

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present	Councillors	C. Cowmeadow (in the chair) G. Bunker, P. Farrant, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins J. Jeffreys Dr. J. Rae, P. Skelton, K Temple
	Clerk:	Mrs L. Stapleton
	Apologies:	None
Also Present		Cllr. Victoria Hopkins (until 8.30pm) 1 member of the public (until 7.48pm)

125/16 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members that he opened a Speed Networking event at The Swan on 22nd November, and attended the Woburn Sands Band Concert on 10th December.

126/16 **Declarations of Interest**

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. Personal interests: Cllr. Rae declared an interest in the planning application 3 Theydon Avenue due to being a neighbour, and took no part in the discussion.
- c. Pecuniary interests: None Declared

The Chairman closed the meeting for public speaking time.

A resident circulated information from the National Health & Care Excellence Guidelines on Air Quality, which she thought was useful regarding the traffic on Station Road, also enquired if any further information had been received regarding the downgrading and HGV restriction.

These points will be considered and no further news received.

The Chairman reconvened the Meeting. (7.48)

127/16 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

128/16 **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**
Anglian Water & Western Power would do any works necessary if vegetation became a problem, MKC as land owner need to enforce illegal extension.

Issues

Pedestrian Refuge Update that Taylor Wimpey will be handing this work out to a contractor who would then send out to Network Rail comments.

Car Park

Shoppers Car Park car park have had signs removed at Vicarage Street and although currently still two way it is imminent that will become 2 way in and out at Russell Street.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Faded Disabled parking bay lines High Street
Illegal parking top of Downham Road
Ferns growing over Hardwick Road
Broken bollards in High Street
Faded yellow lines in Downham Road
Illegal parking in disabled bay on High Street

Planned works

Information

Parking rear of 2 Station Road Draft lease received, to be checked by the Chairman.
Tree works in shoppers car park will commence 21st January.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Town Council entered a Christmas Tree and thanked Cllrs. Bunker, Jeffreys and Farrant for their help.

b. Halls

Cllr. Geddes reported that some Councillors had been to view the Old Fire Station and were impressed with the refurbishment; the work that the Caretaker carried out was appreciated and was thanked for his hard work.

It was agreed that fencing works should be a priority.

Library

Cllr. Cowmeadow will attend the Library Volunteers festive get together on 15th December at the Library.

Agreed to arrange a date for next quarterly meeting with MKC.

c. Environment

Pot holes on Station Road to be reported.

Outside tables at café on the High Street to be reported again.

d. Police and Policing

Cllr. Temple reported that there was police presence at the Christmas Fayre.

e. Edgewick Farm

Nil to report.

f. Fulbrook School/Swallowfield School

Cllr. Cowmeadow reported that there had been an OFSTED inspection which had good feedback and waiting official report.

Swallowfield

Cllr Temple reported that there will be a full governors meeting on 19th January.

Cllr Jeffreys asked if he could enquire what the S.106 money had been used for and plans for future expenditure.

g. Market

Cllr. Farrant reported that the Market on 11th December was well attended with good stalls. The Clerk and Cllr. Rae had a stall with recycling information and food caddies to hand out.

h. Christmas Fayre

Cllr Farrant reported that the Fayre was heavily attended and are considering giving food boxes to the elderly next year.

i. East West Rail

Cllr. Hopkins had circulated a detailed report and the consultation process for next phase.

129/16 Unitary Council Report

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

Reporting that the outline planning application for Wavendon Properties had been refused, MKC budget and preferred option for East-West Expressway, which follows the East West rail route through Milton Keynes, Cllr Hopkins will send out more details on how this will affect Woburn Sands when known. MK50 programme and briefing sessions on Plan:MK.

130/16 Planning

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

16/034428/TCA

Notification to fell 1 conifer at:

42 Weathercock Lane

Mr A Tomlin

No Comment

16/03292/FUL

Remodelling of existing attached garage to side elevation and the construction of a ground floor WC and shower room to the side, and partly within the garage.at:

61 Elm Grove

P. Jamieson

No objection as long as sufficient off street car parking.

16/02497/FUL

Demolition of bungalow and construction of 2 x 3 bed detached bungalows (resubmission of 16/00075/FUL) at:

55 Vandyke Close

Mr I Quest

Concern if permitted and requested conditions to be placed regarding highways, footpaths and shared driveway.

