

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 10th April, 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Present	Councillors	Cllr. C. Cowmeadow (in the chair) Cllr. M.Geddes, D. Hopkins, G. Bunker, J. Jeffreys Dr. J. Rae, K. Temple
	Clerk:	Mrs L Stapleton
	Also Present	4 members of the public
	Apologies:	Cllrs. P. Farrant & P. Skelton

193/17 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Farrant for deputising during his absence and for all the work carried out by the Council during this time.

He hoped to see everyone at his reception on 24th.

194/17 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Jeffreys declared an interest for the planning item Greens Hotel as will now be moving into this development in the future.

Meeting Closed for Public Speaking

Residents from Parklands expressed concern regarding Fishermen parking vehicles for 2/3 days at a time causing obstruction, noise and litter and being rude to residents.

Chairman thanked residents for attending and informed them that this item is on the agenda and will be discussed, agreed to take item 8 on the agenda early.

195/17 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

196/17 **Vauxhall Fishing Members Parking**

After listening to residents' concerns regarding the parking within the estate, it was agreed to take the following action:

Contact Taylor Wimpey to establish if anything can be done as roads are not adopted.

Enquire about blocking some accesses off to Footpath No. 2

Contact Vauxhall Fishing Club.

Contact the Police regarding obstruction

Contact MKC for legal advice

Query with the landowners if permission was given for fencing

Enquire with MKC if planning permission is required for such a high fence.

197/17 **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

Illegal parking top of Downham Road

Ferns growing over Hardwick Road

Faded yellow lines in Downham Road

Planned works

Reported

Nil to report

Nil to report

Illegal Parking in disabled bay on High Street
Illegal cars parked in car park rear of 2 Station Road

Wardens Aware
Completed

Information

- Computer Monitor had to be replaced at cost of £109. This was done as a matter of urgency.
- The lease for 8 parking spaces to rear of 2 Station Road should be completed within 2 weeks, cars have been removed, I am in the process to get quotation to tidy the area and relevant parking signs installed.
- Resident placing raw meat down for the animals at Edgewick has acknowledged that this will now stop.
- Started process for new Town Maps.
- Frosts have agreed to sponsor Garden Competition, judging day 25th July.
- Ordered 3 new tables for Summerlin to replace broken ones.
- MKC has apologised for the lack of notifications for part road closure on 28th March, it was a mistake.
- 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 that the Surveyor has revisited the Library for testing the dampness, the building is drying out. He also visited the Old Fire Station and reported that this was now a much warmer building. Reports on both will be sent.

c. **Environment**

Nil to report

d. **Police and Policing**

Police will attend Town Meeting and the meeting of May, September, and December

e. **Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton had circulated a report regarding the problem with water supply to top field. The Clerk had met with Anglian Water, supply to the barn was working and investigation will have to be made by the Council to see if there is a blockage in water pipes.

f. **Fulbrook School**

No meeting has taken place.

Swallowfield School

Cllr. Temple has resigned as Governor and enquired if another Councillor would be interested in applying.

g. **Market**

Nil to report except there was some concern that the crocus were trampled when the last Market took place.

i. **Christmas Fayre**

Cllr. Farrant had circulated report the main issue discussed at last meeting was the re-wiring of the electrics on the High Street.

j. **Music Festival**

Cllr. Bunker reported that the working Group had now been reduced to 3, require more volunteers.

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

Nil to report

198/17 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated which included information on Plan:MK consultation exhibition to be held in The Summerlin Centre 1st June, 300 bus service will be an hourly service from May and the proposed Expressway. He then mentioned that it is hoped that the downgrading of the A5130 and associated work will commence at the end of the year.

Cllr. Hopkins reported that the proposed expressway was the biggest issue at present and impact on other areas.

The Clerk was asked to check if the new 300 service will be a through route.

Make sure Christian News is aware of forthcoming changes to bus and train timetables.

