

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30p.m

Present	Councillors	C. Cowmeadow (in the chair) M. Geddes, D. Hopkins, Mrs J. Jeffreys, Dr. Rae, P. Skelton K. Temple, G. Bunker from 7.55
	Clerk	Mrs L. Stapleton
	Apologies	Cllr. P. Farrant

44/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Cowmeadow mentioned the sad news of the passing of Brian White a former MKC Councillor who had supported Woburn Sands in the past. A letter of condolence will be sent and one minute silence was taken.

He then thanked Cllr. Jeffreys for her hard work in in the excellent Shakespearean performance held on 7th July.

Cllr. Mrs Jeffreys thanked Kevin Whatley, Madeline Newton, Jerry Breslin WS Cryers and performers from Tread the Boards. Also the support of Pauline Biggs, Peter Skelton, Mike Geddes, Mike Smith and Lynne Stapleton.

45/16 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. Personal interests: None Declared
- c. Pecuniary interests: None Declared

46/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

Co Option

The Co-Option of Gillian Bunker was approved.

47/16 **Progress Reports** for information.

- a. Clerk

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 **Carl Stokes**

MKC reported that things are moving on this.

13 Maple Grove, extension of garden into MKC land

Legal & Property

On Going

Cllr Marland has requested an update from planning officer.

Rick Combie has reported on the car port issues, 37 High Street and railway land.

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 Disabled parking bay lines High Street

Planned works

Illegal parking top of Downham Road

Reported

Pot Holes on Station Road

Planned works

Low kerb outside Co-Op drain, floods pavement

No work required

Overgrown grass and trees on corner of Tidbury Close

Information

Tree officer site inspection land to rear of 2 Station Road
Parking rear of 2 Station Road
Greg Rutherford Tribute

No News
See agenda item
Completed.

b. **Halls**

The Clerk requested permission for a new docking station for The Summerlin Centre as many i.phones etc have now been updated.
This was approved due to it being well used.

c. **Environment**

Cllr. Temple reported that pot hole repairs on Station Road was cancelled for the July date but still hoping should be done during August / early September.

White Lining in High Street to be reported.

Flooding issues were discussed, residents have been asked to forward details if they were affected by the floods to the Clerk.

Agreed that Officers from Milton Keynes Council and Central Beds should attend a Parish Liaison meeting with representatives from Aspley Heath and Aspley Guise in attendance.
Agreed to ask Connolly Homes to clean the drains in the Car Park when works are completed.

Cllr. Mrs Jeffreys requested that the footpaths from Theydon Avenue to Elm Grove be cleared of weeds. The Clerk suggested it might be quicker if we arranged for this work with our own contractor. This was agreed.

The Clerk also reported that the grass in front of the bungalows in Chapel Street had not been cut.

d. **Police and Policing**

No reply received from Police regarding, will write again.

e. **Edgewick Farm**

Cllr. Skelton reported that the 2 tours took place.

The middle and upper fields will be mowed at the end of the month, so all fields will be locked for a short time.

The kissing gate, seat will be installed during August and opening in September.

The scraping of the pond will be mid – late September.

Thanks was give to Cllr. Skelton for organising the walks and Cllr Jeffreys suggested that a free walk around for school children during the school holidays could be considered next year.

f. **Fulbrook School**

Cllr. Cowmeadow was unable to attend the last meeting.

Cllr. Temple informed members that there was going to be a Swallowfield governors meeting on 13th July and he is considering joining.

g. **WSBCA – Community Market**

Nil to report

h. **Christmas Fayre**

Cllr. Farrant had sent through a report of the latest meeting, still trying to accommodate the Woburn Sands Band as Vicarage Street residents opposed the full length of the High Street closure.

i. **East West Rail**

Cllr. Hopkins had circulated a report and a planning application has been submitted for the footbridge at the school crossing.

They have also met with the owners of The Old Station Yard and have requested that the entrance into the site will be regularised by means of a Wayleave with the correct dimensions. Also the Car Wash and storage of vehicles are not lawful and will request enforcement action be taken.

Cllr. Geddes reported that the Network Rail meeting will commence with a site visit at the junction of Cranfield Road and meeting will resume at the Council Offices.

48/16 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated by Cllr. Hopkins commenting on 2050 Commission report, flooding issues and road surfacing issues, and Aylesbury Vale Planning Applications.

Milton Keynes celebrates its 50th birthday next year and MK50 Heritage open days will be on this theme.

This will be put on the next agenda.

Station Road Traffic update, nothing has progressed.

