

## WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30p.m.

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

### 198/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Cowmeadow had no announcements.

### 199/16 **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

### 200/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

### 201/16 **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.

#### **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**  
**On Going Cllr Marland has requested an update from planning officer.**

#### Issues

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

#### **Emma Walton**

### **Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.**

**Faded road signs** Newport Road opposite Cranfield Road and Replaced

**Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street** Planned works

Sign on High Street was also needs reporting

**Footway (Station Rd – Wood St ) in Theydon Ave.** Reported again

Request for sign not to obstruct entrance into Mowbray Green from Lay-by

To enquire for a cost of installing a new sign

**Pot Holes on Station Road** Not deep enough for intervention.

### **Dropped Drain corner High Street/Shelton Court**

#### **Information**

Bespoke Media are investigating a logo for the Town Council

A resident is aiming to set up a service the same as Helping Hands at Aspley Guise for Woburn Sands, there will be adverts out for volunteers.

- b. Halls**  
Nil to report
- c. Environment**  
Cllr Temple reported that residents are still complaining about the pot holes on Station Road. Clerk had reported but MKC had implied that the pot holes were not deep enough to be repaired.  
The Clerk will report again.
- d. Police and Policing**  
Cllr Rae reported that at the Parishes Forum meeting, Police Commander gave a presentation on police values and striving to improve their visual presence also making it easier for members of the public to find their local police officer by a new website. It was indicated that communication does need to be improved.
- e. Edgewick Farm**  
Cllr. Jeffreys reported that more boardwalk had been installed by the volunteers.
- f. Fulbrook School**  
Cllr Cowmeadow reported on the Governors meeting the main issue trying sort out the new ways of assessment and setting the correct levels.  
There was a brief mention of the future mapping group who will be asking for ideas for the future from the wider community.  
Question was raised regarding two tier schooling; this was not an option at present.
- g. WSBKA WS Community Market**  
Cllr. Farrant reported the next market would be 12<sup>th</sup> June, there will be an independent art exhibition in the Memorial Hall and Paul Cox will be in the library, the committee are considering childrens activities for in the Library.
- h. Christmas Fayre**  
Meeting due 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk and Cllr. Farrant had met with Milton Keynes officer regarding the legalities of increasing the road closure to the mini roundabout. He gave a positive view.
- i. East West Rail**  
Cllr. Hopkins reported on Charles Hurst report stating that a meeting has been arranged with MKC Highways to discuss the introduction of a third lane over the crossing.  
Old Station Yard might have a CPO placed on some land to construct the footbridge.

#### 202/16 **Unitary Council Report**

Cllr. Hopkins circulated his report commenting on Connolly Homes appeal at Church Farm, Plan:MK, and Milton Keynes Futures 2050 a roadshow will be hosted at the Memorial Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May 7p.m.

#### 202/16 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a 16/00306/FUL Partial demolition of existing garden centre building to front of site and extension for use in connection with the garden centre, removal of hardcore and site landscaping at:

#### **Frosts Garden Centre**

Comments will be made regarding parking requesting access to field should be left for when Frosts hold special events.

**16/00148/FUL** Demolition of existing garage and utility room, proposed 2 storey side extension with garage and ground floor front extension (resubmission of 15/01431/FUL) at **63 Elm Grove** **Mr Giles**  
Object to the 2 storey side extension part of the application.

**16/00696.FUL** Alterations to external elevations including 2 new sets of bi-fold doors, application of cladding to bargeboard of single storey rear extension and either side of main front doors and external works including new glass to existing wall and booth seats at: **The Swan** **Mitchells & Butler Ltd.**  
Waiting for hard copy of plans.

**16/00672/OUT** Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for residential development up to 203 dwellings, doctor's surgery, open space, landscaping, pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access from Newport Road and Cranfield Road and supporting infrastructure at:

**Land north of Cranfield Road** **Wavendon Properties**

Plans being studied.

Display of plans will be ready before the Town Meeting and on 29<sup>th</sup> April

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

38 Weathercock Lane	Refused
87 Newport Road	Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates (if any.)**

**Information and update for Greens Development**

Greens

Meeting held with Site Manager and a representative from Connolly Homes who were very helpful, a copy of the adopted Landscape plans were tabled and some queries were resolved. Informed that there will be a separate power unit for the street lighting in the shoppers car park, and soon to be a one way system to be used while works carried out to the former hotel roof. Details of this was requested to go to Milton Keynes Council.

