

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30p.m.

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

64/18 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr Temple had opened the Woburn Sands Summer Fayre on 27th August and presented Garden Competition winners with their prizes and also presented Burlington Hall prize on 6th September.

65/18 **Declarations of Interest**

None

Meeting closed for Public Speaking

A member of the public wanted an update on the HGV restriction and it's signage as many Lorries were continuing to use High Street/Station Road.

Cllrs mentioned that the M1 had been closed a couple of times and probably not all Sat Nav's have not been updated.

After lengthy discussion the member of public offered to do a traffic survey, which was appreciated but informed that training would have to be taken in the first instance.

A second member of public raised questions regarding the proposed development off Asplands Close.

Most of the finer details were not known as only an outline application had been approved and would have to wait for a full application to be submitted for detailed plans.

Meeting reconvened 7.55pm

66/18 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018 and signed as a true record.

67/18 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

- 1.. Organised Garden Competition route for Cllr Farrant
Organised trophies for winners, took vase to New Bradwell for engraving and collected in a couple of days
Made the certificates for the winners.
Attended Burlington Hall for their presentation 6th September.
2. Spoke to developers of the land off Asplands Close regarding the clearing (part of their environmental survey, and notified MKC).
3. More work on new website forwarded to Cllrs to agree when to go live. (agenda Communications)
4. Contacted Central Beds regarding road closure for Remembrance Sunday and has approval.
5. Training for new website will be on 27th September for the day, booked accommodation.
6. Telephoned various electric companies to arrange renewal of contract for Fire Station.
7. Sorted flowers with florist for Church Festival.
8. AH gave 12 days notice that the company would be no longer able to clean dog and litter bins. Telephoned 3 companies and Marcus Young Landscapes agreed to carry out this work, I did however, approve to litter pick the shoppers car park once a week whereas AH did it once a month, this was to keep the work load down and looking more respectable most weeks.

9. Requested and attended a site visit to rectify the large hole in the pavement outside the florist. This has now been referred to BT as after dye testing it was established that it was not MKC drain which had collapsed.
10. Sorted some documents out in office closure, but not enough time due to work load.
11. Bought new vacuum cleaner and 2 kitchen bins for halls.

Items I am chasing

Pedestrian Refuge – Taylor Wimpey. Now being dealt with by Highways.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services.

Post with parking restrictions outside Pikesleys been damaged	Reported
Light in Vandyke Close	Reported
Blocked Drain Weathercock Lane	Reported
Pot holes in Theydon Avenue	Reported

b. Halls and Library

Cllr Geddes reported the damp under the stage which seems to be coming in from the outside passageway to office. Guttering contractors have been contacted to ensure all joints have been sealed, otherwise will have to do more investigation.
Reported that Library lights had been left on,

c. Environment

New Contractor has been appointed to empty dog bins and increased the litter pick in the shoppers car park to weekly from monthly.
There was no contract signed but contractors had been extremely helpful and will be reviewed after 6 months in conjunction with MKC Landscape contract.

d. Police and Policing

Cllr. Hopkins contacted Police and looking extremely likely that they will not be able to help with the road closure for remembrance Sunday. Cllr Hopkins suggested a site meeting would be useful and will try to arrange.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr Skelton reported that there was still no news regarding the extension of the boardwalk. Village gateways will be discussed at the next meeting.

f. Fulbrook School

Nil to report

g. Market

Organisers from the market had highlighted that a Liquid Amber tree on memorial Green had some low branches which was making it difficult for gazebos to be put up.
The Clerk explained that it was in a conservation area and will need planning permission, however she was aware that all the trees on the Green should be inspected and there were trees needing cutting back on Mowbray Green, which is also in the Conservation area, she suggested that it would be best to get Steve Dear out to inspect these trees and apply for planning for all the works.
This was agreed and requested the Clerk to organise the inspection.

i. Christmas Fayre

Arrangements were proceeding.

j. Summer Festival 2018

Cllr. Brooke reported that the Festival raised £1,000 which was distributed equally between Willen Hospice and Sports Traider. Plans for next year are in progress.

k. Communications

Cllr Rae reported that work had continued throughout August with the Clerk to progress the upgrading of the WSTC website, including ensuring changes relating to the new General Data Protection Regulations were undertaken. The link to the upgraded website had been circulated to all WSTC Councillors for comment. It was suggested that the appropriate time for the new website to go live was going to be just prior to staff training by Vision ICT on 27th September.

Lengthy discussion took place on issues relating to Social Media, in particular how to focus the WSTC's efforts towards directing members of a range of local Social Media Groups towards reliable, qualified and up to date information on a range of topics. It has become clear to some councillors that rumours that circulate on some local Facebook groups are based on inaccurate information. It was agreed that if any member of the WSTC became aware of a specific inaccuracy circulating on local Social Media Groups they should tell the Clerk. A process should then be agreed with the managers of the WSTC Facebook to publish messages on our Facebook site which direct users to either the WSTC response to a particular topic on its website, or to promote the use of the council's contact form, or to direct concerned individuals towards Milton Keynes Council or other reliable sources of information.

l. Love Woburn Sands

Cllr Brooke reported that there had been lots of changes, and the Community Taxi is almost self financing. She may be appointed on the board of Trustees soon and if so the Town Council should look into replacing her as the Town Council representative.

m. East/West Rail/Network Rail

Network Rail had submitted a LBC planning application to lengthen the platform at Woburn Sands, comments had been sent. Residents have just become aware of the proposal that Network Rail are proposing to close the School Crossing and not building a bridge. Many residents are writing to object.

