edgewick), Cllr. Cowmeadow (Finance), Cllr. Hopkins (Ward report) were agreed. The Police will be invited.

Notification that the Clerk may not be able to attend the meeting.

**194/18 Date of the next meeting will be held on 09 April 2018**

(Clerk may not be able to attend)

Meeting Closed 9.10 pm