Attendance will be required at Plan:MK on 1st June and Cllr. Jeffreys and Geddes will prepare a crib sheet and a draft response.

199/17 **Planning**

Late notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 17/00778/OUT Outline application (with access, layout and scale details) for the erection of 5 new detached dwellings and construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from Asplands Close at:
Land to rear of 2 Station Road and 14 High Street.
- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
Appeal notification by Wavendon Properties for 203 dwellings.
A further letter will be sent.
- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**
Access from Vicarage Street needs checking with the plans.
Query Club Lane if it is public access.
Last meeting was discussing the progression of the adoption process.
- d. **F.O. Parklands**
- e. **Information**
Application for Land to east of 6 – 28 Lower End Road was refused

200/17 **LED Lighting for Summerlin**

Quotation has been obtained to replace lighting and fittings at The Summerlin to LED fittings.

This was agreed that this is the way forward, and the Clerk will look at year end budgets to see if any money is left to go to a reserve account for this, an estimate would be good on financial savings and 2 further quotations need to be sourced.

201/17 **Senior Friends**

A letter has been received from Senior Friends requesting a front door key.

It was agreed to decline this request for various reasons but the Town Council will be investigating a small ramp for the side door to make easy access for people who find difficulty in managing steps.

202/17 **Zebra Care**

Letter received from the Zebra Care Home enquiring if their residents could get involved in any community events,

It was agreed to invite them to join the Spring Clean on 7th May.

203/17 **Parishes Conference**

Cllrs. Jeffreys and Rae attended, MKC Chief Executive gave a speech and the main topic was the transfer of services from MKC to Parishes such as Litter, street cleaning and Landscape.

Serco currently have a contract to 2020 but after that date it was open to Parishes who they contract for services.

It was suggested that the parishes of Danesborough meet especially with Walton to discuss a joint service.

Cllr. Hopkins will set up a meeting.

There was also a useful paper available "Framework for Town & Parish Councils."

Spring Clean 7th May 2017

It was agreed that the weekend 6th & 7th be set aside for this, a request has been made in the Newsletter for residents to tidy outside their property, cut back trees and shrubs and sweep gravel from drives that is on the roads.

Friends of Parklands and Edgewick Volunteers will do their respective areas and remaining areas will be done by volunteers to meet on 7th May outside Memorial Hall at 10am.

204/17 Retail Strategy

Cllr Jeffreys reported that MKC had instructed a company to prepare a Retail Strategy; she had met with them and showed them around Woburn Sands. She pointed out that the Council's wish would be to retain the A1 outlets as they are now.

205/17 Plan:MK

A consultation evening will be held on 1st June in the Summerlin.
Cllrs will be in attendance and a rota will be drawn up.
Letter will be drafted.

206/17 Audit of Accounts ending 31st March 2017

The Audit has been called and be submitted by 5th July, to be approved at the June meeting.

207/17 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

A replacement computer monitor had to be purchased.

208/17 Finance

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. Direct Debits and transfers from Co Op have been transferred to Nat West Bank.
This was done as a matter of urgency as the Co-Op Bank became vulnerable by putting itself up for sale. This could incur bank charges which will be monitored. Nat West bank also declined a card for the Clerk, as the mandate does not conform to a card made out to one name. Agreed to keep a small amount in the Co-Op bank and continue to use the current card.

209/17 Correspondence for information

BBRUA latest newsletter has been received; it has the new times of trains from 21st May.
Covanta a letter has been circulated for joint signature of Parish Councils requesting the Environment Agency to extend the deadline for comments for the Covanta application. This was agreed.

210/17 Communications

Cllrs. Rae reported that the google counter is now working, and the planning page can now be accessed from the homepage. She thought the website should be publicised as widely as possible making a few suggestions, agreed to have a communication meeting on 3rd May.

211/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

No requests

212/17 Date of next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on 8th May 2017

Meeting Closed 9.32pm