

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors: Cllr K Temple (in the chair)
G. Brooke, C. Cowmeadow, P Farrant, M. Geddes, D. Hopkins
J. Jeffreys, J. Rae, P Skelton

Clerk : Mrs L Stapleton

Apologies: None

Also Present Mike Smith and 7 members of the public

141/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr Temple had accepted a cheque from the Co-Op Community fund which was for Woburn Sands Community £250 and attended MK Mayor Carol Service.

142/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

143/19 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 and signed as a true record.

Meeting closed for public speaking time

Representatives from Fulbrook School went through the details of the consultation to extend the age of students up to 16yrs. The Clerk said that she had sent a letter of support as discussed at last meeting, Cllr Hopkins also stated that he had sent a letter of support. School Transport was discussed and it was reported that there was lack of communication between Central Beds and Milton Keynes Councils regarding school transport. Cllr. Hopkins clarified the situation and who to contact at MKC.

A representative from the Woburn Sands Gymnastics also said that they use Fulbrook School. A resident from Woburn Sands Beds informing the Council that Cedars School will be looking at catchment areas which could impact Woburn Sands.

Illegal parking at the top of Downham Road and a request to extend the double yellow lines was discussed.

Meeting re-convened & 8.00pm

144/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

- Arrange date and removal for Column Christmas Lighting with Forde & McHugh
- Attended Library Volunteer thank you evening Saturday 22nd December
- Prepared figures for Papers for Finance Budget Meeting
- For the past 12 months have been in dispute with Apogee invoices, and has taken much persuasive communication and meetings. January saw the end of this, and credits have been issued.
- Met with Jason regarding grounds maintenance contract. Happy to increase work load.
- Contacted Thornes Housing Ass. Regarding Greens Community Room. Still insufficient residents to set up the Committee, will notify us when things change.
- Meeting will be arranged after Taylor Wimpey meeting regarding the Sports Hall in February.
- 2nd January – 5th January was taken up with investigating how to repair water leak to Library. Now completed, but Milton Keynes Council have incurred high water bill. Have contacted Insurance Company but cannot make a claim as no damage to hall, and informed no insurance companies cover these types of repairs.
- Submitted planning application for tree works on the Memorial Green. Returned as map did not comply. Paid for correct map to be printed, if this is acknowledged I will then submit works on Mowbray Green.

- On 8th January Anglian Water approved the works to the Fire Station. Works will commence imminently.
- Reported car parking in Fire Station car park.

Items I am chasing

Parking signs for High Street which were removed by MKC due to damage.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

Chasing the hole in the path outside flower shop

White lining Station Road from Summerlin Drive to traffic light pedestrian crossing

Island bollards outside The Weathercock Inn have now been repaired

b. Halls and Library

The building contract for the extension to the Fire Station awarded to Jet Construction had been checked by Cllr. Geddes and Cllr. Farrant and duly signed by Cllr Geddes to be sent to the Contractors for signature.

Mike Smith tabled an idea for the sports hall to be built next to The Old Fire Station which would then have parking and to be next to The Recreation Ground.

Cllrs saw some merit in this idea and Cllr Geddes asked the Clerk to try to bring the meeting with the developers forward to enquire if they would be interested in this proposal.

The Clerk was thanked for sorting the water leak out quickly.

c. Environment

It was agreed to have an Environment meeting on 29 January at 4pm to discuss landscaping arrangements.

d. Police and Policing

Cllr Temple had recently asked the Clerk to request how many times the wardens have been out in the past six months and tickets issued. Nothing received to date.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr Skelton requested the Clerk to enquire about the S.106 application.

f. Fulbrook School

This had been discussed in public speaking. Fulbrook consultation closes 21 January.

g. Market

The Christmas Market all going to plan, the next market will be held 9 February.

It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Lynne Roberts for all her help.

i. Christmas Fayre

On going

j. Summer Festival 2018

Cllr Brooke reported that 4 more people had joined the working group, and that the original sound engineer is now not able to carry out the work.

