

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors C. Cowmeadow (in the chair)
Ms G. Bunker, C. Cowmeadow, P. Farrant, D. Hopkins,
Mrs J. Jeffreys, Dr. J. Rae, P. Skelton, K. Temple
Assistant Clerk: Mrs P. Biggs
Apologies: Cllr. M. Geddes
Also present one member of the public (until 7.50)

61/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**
Nil

62/16 **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

Meeting closed for Public Speaking 7.35

Resident spoke regarding Station Road Traffic Issues. Cllr. Hopkins made note of Ridgmont possibly being added to the Report and also a request that the A421, when it is downgraded to a B road, to become a 20 mph speed limit. Cllr Hopkins explained all the problems concerning a possible speed limit but would investigate.

Meeting Reconvened

63/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

64/16 **Progress Reports** for information

- a **Clerk**
On-Going
The Swan

Requested site visit to investigate corner of Harwick Road and large puddles, including broken drain and blocked drain.

Items I am chasing with MKC

Planning Enforcement

37 High Street air conditioning unit.

MK has served enforcement notice regarding the flue to be removed and the takeaway use to cease.

13 Maple Grove - extension of garden into MKC land

Legal & Property

On-going

Cllr Marland has requested an update from Planning Officer.
Clerk has requested update from Cllr Marland.

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge Still in negotiations with Network Rail regarding traffic management but looks like early this year. Reported to Rob Ward and requested 3 times from Taylor Wimpey their contact from Network Rail.

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

Potholes on Station Road

Completed

(Cllr Temple reported on the quality and speed which this work had been carried out).

Low kerb outside Co-op drain, floods pavement.

Inspected again.

Overgrown grass and trees on corner of Tidbury Close

Information

Tree officer site inspection land to rear of 2 Station Road

No News

Parking rear of 2 Station Road

No further news regarding lease.

Western Power will be reducing height of hedge on Station road from the boundary of The Fire Station and Car Wash access. This will benefit of the Fire Station.

Councillors were shown photos of the above trees/hedges.

Royal British Legion will be holding a meeting to discuss Remembrance Sunday arrangements on Thursday 15 September. Cllr. Temple agreed to attend this meeting.

The Old Fire Station – Flood Barriers

Councillors agreed that Flood Barriers would be a good idea and should be discussed.

Cllr Hopkins agreed to chase up the provision of sand bags.

b. Halls

Nothing to report.

c. Environment

A Risk Assessment for Park & Play Areas/Visitor's Toilet and Mowbray Green was received from Cllr. Temple.

A meeting of the Environment Committee was arranged for Thursday 13 October at 5 p.m.

d. Police and Policing

Nil to report.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr. Skelton reported that a new kissing gate had been erected. The middle field had been mowed and the pond dredged. The barn walls had been painted with help from the Waitrose volunteers.

The Allotment Society had bought an apple press which Edgewick will be able to use.

f. Fulbrook School/Swallowfield School

Cllr Temple is waiting to have his election as a governor for Swallowfield confirmed.

Cllr Farrant reported that the coach transport problem to Cedars School on the start day of the new autumn term had now been resolved. Marshalls Coaches had sold too many tickets and therefore there was a problem with adequate seating.

g. Market

A very successful market with the most stalls ever.

h. Christmas Fayre

Cllr Farrant reported on the on-going problems with the positioning of Woburn Sands Town Band. A decision will need to be made by 4 October. He expressed his thanks to the Town Clerk for her help with this problem.

It had been suggested that a Christmas Tree be put up near or on the Parklands development. The front of the Summerlin Centre was one possibility but Councillors were unsure because of the height of the shrubs in the front garden area. The Old Fire Station was also considered as a possibility but the practicalities of this would need considering.

i. East West Rail

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a report.

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Unitary Council Report

Report had been circulated by Cllr. Hopkins prior to the meeting.

Plans for MK50 were discussed. It was felt that the Heritage Walk and refreshments with Paul Cox could be considered as an idea for MK50.

Consultation with Paul Saunders was suggested on WSTC ideas.

Martin Grants Homes and Harcourt Developments promotion of a site for inclusion in Central Bedfordshire's local plan was discussed.

Cllrs agreed that a meeting should be set up with Max Wilkinson of Martin Grant Homes and representatives of Aspley Guise Parish Council together with representatives of Woburn Sands Town Council.

David Wilson Homes have arranged a Public Consultation for development off Newport Road, Wavendon – land opposite the Wavendon Arms. The exhibition will take place on Thursday 15 September at the Wavendon Community Centre.