68/18 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a reported which included information that Wavendon Golf Course will probably close end of October, Plan MK timetable which follows the concluded public enquiry, Home to School transport and Expressway.

69/18 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 18/01863/LBC Listed building consent for platform extension works to Woburn Sands Railway Station with associated fencing and ancillary works at:
WS Railway Station Network Rail Infrastructure
Concerns and requests sent for use of materials to enhance the station and to reinstate all furniture, flower containers which are moved. New Fencing should be uniform to all the station
- 18/02008/FUL Conversion of an existing 3 bed flat into 2 one bed flats on first floor level at:
55 High Street Square Tree Ltd
- 18/01885/FUL Proposed 2 storey side and single storey front extension at:
10 Vandyke Close Mr D Gaunt
Proposed extension is considered overbearing on the size of the plot with particular impact on No. 8, the whole proposal needs scaling back in our view and as it stands the Council objects.
- 18/02122/FUL Car Port conversion to living space to include utility room and living room area at:
14 Kiln Drive Mrs H O'Keefe
- 18/01822/TCA Intention to pollard single lime tree, crown lift to 4 mtrs clearance all round to prevent over heavy re growth.at:
64 Weathercock Lane Mr P Alexander
No objection

18/01141/FUL Amended proposal to single floor extension and renovations to internal and external to former Youth Club, improvement to drainage to outside areas at:
The Old Fire Station Woburn Sands Town Council

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

6 Wilkie Court	Permitted
1 Theydon Avenue	Permitted
75 Elm Grove	Permitted
64 Weathercock Lane	Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens**

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates (Greens Community Room) meeting 5th July**

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

Meeting had taken place with Phil Snell, Serco and Chair of the Angling Club and informed that the lease is almost finished which will come into force April 2019

e. **East West Rail**

Objection sent regarding the application for an order under the Transport & Works Act regarding the closure of the school crossing into the Recreation Ground.

70/18 **Traffic Calming Aspley Guise**

Aspley Guise Parish Council commented that residents had raised objections and scheme has been suspended until a public meeting takes place.

71/18 **Tenders for Extension of The Old Fire Station**

Cllr. Geddes to opened Sealed Tenders received by the Clerk.

Two tenders received from 5 sent out.

It was RESOLVED to accept the cheapest tender subject to thorough read through of all the details sent, confirming all information has been provided.

This will be confirmed at the next meeting.

72/18 **S.106 & Future Objectives of Woburn Sands.**

10 objectives were circulated to all Councillors, with one change made.

Copies of responses the Clerk has received was circulated all Councillors.

All valid points except the request of a swimming pool. This would not be financially viable.

Cllr. Geddes agreed to respond in the next newsletter linking to the 10 objectives.

73/18 **Development Framework**

Discussion took place on how the best way forward, it was thought that employing own contractor would be best, but more viable if Wavendon and Bow Brickhill Parish Councils be included in contract. Both of these Councils have not had a meeting since July, so no further news was received

74/18 **Remembrance Sunday**

RBL invite Cllrs to a meeting on 27 September 7.30 in Memorial Hall. Agreed that Cllr. Temple be asked to attend.

Clerk in process of applying for road closure.

Applied to Central Beds for a rolling road closure. Approved.

Will need details of traffic management for closure to send to MKC, along with Risk Assessment from the British Legion

Volunteers will need to help with road closure.

AHPC enquired if the Town Council might like to contribute to an aluminium Tommy.

There was some concern regarding a safe place to install it and agreed that as St. Michaels would have one in the Church not to proceed.

It was agreed that the Council should be seen to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary in some way and residents would expect this.

Cllr Farrant informed the Council of some solid statues he had seen, agreed that this could be placed on the Library wall and Cllr Farrant agreed to make further details.

The Clerk also reminded Councillors about the information of a plaque she had circulated, it was requested that she forward these details again. It was agreed to purchase one or both of these choices.

The Clerk also mentioned that perhaps some form of music be used to recognise this event. This was also agreed subject to the agreement from the Woburn Sands Band and The British Legion. The Clerk will make enquiries.

- 75/18 **Social Prescribing**
Request to use small room at Library when “Social Prescribing” project is up and running for one morning a week.
This was agreed subject to arrangements made with the Librarian.
- 76/18 **New Community Infrastructure Fund from April 2019**
Existing Parish Grant programme is now closed and replaced by Community Infrastructure Fund.
Clerk mentioned that the application form seemed very complicated and would need time to investigate if the Council would be able to apply for anything.
- 77/18 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**
Replacement Vacuum Cleaner for the Memorial Hall
- 78/18 **Finance**
a. It was RESOLVED to authorise payments circulated.
- 79/18 **Correspondence for information**
a. Invitation to St Michaels 150th Anniversary celebration Service 30th September. Replies sent.
b. Latest newsletter from BBRUA
New trains will be introduced at the next timetable change.
c. Invitation to attend NPPF presentation on 30th October.
d. Resident reported the goal posts were rusty and needed painting. Agreed to request Milton Keynes Council to inspect to ensure they were safe.
e. Letter from Aspley Court inviting members to a Macmillan coffee morning Friday September 21st. Members would try their best.
- 80/18 **Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda**
Cllr. Rae thanked the Clerk for her work during the Summer break on the new website.
- 81/18 **Date of the next meeting will be held on 8 October 2018**

Meeting closed at 9.41pm