The PA system was discussed and possible funding. It was also mentioned that Remembrance Sunday will need a PA system and some investigations will be made.

k. Communications

Quotes are being sought for new notice boards at the top of Chapel Street.

l. Love Woburn Sands

Cllr Brooke reported that Stef Muzz has now left and a new booking Clerk had been appointed, for the Community Taxi.

m. East/West Rail/Network Rail

Public Notices regarding the Inquiry have been posted. No date regarding the day when the School Crossing will be discussed.

145/19 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a reported which included the Expressway timetable, East West Rail timeline, and Plan:MK.

Two workshops regarding Plan:MK being held on 16th & 17th January will be attended by various Councillors on certain days.

Update on the 5 Year Housing Land Supply position was also circulated.

146/19 **Planning**

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

18/03016/FUL Single storey side extension, adaption of existing front pathway/planter and new side boundary fence at:

33 Chapel Street Mr & Mrs Hartley
No Comment

18/03076/FUL Single storey front extension at:

53 The Leys Mr & Mrs Jenner
No Comment

Notification of Appeal

18/01800/OUT Outline permission for the demolition of existing residential dwelling and the erection of up to 3 dwellings with access, turning, parking and other associated works at:

73 Newport Road

(this is in Wavendon Parish but we did object to overdevelopment of the site)

No Comment, original letter will automatically be submitted.

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

Frosts Garden Centre Permitted

46 Russell Street Permitted

The Old Fire Station (amended plans) Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates (Greens Community Room)**

Query on the Fishing Club, which should be completed by April.

Housing Ass. for Greens have confirmed still not enough residents to form a committee for the Community Room

d. **F.O. Parklands** This group is now not meeting

Cllr Jeffreys has resigned from the Public Transport Group, and informed members that she would like a letter to be sent to the Cabinet Member for transport at Milton Keynes Council regarding the signage for the Park & Ride Service.

This was agreed.

147/19 **Speeding Traffic** *(details previously circulated)*

Cllr Hopkins informed Members that there had been 2 areas suggested for 20 mph speed limit, Parklands and Hardwick Road.

Extending yellow lines was requested in Public Speaking time, which Cllr Hopkins will take forward. The Clerk requested information about yellow lining in general as in the past could not be done until a full review of Woburn Sands was carried out.

148/19 **Public Convenience**

Agree to consult the Business Association regarding the closing of the public WC due to high costs and information in newsletter with associated costs.

149/19 **Parking**

Letters have been circulated regarding further parking 3 have expressed an interest.

150/19 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

To research suitable companies to detect and repair water leak from water meter to Library. Anglian Water issued a 30 day notice to have this work carried out.

Purchased for appropriate maps for tree planning application to enable application to proceed.

151/19 **Finance**

Cllr Cowmeadow reported on meeting held 11 January.

a. Grants

It was **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:

Grants	The Woburn Sands Band	£240	Instruments
	Sands Singers	£160	Music

b. Staff Salaries

It was **RESOLVED** that the following increases to staff salaries commencing 1st April 2019

Clerk: 2% increase from £25,659.12 to £26,172.30

Clerical Assistant 20p per hour increase from £8.80 to £9

Caretaker 50p increase from £8.50 to £9

c. **Precept for 2019 – 20**

The final budget circulated, with a final precept of £122,415.00 increase of 5.16% from the current year.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve £122,415.00 precept 2019 – 20.

d. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.

152/19 **Correspondence for information**

- Resident requesting permission to place a skip in a car parking space in the shoppers car park during work to her house in Club Lane was approved but must only take 1 space.
- Consultation on draft Statement of Community Involvement was tabled.

153/19 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Cllr Rae queried if there was any news on the Zebra Crossing Beacons.

154/19 **Date of the next meeting will be held on 11 February 2019**

Meeting closed at 9.13pm