

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30p.m

Present Councillors P. Farrant (in the chair)
G. Brooke, D. Hopkins, J. Jeffreys, J. Rae, P. Skelton, K. Temple
Clerk Mrs L. Stapleton
Apologies Cllrs. C. Cowmeadow and M. Geddes
Also Present 4 Members of the Public (until 7.41)

72/17 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Thanks were expressed to The Woburn Sands Band for organising the Summer Fayre, Paul Cox for organising the 2 Heritage Trails which was very successful, Cllr. Temple for standing in at the Summer Fayre for official opening and presentation of Garden Competition Winners, congratulations to Cllr. Brooke on her recent marriage and judging the garden competition and new homes for some Councillors. He also mentioned he had been invited from Swinton Insurance to attend a presentation of £1,000 to Love Woburn Sands on 13th September. Agreed.

73/17 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Personal interests: Cllr. Jeffreys standing declaration. Cllr Rae on planning application 6 Theydon Avenue.
- b. Pecuniary interests: None Declared

Meeting closed for public speaking time

4 Residents came to voice their concern regarding parking in Spring Grove especially with proposed building works to commence in the Spring at 60 Station Road. Difficulties they have experienced with the collection of refuse as lorry unable to gain access this has now been resolved by sending out a smaller lorry. Parked vehicles are also causing obstruction blocking access to property. The Clerk mentioned to call the Police if any vehicle is causing an obstruction. Cllr. Hopkins also mentioned that they will be having regular meetings with the owners of 60 Station Road which will be useful during the building works.

Meeting re convened at 7.41

74/17 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

75/17 **Progress Reports** for information.

a. Clerk

Items I am chasing with MKC

Dave Groves - Taylor Wimpey regarding pedestrian refuge.

Paul Keen regarding updated information for 2 planning applications for 31 High Street.

No response from Paul Keen or Helen Lowe.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street

Reported

Faded yellow lines in Downham Road

Reported

Information

1. WSBCA have given a donation for £1,080.20 towards High Street map as part of their winding up process.
2. Danfo have now taken the radar key off the WC unit, it has also been reported that the coin collection was significantly more this month.
3. Have had a mini bus removed from shoppers car park which had no tax or MOT.
4. Have chased the lease for the car park to rear of 2 Station Road.
5. Tried to establish ownership of land just outside station for the Station Adoption Group. Part owned by MKC Highways and owner of the Pristine site.

6. Reported poor reinstatement to block paving in Club Lane where Taylor Dudley carried out works. This has now been rectified.
7. Deed for Greens has been signed and copy sent to Town Council to replace the original Deed which could not be traced. (no charge)
Have key to new height barrier to the entrance to the shoppers car park.
Arranged suitable location to have a step for pedestrians to access to shoppers car park via Vicarage Street, this has now been completed.
8. I reported a wasps nest on land owned by Network Rail at school crossing, put temporary note on pedestrian gate as nest was at ground level. Eventually managed to contact correct department who arranged appropriate works to be done on the same day.
9. Reported to agents for the Old NatWest building the poor temporary work to night safe and cash machine which should be stainless steel not wood, as per planning application, and asked if it would be possible for a coat of paint to cover the area where signage had been removed as the building is an eyesore. No news to date.
10. Arranged for dumped rubbish in shoppers car park to be removed.
11. All Electrical and Fire Risk assessments completed for all 4 halls 2 urgent high risk items have been completed:
 1. Electrical Hard Wiring Test completed
 2. RCD unit installed in Fuse Box in Office WC.
 Full report will be at next meeting, or separate halls meeting.
12. Garden competition completed and took just over 4 hours. Arranged trophies, and certificates for all winners and engraving of garden Vase.
Presentations were made at the Summer Fayre.

b. Halls and Library

The Clerk was informed today that the new signs for the office gate were to be installed on 13th September.

c. Environment

An offer from Marcus Young to weed kill for a day at £150. Chemicals that were proposed to be used were given to Cllr. Skelton. It was agreed to go ahead but one of the chemicals not be used near to soil where there was planting.

Cllr. Brooke informed members that she has joined a Rotary Club and will be taking part in the Tree Menders Challenge to plant trees. It was agreed to plant trees one to fill in the gaps along the hedge line of the Recreation Ground and to let us know any other areas that were being considered for planting.

