

## WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30p.m

<b>Present</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	P. Farrant (in the chair) G. Brooke, C. Cowmeadow, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins, J. Jeffreys, J. Rae, P. Skelton, K. Temple
	<b>Clerk</b>	Mrs L. Stapleton
	<b>Apologies</b>	None
	<b>Also Present</b>	Sgt. Story & PC Deeble (until 8.14) 1 Member of the Public (until 8.01)

### 95/17 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Mayor announced the very sad news of the death of Ian Pickering, Chair of Aspley Guise Parish Council, which was a complete shock. Some members of the Council will attend the funeral and a card has been sent.

The Mayor attended the Swinton Diamond presentation to Love Woburn Sands.

He attended the RBL meeting regarding Remembrance Sunday, Parish recycling reward information evening, agreed to sign up. Also attended with Cllr Temple MK Highways meeting regarding capital funding.

### 96/17 **Declarations of Interest**

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

### **Public speaking time**

The member of public had reported speeding issue on Bow Brickhill Road to the Police which was dealt with under their report.

### 97/17 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

### 98/17 **Progress Reports** for information.

- a. Clerk

#### **Items I am chasing with MKC**

Pedestrian Refuge – Taylor Wimpey. Could be a Highway Safety Audit problem.

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

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street Reported

Faded yellow lines in Downham Road Reported

Russell Street, High Street, The Leys

Various Street Lights

#### **Information**

1. New Maps have been installed.
2. Letter received about upkeep of St. Michaels cemetery, replied expressing our thoughts and met with Geoff Cooper to give letter and he will reply in full.
3. Reported an untaxed car in Downham Road.
4. The lease for the car park to rear of 2 Station Road. This has now been signed.
5. Enquired when shed will be removed from front of Methodist Chapel & explained reasons, it will be in November.
6. Reported to Planning Enforcement to confirm if planning permission is required for Name Sign at 5/7 Station Road. Not heard to date.
7. Shaun Greg has agreed to assess outdoor signs and goods in the High Street.
8. Completed VAT reimbursement application.
9. Opened Summerlin Centre at 10.30 am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September as Caretaker away.

- 10 BT contracts have been renewed all at a higher cost than previous after a lot of hard fighting with them, had a broadband issue and a new router had to be sent to the Summerlin Centre. I then argued the cost of postage of this as was not quoted this and told the router was free. A £10.50 credit note has been received.
11. Meeting with Santander Team Leader who will assess viability of tidying up grass area in front of Bungalows in Chapel Street on 6<sup>th</sup> October.
- 12 Had to sort out Public WC which would not open, found coin box overflowing, had to empty and put money in safe, reported to Danfo.
- 13 Mike is in the process of re-painting the Milestone.

**b. Halls and Library**

The Clerk read out a letter requesting installing a cupboard in the Hallway of the Summerlin Centre from MK Gems, with cupboard details, they will install and it was agreed the preference of the brown wood. The Clerk will also make the Caretaker to check the installation for safety reasons, and to request them to sign that if any injury occurs during the installation the Town Council will not be responsible. Also if the hirer ceases with the booking the cupboard is to stay.

Agreed to hold a meeting to discuss budgets and risk assessments on 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

**c. Environment**

Cllr Temple reported on the Highway meeting and works on Station Road.

Agreed to hold meeting to discuss budgets on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 4.30pm

**d. Police and Policing**

PC Deeble had circulated last month's crime figures, was asked if liaising with Central Beds. Sgt. Story has been speaking to her counterpart at Central Beds but they have no resources to attend meetings making cross boundary issues difficult. Cllr Cowmeadow informed her that it was difficult to pass on relative information, in that both forces did not recognise some information circulated, co-ordination required on whom to contact.

Sgt. Story then informed everyone that the Police will be attending Remembrance Sunday and look after the road closure. Unfortunately this will be the last year and volunteers will have to be found and trained the Clerk will have to liaise with Central Beds regarding road that are in that County. The Clerk expressed her strong reservations for volunteers to physically stop all traffic on the mini roundabout to allow the parade to pass.

Speeding on Bow Brickhill Road was discussed and informed that policing roads can only be carried out when officers are available.

She informed Members that MKC can train volunteers up to create a Community Speed Watch and loan of equipment is available. Nigel Spencer was the officer to contact.

Question regarding overnight fishing was also raised.

The Chairman thanked the Police for their attendance.

**e. Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton reported that the Apple pressing day was very successful and will be held again on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**f. Fulbrook School**

Meeting to be held 11<sup>th</sup> October. Query was raised about new boundary fence making it difficult to cut in between this and original fence backing on to houses.

