

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors C. Cowmeadow (in the chair)
P. Farrant, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins (until 7.44)
Dr. J. Rae, P. Skelton
Clerk: Mrs L. Stapleton
Apologies: Cllrs. G. Bunker & K Temple

106/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Chairman thanked all who attended the Remembrance Service and mentioned the high turnout of people. He also informed members that he had accepted an invitation to open a Speed Networking event at The Swan on 22nd November.

107/16 **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

108/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

109/16 **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

13 Maple Grove, extension of garden into MKC land **Legal & Property**
Not going to be taken any further. Clerk requested to inform Weston Power and Anglian Water.

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge No news and cannot inform us of the person that Taylor Wimpey have been speaking to at Network Rail.

This is now being dealt with at the Parklands meeting with representatives from all parties.

Car Park

Have talked to Connelly Homes and are assured the car park will be two way by end of month. The height barrier will be removed for the Farye.

One resident in Vicarage Street is not happy with two way system and requested information. The Clerk and given them as much information as possible.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street

Planned works

Illegal parking top of Downham Road

Reported

Low kerb outside Co-Op drain, floods pavement

Completed

Ferns growing over Hardwick Road

Information

Tree officer site inspection land to rear of 2 Station Road

No News

This will now be taken off as will be surveyed when planning application commence.

Parking rear of 2 Station Road

Solicitor has been instructed

MK50 years

The Clerk had received the criteria to be included in the official program for a heritage walk and music festival.

b. **Halls**

Cllr. Geddes reported that Aspley Guise Parish Council have now agreed to give a donation towards the running costs of the Library.

He also suggested that an inspection of the Old Fire Station might be of interest to members.

c. **Environment**

Cllr. Geddes reported on the Environment meeting where budgets were discussed. Some extra money had been budgeted in case any services handed over to the Council from MKC for some form of management.

d. **Police and Policing**

The Clerk thought the Police did an excellent job of the road closure for Remembrance Sunday. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Cllr. Skelton also reported that the Oak Tree had been planted on Mowbray Green.

e. **Edgewick Farm**

Cllr. Skelton reported that low winter maintenance was now in progress.

f. **Fulbrook School/Swallowfield School**

Cllr. Cowmeadow reported that Fulbrook School was waiting an OFSTED inspection.

Swallowfield

Cllr Temple had reported to the Clerk that he has been appointed governor and has attended 2 meetings, the school was interested in taking part in the MK50 celebrations next year.

g. **Market**

Next market on 11th December.

h. **Christmas Fayre**

Cllr Farrant had circulated a report, this year the Band will be located at the top of Vicarage Street.

i. **East West Rail**

Cllr. Hopkins had circulated a detailed report but confirmed the Government's commitment to deliver the East West Rail at the earliest opportunity, with overwhelming support from public and businesses.

110/16 Unitary Council Report

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

Mentioning that the Site Allocations Plan is underway to be completed by 2020.

Also a resident had wrote requesting an update on Station Road downgrade, this was only received today, Cllr. Hopkins had forwarded onto MKC.

111/16 Planning

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

16/02958/FUL

Change of use from mixed use café and residential (use classes A3 and C3) to mixed use food takeaway and residential (us classes A5 and C3) including relocation of existing flue.at:

37 High Street

Mrs Ethker

Object to take-away proposed times. No objection to Flue relocation as long as it can not be seen from High Street. Object to shop frontage.

16/03014/TCA Notification of intention to fell 1 x conifer (T1), pollard to previous points 1 x sycamore (T2) and trim by 3 mtrs 1 x Yew hedge (T3) at:
29 Station Road **Mr Edmonds**
No Comment

16/02555/FUL Notification for prior approval for a change of use from shop (use classA1) to café use (class A3) at:
66 Station Road **Stripes Bikes**
No objection

16/02497/FUL Demolition of bungalow & construction of 2 x 3 bed detached bungalows (resubmission16/00075/FUL) at:
55 Vandyke Close
Certain conditions should be placed regarding parking and reinstating of driveways and footways if permitted.

16/02727/FUL Single storey side extension at:
13 Russell Street **Mr J. Wilson**
No objection

16/02981/FUL Loft conversion with flat roofed rear dormer window, front velux window and alterations to the front first floor window at:
13 Russell Street **Mr J. Wilson**
Object, no off street parking.

Notification from Central Beds

45 Station Road

Part 2 storey and part single storey rear extension and additional single storey rear extension. Object due to lack of parking space on a busy road, and could become a separate dwelling.

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

41 The Leys	Permitted
25 – 27 High Street Signs)	Permitted
12 Blackthorn Grove	Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**

d. **F.O. Parklands** Cllr Skelton report circulated of meeting.
Issues are now being dealt with, and a further meeting has been arranged

112/16 St Michaels Tree Festival

Invitation to enter a Christmas Tree for festival on 7th December to Sunday 11th December. Agreed to enter, Cllrs Bunker and Mrs Jeffreys will collect the tree on 7th December and Cllrs. Farrant and Mrs Jeffreys to dismantle on 11th December.

113/16 Workshop on Open Space Assessment

Cllr. Skelton attended and has circulated his report. It was agreed to offer any assistance required at MKC. regarding open spaces in Woburn Sands which are currently not on the map.

114/16 Danesborough Meeting

Cllr. Hopkins circulated report of meeting held 31st October. Main point of discussion of funding cuts at MKC, Public Realm being the worst affected, it is now under discussion on passing the contracts for street cleansing and landscaping over to the Parish Councils; having a huge financial impact on parishes. A possible start for this would be 2018/19.

115/16 Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation & Constitution

After several comments made by Parishes an amended survey has been sent for completion.
The survey will be returned.

116/16 Tree works in shoppers car park.

It was agreed to contact the landlord with the view of removing the tree, quotations had been sought and agreed. To do this work before the Spring. The landlord will be asked if he would be happy to share the cost.

117/16 Recycling Scheme

Woburn Sands have now signed up to increase amount of food recycling during December and January. This will be publicised at the Christmas Market.

118/16 2017 Music Festival

To be put on the next agenda.

119/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

None

120/16 Finance

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. HMRC have accepted appeal of charges £200 which will be refunded.

121/16 Correspondence for information

- a. Vauxhall Fishing Club. Notified us that fence has been installed around lake to stop people accessing the lake due to people leaving litter and allowing dogs off the lead.
- b. Notification of Chris Beales (parish Vicar) will retire at end of year.

122/16 Communications

Cllrs. Rae updated members that more work had been done to the web site.
Notice Boards will be discussed after Christmas.

123/16 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

1. Cllr. Skelton reported that he had not received any further information regarding Sandy Lane.
2. Notice Boards and Town Map.

124/16 Date of next meeting – 12th December 2016

Meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.