Town Maps had been approved and ordered.

d. Police and Policing

The Clerk was expecting a Police attendance as agreed by Sgt. Storey email. Agreed to invite her to the next meeting.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr Skelton reported that Western Power had resolved the issue with the water pressure which was caused by the moving of the sub-station. Mr Youngman and Mr McGee were thanked for their time given to this problem.

f. Fulbrook School

Nil to report

g. Market

Market held on 10th September had quite a few stalls and the next meeting will be to discuss whether to hold the markets on a Saturday in 2018

i. Christmas Fayre

Cllr. Farrant had circulated the minutes of the last meeting the location of the Band to be agreed and further information on having Reindeer and subsequent cost still to be discussed.

j. Music Festival

Cllr. Brooke circulated reported the 2018 event is progressing with a lot of interest. Agreed that stalls did not work well in the Summerlin and an alternative venue will be agreed this event will now be known as The Woburn Sands Festival.

Cllr. Brooke was congratulated on all her hard work and were pleased that next year event was progressing which will be held on 7th July.

k. East/West Rail/Network Rail

This subject was discussed at the Special Danesborough Meeting held on 18th August. Consultation responses were discussed and Government have now agreed funding. It is proposed there will be one extra train and the Bedford-Oxford route via Woburn Sands should be running by 2022.

76/17 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated which included information on the settlement boundary review, Development Management improvements, procedures and efficiencies over the past 18 months. Oxford Cambridge Expressway and information on the East West rail link.

77/17 **Planning**

a. **Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:**

17/01852/FUL Single storey side front extensions and alterations to windows at:

17 Bow Brickhill Road Miss Morrison
No objection.

17/0181/FUL Change of use from A1 to A3 at:
31 High Street Mr S Plowman

Unable to comment as lack of information still chasing with officer.

17/01819/ADV One fascia sign and one hanging sign to replace the existing ones with new name and branding at

31 High Street Mr S. Plowman

Unable to comment as lack of information still chasing with officer.

17/01968/TCA T1 Birch-Remove to ground level due to interference with overhead services & to improve light to front of property. T2 Damson-Tree dead-Remove to ground level at:

52 Station Road Mrs Heining.

No objection providing the tree officer agrees.

17/01915/FUL Proposed 2 storey extension to the property & a single storey extension on the footprint area of current brick barns to the rear of the property at:

1 Deethe Close Mr & Mrs Estick

No objection

17/01988/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at:

6 Theydon Avenue Mr A Ramsey

Object, over development, not in keeping with street scene, parking and impact on neighbours.

17/02171/FUL Two storey front extension at:

1 Pine Grove Mr Terry

Object as out of keeping to street scene and attached semi, inadequate off street parking Juliette balcony out of keeping.

17/02236/FUL Proposed two storey side, single storey rear extensions, loft conversion with dormer at:

9 Hardwick Road Mr & Mrs Houghton

Object, detrimental to the Conservation Area, being a semi-attached key Victorian Villa, rear extension which is set back is acceptable.

- 17/02172/FUL Proposed insertion of first floor bathroom window and enlargement of first floor lounge windows (2) on north west elevation at:
Burlington Hall Adara Group
No comment
- 17/02357/FUL Advertisement consent to display externally illuminated fascia sign onto High Street for restaurant at:
23 High Street Mr Abdul Hai
Object to bright red flurescent lighting on fascia sign
- 17/02305/FUL Detached Bungalow at:
28 Vandyke Close Cystal Homes
Object as larger build than previously approved vision impact on area and neighbours, and complain with number of applications submitted for this site
- 17/02098/FUL Single storey rear conservatory at:
23 Turnpike Court Miss Smith
Important that the agreement of No. 25 is an important consideration in any decision.
- 17/02348/FUL Demolish outbuilding and erect single storey rear extension at:
7 Chapel Street Ms L Skinner
Happy to leave to officer decision, taking consideration of neighbours comments

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

- 18 The Leys Permitted
 3 Theydon Avenue Permitted

Notification of Appeal against refusal for change of use of land to form a site for travelling showpeople comprising 4 plots for mixed residential and storage use associated access and landscaping at Land east of 6 to 28 Lower End Road, Wavendon.