Cllr Jeffreys felt that a letter should be sent to Iain Stewart M.P. expressing the Council's concern re: issue of 5 year plan, landbank etc. and also the fact that there is no sanction on developers, this was agreed.

Cllr Hopkins reported that a meeting will be held with Wavendon Properties in November. The Site Allocations plan will possibly be adopted July 2017.

66/16 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications and response sent:

- a. 16/02201/TCA T1 & T2 removal of Leylandi in rear garden due to excessive shading and significant overhang to adjoining neighbours. Height approx.. 35ft. T3 removal of Silver Birch due to excessive size and proximity to neighbouring bungalows in Lime Grove. Approx height at:

35 The Leys

Mr K. Swan

No comment

16/01908/FUL

Conversion and extension of disused barn to a 1 bed dwelling at:

73 High Street

Mr. Z. Keswani

If no off road parking can be provided the Council objects.

16/02048/TPO

TPO consent to prune up to 2.5 mtrs from 2 Scots Pines (T1 & T2) to front of building at:

18 Theydon Ave.

Devon Lodge

No comment.

16/02068/FUL

Demolition of existing porch and erection of attached bungalow (1 mtr increase in width to previously approved scheme at:

28 Vandyke Close

Mr T. McEvaddy

Object for same reasons as before.

16/01883/FUL

Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension at:

63 Theydon Ave.

Mr & Mrs Carroll

16/02040/FUL Single storey rear extension and additional roller shutter at :
157 Greensand View Mr & Mrs Bird
No objection to the rear extension (shutter has been refused as part of previous app.)

16/01689/FUL Erection of open sided canopy over existing sales area.
Frosts Garden Centre A. Wood
No comment

16/1639/FUL Construction of public footbridge over railway to replace existing crossing at:
Land at School Crossing, Cranfield Road
No objection

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

16/02414/FUL Single storey front extension at:
12 Blackthorn Grove Mr & Mrs Stapleton
No comment

16/02418/FUL Two storey extension and small single storey side extension.
3 West Road Mr & Mrs Bradban
No objection if no other comments from neighbours.

16/01908/FUL Amended drawings.
73 High Street Mr K. Keswani
Same response as above.

16/01656/FUL Land in Old Station Yard
Land South of Railway Watermill Group
Original letter of 10 August comments still stand.
No objection to the facility as such. Access arrangements are a matter of considerable concern.

16/02283/ADV Signage at the Co-op Store, High Street
No objection. Will support conservation officer's response.

b. Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council

The Swan (signage)	Permitted
36 Weathercock Lane	Permitted
2 Maple Grove	Permitted
25-27 High Street	Permitted
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8 Russell Street	Permitted
14 Station Road	Permitted
63 Elm Grove	Permitted
34 Russell Street	Permitted
34 Drayhorse Crescent	Permitted
46 The Leys	Permitted

(info) 23Theydon Avenue – trees have now been taken down.

c. Parklands, Greens Updates (if any)

It was noted that Phases 5/6 had been passed with reluctance on MK Council's part.
No employment units as such.

d. F.O. Parklands

Cllr Farrant reported that a meeting had been arranged with Friends of Parklands, P. Snell (from MKC) Cllr. Skelton and Cllr. Jeffreys will be attending. This is to discuss landscape issues and dog bins. The meeting will be on Thursday 20 September at 9.30 a.m.

e. Appeal decision

Land at Church Farm was allowed.

f. Notification of Appeal

17 and 19 Downham Road

g. Notification of Appeal

37 High Street.

Letter will be sent to Inspectorate.

67/16 Network Rail Update

Cllr Geddes had circulated a report from a meeting held in July.

Pedestrian Refuge information from Emma Walton at Taylor Wimpey noted.

68/17 Garden Competition

Mrs Geddes and Nick Brown, from Frosts, judged gardens and prizes were presented on Bank Holiday Monday at the WS Band Summer Fayre. The event was sponsored by Frosts who gave a total £200 in gift vouchers.

It was suggested by Cllr Rae that the Competition be publicised on the Woburn Sands Town Council website next year in order to publicise it more.

69/16 Audit 2015/16

Noted that Audit has been approved and signed off.

70/16 Old Fire Station and After School Club

Cllr Jeffreys reported that the works on the Old Fire Station would not be eligible for the Carbon Neutrality grant, however, S106 community fund is eligible and agreed to submit application.