**g. Market**

Next Market to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December had quite agreed to suggest a letter to shopkeepers might be a good idea if the market is to be held on Saturdays in 2018.

**i. Christmas Fayre**

Cllr. Farrant had circulated the minutes and still happy to receive suggestions for hamper receivers.

**j. Music Festival**

Cllr. Brooke informed members there would be a working group meeting later in the month.

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

Cllr Hopkins reported that the school crossing footbridge may not be constructed.

99/17 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Report had been circulated with information regarding MK:plan changes proposing additional housing between Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill. Agreed to attend council meeting register to speak and contact OH properties.

The Royal visit and Planning charter was also mentioned.

100/17 **Planning**

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

17/02542/TCA Intention to remove as close to ground as possible 1 goat willow T1 at:

**5a Hardwick Place** Mr & Mrs Glover

*No objection.*

17/0181/FUL (amended) Change of use from A1 to A3 at:

**31 High Street** Mr S Plowman

*No objection but request condition of no change from applied opening times, Prince of Wales Feathers remain, and no take-away in future. Parking queried.*

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

*Request Conservation officer approval of internal lighting to signage and the hanging sign to be no bigger than sign at present.*

17/02411/FUL Proposed single storey front and rear extensions, garage conversion and loft conversion including front dormer and rear rooflights.at:

**1 Plysu Way** Mr J. Darcy.

*No Comment except any neighbours comments should be taken into consideration.*

17/02395/OUT Outline application for the change of use from open air storage / car wash (use class B8 / sui generis) to B1 / B8 use, including office, light industrial and / or storage and distribution with the erection of commercial units and associated parking (all matters reserved) at:

**Land south of railway land, Station Road** Watermill Group

*Object Large buildings an eyesore, Access close to level crossing dangerous for larger vehicles, prejudices the necessary railway footbridge, against Neighbourhood Plan WS2 & WS15, access requires widening.*

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.*

17/02634/FUL Single storey front & side extension at:

**2 Spring Grove** Mr & Mrs Curtis

*No Comment as long as sufficient off road parking.*

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

1 Deethe Close Permitted

17 Bow Brickhill Road Permitted

60 Station Road Permitted

1 Pine Grove Permitted

Notification of Appeal against refusal for change of use from an off-license to take away at 1 Station Road. Domino's.

The Council will forward the speeches which were given at Development Control Meeting to the Inspectorate.

- c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates including S.106 funds.**  
Parklands meeting to be held 19<sup>th</sup> October, will query access from Garage Area.  
Greens, directional sign required to direct traffic for Club Lane residents from Russell Street  
S.106 Cllr. Jeffreys reported on meeting with S.106 officers and the Clerk and obtained information regarding funds from both developments, Asplands medical centre, St. Michael's, the allotment society have all been alerted. Funds also available for Highways, a meeting with officers to be arranged, Library contribution and playing fields contribution could be used for the Old Fire Station, and further funds could be available if needed for Footpath No. 2.
- d. **F.O. Parklands and WS Anglian Club**  
 Ongoing

**101/17 Car Parking Lease rear 2 Station Road**

Letters will be given to shop keepers enquiring if they would be interested in parking their vehicles if using the shoppers car park. Permits will be arranged. Final copy of lease to be received.

**102/17 Station Adoption**

Cllr. Jeffreys reported that this group is now up and running with a constitution, in discussions with Frosts to enquire about sponsoring, some set up money will be available.

**103/17 To Agree Date to Meet LWS Trustees**

23<sup>rd</sup> October am and 30<sup>th</sup> October pm were suggested as possible dates for meeting.

**104/17 Mayor Charity**

Some lengthy discussion took place but no final decision made as Woburn Sands is a small town and mainly the same people support the different charities and fund raising events already in Woburn Sands. Will be discussed another time.

**105/17 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Nil

**106/17 Finance**

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. Date of meeting to consider grants and budgets 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm

**107/17 Correspondence for information**

- a. BBRUA latest newsletter received and tabled with information about Christmas services and Christmas specials.
- b. Invitation to attend Armistice Day at Campbell Park on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

**108/17 Communications**

Cllr. Rae to updated members on some changes to the web site, user numbers fallen slightly last month. Notices on gate and maps have been installed all with website address. Notice Boards will be considered soon, mentioned Cllrs put some thought to solar panel lit notice boards so can be read at night.

**109/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Clerk reminded everyone that Remembrance Sunday service and parade will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November and to meet in Church at 9.30am

**110/17 Date of the next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November2017**

Meeting closed 9.35 pm