Parklands

A meeting to discuss adoptions and landscape shortfalls will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Geddes mentioned the employment area at Parklands and if there was anyway the Council could help to secure the employment units.

This will be discussed after legal liabilities have been sought.

Complaint

Letter received from Cllr. Marland, who has requested Anna Rose to update him on the outstanding planning enforcements which the Council had complained about.

d. **F.O. Parklands (if any)**

Clr. Farrant informed members that the adoption of Sewers had been signed by Anglian Water and Taylor Wimpey but to date not by Milton Keynes Council.

**203/16 WS Library**

New opening hours have commenced, Volunteers have covered most of the reduced hours for 2 months. Advertised for more volunteers. A tremendous thank you to all the volunteers were given. Communication needs improving between the Town Council and Milton Keynes Council for out of hour library events, after a book club was asked to change their evening to meet, but already there were 2 groups booked.

Cllr. Mrs Jeffreys reported that Kevin Whately and his wife had agreed to take part in a Shakespeare Celebration on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**204/16 Woburn Sands Angling Club**

Letter sent with further information regarding a donation towards Public Liability cost £290. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under S.137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure of:£290 when constitution is received.

**205/16 Station Road Traffic Issues**

Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> April with MKC. Meetings being held with Central Beds to Downgrade road and place a HGV restriction on A5130 from Hockcliffe Road to Kingston Roundabout to coincide with completion of A5 / M1 link road. Cllr. Hopkins suggested to monitor progress to enable it to proceed.

**206/16 Parish Forum Meeting**

Cllr Rae reported on meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> March mentioning the Police Commander report and information on how to contact your local police officers, and Phil Snell will be conducting a Play Area Consultation throughout the Borough. It was also noted on the new My Council Account where residents can register and report matters of concern to the Council.

**207/16 Financial Regulations & Standing Orders**

It was resolved to approve the changes made to Finance Regulations and Standing Orders to comply with new regulations which had been circulated to all members. To consider finance regulation 3.3 make a 3yr forward budget this was agreed.

**208/16 Greg Rutherford Tribute**

Waiting for quotation to the slight change of area which will have a surface of rubber mulch.

**209/16 Audit 2015/16**

Notification received that Mazars have called the audit for 6<sup>th</sup> July. The Internal Audit and Annual Return will be approved at the June meeting as the internal auditor will carry out this work at the end of May.

**210/16 To Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2015 / 16 boxes 1 – 9 inclusive.**

Copies of Page 1 of the annual return had been previously circulated to all members. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed to mark yes in boxes 1 - 9

**211/16 To Approve Direct Payments for the following 2 years**

Milton Keynes Non Domestic Rates, Orange (Caretakers phone), BT (telephone and Broadband), Bucks County Council Pension Scheme, E-On (Electric), Total Gas & Power (gas). Full details circulated corresponding bank accounts were approved for the years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

**212/16 Noticeboards**

Discussion took place regarding keeping the noticeboards up to date and tidy. Members will suggest some options to the Clerk and her assistant.

**213/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

None.

**214/16 Annual Town Meeting**

Agreed the following reports will be received from  
Cllr. Cowmeadow Annual Report of the Council  
Cllr. Mrs Jeffreys Planning  
Cllr. Geddes Halls and Library  
Cllr. Cowmeadow Finance and George Wells  
Cllr. Skelton Edgewick  
Police

**215/16 Finance**

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. Approved transfer of £1,500 into a reserve account for chairs for the Library.
- c. Surrender of land used as allotments to the rear of 2 Station Road has been signed and returned to MKC.  
Cllr. Skelton mentioned the trees on site and a Badger set. The Clerk had already reported this to MKC and requested a tree officer to inspect the site for possible TPO's  
Will request again.

**216/16 Correspondence for Information**

- a. Letter received from St. Michaels Church inviting members to a service on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9.45a.m. During this service Iain Stewart MP will be interviewed on his views on Europe.

**217/16 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

None

**218/16 Date of next meeting will the Annual Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Meeting Closed 9.41 p.m.