49/16 **Planning**

The following notifications had been received from Milton Keynes Council:

- a 16/01622/TCA Notification of intention to fell 4 sycamore trees (S1-S4) at:
23 Theydon Avenue Mr H Lewis
Detrimental to the wooded aspect of Conservation Area, would prefer some of trees kept and crowned.
- 16/01515/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension, re-roofing and conversion of existing outbuilding into utility at
34 Russell Street A. Ladd
No comment
- 16/01516/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a two storey rear extension, re-roofing and conversion of existing outbuilding into utility at:
34 Russell Street A. Ladd
Could have impact on neighbours and request any comments to be taken into consideration.
- 16/01512/FUL Single storey side extension and garage conversion at:
2 Maple Grove Mr & Mrs Middlemiss
Request that if permitted a condition be placed that it is not to be used as a separate dwelling.
- 16/01476/MMAM Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) to change the external appearance of the elevations to rendering reference planning permission 16/00593/FUL at:
46 The Leys Mr G. Johnson
No comment
- 16/01513/FUL Retention of existing mechanical plant at the rear of the store and erection of new screen fencing and gates to both areas (part retrospective) at:
25 – 27 High Street Co-Op
No comment
- 16/01620/FUL New weighted free standing handrail around 1st floor flat roof area at:
25 – 27 High Street Co-Op
No comment
(Late applications received:)
- 16/01559/FUL Erection of detached single storey two bedroom Bungalow with hardstanding for 2 parking spaces To serve the proposed development and hardstanding With 4 spaces to serve the existing dwelling and

amenity space and a shared access from Newport Road at:
87 Newport Road **Mr & Mrs Franklin**
To be considered

16/01656/FUL Change of use from storage and distribution (use class B8) to car wash (sui generis) and retention of canopy and ancillary equipment storage container (retrospective) (resubmission of 15/01516/FUL at:
Land south of Railway **Watermill Group**
Network Rail might object to width of access, although no objection to car wash junction safety a concern with vehicles using this entrance.

16/01817/FUL Single storey rear extension at:
34 Drayhorse Crescent **Mr Cowlard**
No comment

16/01619/TCA Notification of intention to 4m pollard 3 Norway Maple, 4m pollard 1 Canadian Maple 7m pollard 1 Common Lime and remove weak leaders and 9m pollard Common Lime (L2).at:

14 Station Road
To be considered

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

43 The Leys	Permitted
27 Hardwick Road	Permitted
33 Downham Road	Refused
5 Maple Grove	Permitted
Memorial Green	Permitted
28 Blackthorn Grove	Permitted
26 Blackthorn Grove	Permitted
157 Greensand View	Refused
17 & 19 Downham Road	Permitted

c. Parklands

Meeting to be confirmed with planning officer and J. Robinson regarding information on the viability study relating to S.106 issues for Phases 5 & 6 application.

Cllr. Geddes had also met with sports officer regarding the proposed sports hall. Dimensions were given for a multi use court, lighting/windows etc some thought will have to be given to a small viewing area and approx. running costs. He suggested some thought be given to charity status for this venue could be investigated.

The bicycle store in Greensand View has now been taken down.

The Dog bin has still not been installed. The Clerk will contact Phil Snell.

Greens

One way system is now in operation, one complaint received from a resident of Vicarage Street, but to alleviate some of the concerns the Clerk requested developer to place a sign indicating no access to car park from Vicarage Street. This has now been installed.

The Clerk had also arranged for an independent unmetered electric supply for car park lighting with SSE

- d. **F.O. Parklands (if any)**
Still waiting Fishing documents from MKC, Cllr. Farrant has chased this up.
- e. **MK2050 presentation**
Some Cllrs attended this meeting, good thoughts and ideas, but could be difficult to implement.

50/16 **Memorial Green Beech Tree**

Quotation received from a MKC approved contractor S. Dear who has carried out all previous work on tree was approved. Tree officer had been to inspect the tree.

51/16 **Memorial Hall Lock & Keys**

New lock and keys have been ordered and hirer will reimburse the Council for costs.

52/16 **Old Fire Station and After School Club**

All quotations have been received to clean and dry building. Replacement storage units, new windows and door, dry lining and insulation of walls, high skirting boards.

Draft claim to insurers has been done and Members approved the suggested flooring.

These costs will also be forwarded to J. Robinson reference grant.

This work will commence asap with Members approval so the building will be ready for the After School Club in September.

All members thanked Mike Smith for doing this work and agreed to proceed and the Clerk to proceed on grant.

53/16 **Library**

Agreed that the quarterly meeting will be held 27th July 2pm. Clerk sends apologies.

54/16 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

None.

55/16 **Risk Assessments**

Cllr. Temple agreed to carry out Risk Assessment to Open Spaces, Cllr Skelton will help to take on this role in future years.

Agreed to request a copy of the Library Risk Assessment.

Agreed to ask Mike Smith to do Halls Risk Assessments and if necessary to pay extra.

To add car park and Mowbray Green.

56/16 **Car Park rear 2 Station Road**

To consider offer to lease land from MKC and cover legal costs approx. £1,000

All members agreed to proceed with lease.

57/16 **Finance**

a. List of Payments circulated was approved for payment

b. Bespoke Media had produced the Town Council Logo and have given prices for business cards and compliments slips.

Agreed not to proceed with this at the current time.

58/16 **Correspondence for information**

BBRUA

Latest newsletter from BBRUA had been received with information regarding the Bedford River Festival with late night trains, Sunday service with some direct from MK Central.

59/16 **Communication for information**

Agreed to hold a meeting Cllr. Bunker will join this group date to be confirmed.

60/16 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Agreed to hold an Environment meeting.

61/16 **Date of next meeting will be held on 12th September**

Meeting Closed 9.46 p.m.