Possible future works to The Old Fire Station and Skateboard Park was discussed and agreed to make enquiries with MKC on the usage of skateboard parks within Milton Keynes.

71/16 Library

It was noted that Aspley Heath Parish Council had given £600 towards the running costs of the Library with an additional £100 as they felt the Library to be extremely worthwhile.

Cllr Geddes had had an informal meeting with Aspley Guise Parish Council and a report of the meeting had been circulated. Aspley Guise PC felt that there might be a possibility of a grant for the current financial year and also the next financial year. The meeting was felt to be extremely useful and the Town Clerk will be completing an application form for a grant for October.

72/16 Parish Forum meeting

Cllr Rae reported on this meeting and noted the information concerning Youth facilities from Hilary Solway. Cllr Rae felt that this was very helpful advice and could possibly be used with regard to setting up youth facilities at the Sports Centre.

Cllr Jeffreys queried MK futures/How will Plan MK work?

73/16 Transport Sub Group meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July were circulated at the meeting.

Park and Ride signage will be brought up again by Cllr. Jeffreys.

74/16 Woburn Sands Flooding

Flash flooding occurred in June this year including a series of locations in Woburn Sands. Meetings have been held between Council Officers and residents affected in Milton Keynes Council area and Central Beds Council area. MK Cabinet response to questions from Cllr Hopkins has been circulated.

75/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

A fallen tree had to be removed as it was over Hardwick Road.

76/16 Risk Assessments

Cllr Temple had completed the risk assessments for Environment and open spaces and the Recreation Ground.

Mike Smith has been very busy with overseeing the renovation of the Old Fire Station but will be looking into risk assessments for the Memorial Hall and the Summerlin Centre.

77/16 Developers request to attend information meetings

- a. David Wilson Homes Public Exhibition 15 September 4 – 7 p.m. at Wavendon Community Centre. A special advanced viewing 3.30 – 4 p.m. for Councillors was noted. Cllr Hopkins reported that this was for land opposite the Wavendon Arms.
- b. Max Wilkinson from the consortium developing land to the west of J13 – Central Beds . Cllrs agreed that an informal meeting could be arranged with him and also Aspley Guise PC.

78/16 Nonna-Fest August Bank Holiday Monday

Residents had complained regarding noise levels and music continuing after license time agreed. These residents were from Hardwick Road (MK Council area) and Aspley Court (Central Beds area). Applicant had obtained a Temporary Events Notice from Central Beds Council. MK Council and Central Beds Council have been contacted. Cllr Budge Wells was meeting with officials at the Dunstable Office of Central Beds this week.

79/16 2017 Music Festival

Cllr Bunker put forward her suggestion for Music Festival to be held in Woburn Sands in 2017. Cllrs felt that this was a good idea but should not be a Council organised event but would be willing to help. Also the use of the Recreation Ground and the Summerlin Centre was the best option with the possible involvement of the Station Tavern.

This event could in some way be associated with MK50 celebrations.

A Facebook Page had been set up by Cllr Bunker but not activated as yet until information was confirmed.

Cllr Rae brought up the costs especially the insurance monies and the health and safety issues. reading a delightful article which listed various pros and cons of setting up a festival.

Cllrs felt that possibly some of the S106 monies could be used to help with finances.

Agreed that Cllr Bunker report back to the October meeting with more information.

80/16 Finance

- a. Payments list approved.
- b. Current budgets were circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Jeffreys queried as to which account Shakespeare evening money had been paid.

81/16 Correspondence for information

A letter had been received from a resident detailing information concerning an oak tree which she had grown from an acorn brought back from Dozingham Military Cemetery in Belgium where her great-uncle was buried.

Enquiring if the Council would like to plant the tree in Woburn Sands.

Cllr Skelton had also been approached by Mrs Geddes about the tree he felt that there was a possibility of planting the tree on Mowbray Green.

A letter should be written to Mrs Goodwin to inform her of what had been decided.

82/16 Communications

A meeting of the Communications Working Group was arranged for Thursday 6 October at 15.30 It would also be helpful if Councillors could bring in their tablets etc to report on any work required on the web site, also useful at council meetings.

Cllr Farrant queried if the Town Clerk did the work on the website, this was confirmed.

83/16 Councillors Report and items for future agenda

Cllr Skelton brought up his concerns over the tarmacking of Sandy Lane.

Cllr. Skelton also reported he had attended a MK Recycling Seminar a report to go in next newsletter.

84/16 Date of next meeting – 10th October 2016

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.