16/03205/FUL

Insertion of 4 rooflights on rear elevation as a result of internal alterations (retrospective) at:

7 Sandy Court

Mr D. Twigden

No comment

16/03430/FUL

Erection of 1 x one bed detached bungalow (resubmission 15/02821/FUL) at:

28 Vandyke Close

Mr T. McEvaddy

Object as dwelling will be in front of existing line of build Nos. 30 – 36 and obstruct sight lines around corner.

16/03432/FUL

Proposed part single and part 2 storey rear extension at:

3 Theydon Avenue

Mr & Mrs Conaty

Object as will have an impact on the rear of No. 1 and a significant impact on the small dwelling at number 5 due to different ground levels.

16/03375/FUL

Proposed single storey rear extension at:

36 Greensand View

Mr M Solven

No objection

(Central Beds)

CB/16/04302/FULL

75-77 Station Road

Erection of one 4 bed family home.

Object on grounds of safety for accessing Station Road and pedestrian safety.

Inadequate parking spaces allowing no turning room.

16/03437/FUL Change of use from off licence (Use A1) to a hot food takeaway (Class A5) installation of new extraction/ventilation equipment and external alterations at:
1 Station Road **DPSK Ltd.**
Object on grounds of no parking on a busy junction, location of extraction fan as next to residential dwelling drive

16/03485/FUL Construction of garage to accommodate vintage buses at:
18 Russell Street **Mr B. Weatherhead**
No objection

b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
73 High Street Refused

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates**

Parklands

Meeting had taken place with managers who have carried out a lot of work since the last meeting, working to bring the highways up to standard ready for adoption, the target date end of April. Dog bin has been installed and bridge resurfaced.

Greens

The Clerk will query when the landscaping is to take place as the best time for planting is up to the end of January.

The Clerk will request a meeting to consider the draft management agreement for the community room and to discuss what the room will be used for and furnishing.

d. **F.O. Parklands** As above

131/16 Milton Keynes Licensing Team

Notification of an application from 37 High Street, (Kebab shop) to apply for a take away license from 11pm to 12 midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Agreed to object to this and a letter will be sent to licencing.

132/16 Recycling Scheme

Woburn Sands has signed up. £5,000 for the Parish who increases food waste the most. Wrapped vehicle attended Market.

Cllr. Farrant is trying to organise the collection of green bins from the flats in Parklands.

133/16 MK Public Transport Group Meeting

Cllr. Mrs Jeffreys to reported on meeting held 17th November. As there are a number of these sub-committee groups it is being considered just having one.

There is also the possibility that the 300 bus service will be cut back in April as the funding from Taylor Wimpey has come to an end.

134/16 2017 Music Festival

Cllr. Bunker confirmed the event will be held 15th July in the Recreation Ground, there has been a new logo designed and a new facebook account opened.

Dates for the heritage Walks are still to be confirmed by Paul Cox and both of these events will be part of the MK 50 celebrations.

135/16 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

None

136/16 Finance

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. Cllr. Cowmeadow reported on meeting held on 6th December. Budgets had been set and will be approved at the January meeting.

Applications for grants were discussed and Members resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

3 Parishes £450, St. Michaels £250, 3 Parishes Fuel Charity £100, Evergreens £100
WS Community Market £200, Parent & Toddlers £200, George Wells Charity £200,
A.G & W.S. Scouts £100, Swallowfield School £100.

Funded by powers 1972.S.145

Grants to WS Band £300 and Trefoil Ringers £100 were approved

Staff Salaries 2017/18

Members resolved the following increases to staff salaries taking effect from 1st April 2017
Clerk 2% , Clerical Assistant 30p per hour, Caretaker 50p per hour and an increase of 2 hours per week.

137/16 Correspondence for information

- a. BBRUA Latest newsletter received.

138/16 Communications

Cllrs. Rae reported that the web site is continually being updated, and a counter might be beneficial, the Clerk to contact Vision ICT to enquire about this.

The Clerk had got 2 quotations for the new Town Map signs and quotation for noticeboards.
Agreed to claim for the Maps out of S.106 funds.

139/16 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Farrant suggested at some time in the future that Volunteer Culture should be discussed.

Date of next meeting will be held on 9th January 2017

Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.