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**

Parklands

It was noted that no further works had been completed ready for MKC adoption of roads. The remainder of the southern boundary footpath has now been surfaced.

Greens

Greens development is nearing completion and was suggested contacting Connolly Homes again regarding the use of the Community Room.

d. **F.O. Parklands and WS Angling Club**

WS Angling Club had now got the agreement on the leasehold of the lake and is with Phil Snell to plan the development of lake.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiry if planning permission is required for the name sign at Burlington Hall, and whether permission required for the shed in from of the Methodist Chapel is required in a Conservation Area. The Clerk will also ascertain information regarding signage & equipment on the footways in Station Road and the High Street.

78/17 **Update on Station Road HGV's restrictions.**

Cllr. Hopkins invited Shaun Rooney from Milton Keynes Council to report on the progress of the down grading and HGV restriction of the A5130.

Declassification has been submitted to CB and now looking at the process and associated costs, the CB direct contact has now left but hopefully a replacement will be found, could proceed alone but would be more costly. Drainage discussed, gully cleaning monitoring & hot spots have got specific inspections and measures in place and an informative leaflet will be circulated to all residents of Milton Keynes.

79/17 **Photocopier (Danwood)**

2 quotes received to replace copier and lease.

All relevant information had been circulated and agreed to proceed with the offer from existing Company.

- 80/17 **Royal British Legion**
 Invitation to attend a planning meeting for Remembrance Sunday on Thursday 28th September in the Memorial Hall 7.30pm. Cllr. Farrant will attend.
- 81/17 **Special Danesborough Meeting**
 This was discussed under Unitary Councillors report.
- 82/17 **Station Adoption**
 Cllr. Jeffreys reported the group has now been set up, and work is in progress, next meeting 2 October at The Station Tavern. It was requested that another meeting is now needed urgently with Jonathan Robinson.
- 83/17 **Theydon Avenue**
 Letter received from a resident regarding the speeding of traffic in Theydon Avenue and flooding. Cllr Hopkins will make enquiries if a speed check could be placed in Theydon.
- 84/17 **Mazars Annual Return**
 The Annual Return has been completed and certified by external auditors. No matters arising. Notice of completion of Audit has been posted.
- 85/17 **Parklands Public Access off Elm Grove Garages**
 The current route could be blocked off with a diversion of the path behind Maple Grove due to ownership of roadway through Sturdy Lane in ownership of resident. Letter sent to Taylor Wimpey and Head of Planning MKC. There has been no reply to this letter, the Clerk and Cllr. Hopkins will follow this up.
- 86/17 **Draft Settlement Boundary Review**
 Details circulated for comments. No Comment.
- 87/17 **Woburn Sands Heritage Trails**
 Paul Cox organised 2 trails on 8th and 10th September, Cllr Jeffreys reported that these were very successful and some residents have expressed an interest another walk. This might be considered next year, a letter of thanks will be sent to Paul.
- 88/17 **Public Transport Group**
 Cllr. Jeffreys reported that the 300 timetable changes, Coachway issues were discussed. Next meeting 14th September.
- 89/17 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**
 Repair to Water Heater in Summerlin.
 Saniflow WC replaced.
 RCD installed in fuse box in office WC (highlighted as urgent from risk assessment)
- 90/17 **Finance**
 a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- 91/17 **Correspondence for information**
 a. Telephone call received from Mr Isbister suggesting that a plaque be placed on the Library regarding Adrienne Rutter. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that this would be setting a precedent, and would mean making difficult decisions in the future.
 b. Len Jenkins has sent details of their special 60th Drakeloe Concert to be held at The Venue on 14th & 15th October at 2pm. Cllrs Farrant, Temple, Jeffreys and Rae will attend.
- 92/17 **Communications**
 Cllr. Rae reported on the latest numbers of users on the website was slightly up. Some updates are needed and links to be checked.
- 93/17 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**
 Cllr Rae suggested that the Town Mayor consider adopting a local charity, Cllr Hopkins suggested that a fund raising event could be held at the Mayor's end of year.
- 94/17 **Date of the meeting will be held on 9th October 2017**
 Meeting closed 9.09 pm