

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30p.m.

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

191/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr Temple announced he had participated on a Woburn Walk (Woburn Sands people) and a coffee morning in the Methodist, and attended The Woburn Sands Band Concert at the Stables.

192/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

193/19 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 and signed as a true record.

194/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

- 1.. Sports Hall meeting with Cllrs. Geddes and Taylor Wimpey 1 April
2. Chasing customers for late payments
- 3.. Arranged PAT testing for all halls except Library
- 4.. Arranged Fire equipment Service for all halls except Library
5. Arranged Gas Boiler service for all halls. Repair needed for Gas Boiler for rear part of Memorial Hall as losing pressure every day.
- 6.. Completed VAT claim up to January 2019
7. Completed end of year forms for Bucks CC Pension and mailed.
- 8 Delivered all nomination forms and waited to be checked (50 minutes) to MKC
9. Met Santander representative regarding tidying garden area in front of bungalows in Chapel Street.
- 10 Met with Steve Dear regarding tree in Recreation Ground

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

Parking signs for High Street which were removed by MKC due to damage. (Cllr Hopkins to chase)

Street lights not working in Parklands

Chasing the post on Mowbray Green Highway verge which is broken

Faded Yellow Lines junction of Bow Brickhill Road and Theydon Avenue

Tree works will commence on Memorial Green 8/9 April.

Tree work in Rec. will commence 19/10 April.

All tree shrub weed spraying in car park is currently in progress.

Getting ready for year end.

Notification of Audit received. 1st July Intermediate.

Lock to the shoppers car park has been cut. Clerk order a new secure lock.

Notice that intermediate Audit has been called on 1st July.

b. Halls and Library

Cllr Geddes reported that a quotation to replace lighting in the small room in the Memorial would be £42 each x 4

It was **RESLOVED** to purchase these lights. Agreed not to go ahead with replacement for 8 lights at the Summerlin until later in year when budgets will be considered.

Mike Smith also suggested to remove stage and fill in the cellar, he thought the cellar would continually be a problem. It was preferred to investigate further.

The Old Fire Station

The Clerk had previously circulated information and price to dry line the extension walls at a cost of £1,785, as wall not suitable to leave as current due to new wiring works etc. This had to be carried out in 2 days as other works were to be installed. All Councillors approved this work as a matter of urgency.

A Quotation had been obtained to widen the access into the Recreation Ground by installing a pair of field gates, a pedestrian gate, to cut back hedge as required, remove steel barrier gate and re-site and install steel railings to infill. £3,800.

A further quotation was received for £4,244

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the first quotation as the entrance through The Old Fire Station would be unsuitable for large lorries used by the fun fair.

Installation of a telephone line for Wi-Fi at The Old Fire Station which would be required for CCTV would cost £150 by BT then £46 per month.

This was thought too high and further monthly charges will be investigated.

c. Environment

A meeting will be held in May.

d. Police and Policing

Cllr Hopkins had circulated information about the Spectre Programme relating to knife crime and MK Snap forums, Cllr Hopkins had requested that this could go around the Danesborough Area.

e. Edgewick Farm

Cllr Skelton reported that the recent quotation received was incorrect specification, a new quotation from Filcrest will be accepted. The Clerk will organise payment and delivery.

f. Fulbrook School

The Business Case has been made to the Regional Commissioner but date of result is not known.

g. Market

Next Market Saturday 13 April

i. Christmas Fayre

Nil to report

j. Summer Festival 2018

Progressing currently trying to sort a plan out regarding collection of litter.

k. Communications

Notice boards have been ordered.

l. Love Woburn Sands

Cllr Temple reported that he is on the Steering Group, with a view to be a Trustee in the future.

He had received a query from Chris Batten about the Town Map. Cllr Geddes informed everyone that at a meeting when this was discussed it was agreed that they should give the Council more information on how this will be used. Chris was in attendance.

m. East/West Rail/Network Rail

Cllr Hopkins reported that waiting for the date of the next meeting, Woodleys Bridge was currently in discussion and The Stables were happy with the arrangement of a Deed of Easement on the new properties in close proximity to the Theatre

195/19 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a detailed reported which included South Caldecote Plan, Community Speed Watch, the problems regarding the contamination of waste from households, notification that MKC has adopted Local Plan. Local roadworks, including the closure of part of Cranfield Road for bridge works. Confirmation, that a 20mph speed limit has been approved for the Parklands Estate.

196/19 Planning

- a. Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications
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| 19/00683/TPO | To reduce a Holly (T9) by 50% shaping and thinning at: |
| 41 Chapel Street | N. Anstee |
| <i>No Objection</i> | |

- 19/00591/FUL Two storey side, single storey rear extensions at:
9 Hardwick Road Mr & Mrs Houghton
Object to first storey addition above garage, would disrupt symmetry of the front profile, and alter the broader street view and closeness to No. 11 Hardwick Road.
- 19/00767/FUL Single-storey front and two storey side extensions at:
25 Tidbury Close Mr & Mrs Cakebread
No Comment
- 19/00605/FUL Stepped footbridge over railway and improvements to alternate, at-grade, crossing route at:
School Crossing Network Rail
Support Bridge
- 19/00590/ADV Advertisement consent for 1800 x 1500 box sign to gable end of the premises (current approval expires June 2019) at:
3 Aspley Hill Nevill Trust Ltd (Neville Funeral Services)
No Comment
- 19/00849/FUL 2 storey extension to existing care home to create 14 additional bedrooms and two lounge/dining areas, along with additional parking spaces at:
Burlington Hall Mr Hanspaul (previous application withdrawn)
Object over development, parking and threat to trees and loss of green open space,
- 19/00784/FUL Part single- and part two-storey rear and side extensions at:
6 Downham Road Mrs Ayres
No Comment
- 19/00786/TCA Intention to fell 2 Cypress (T12 & T13) at:
 22 Station Road Mr H Lewis
Object as rather reduce in size than fell.
- 19/00874/TCA Intention to make changes to trees T1 – T13 at:
Mowbray Green Woburn Sands Town Council

Notification of Appeal 16A Station Road

- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
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| 22 Station Road | Permitted |
| 41 Chapel Street | Permitted |
| 15 The Leys | Permitted |
- c. **Parklands, Greens.**
 Nil to report

197/19 Sports Hall

CLlr Geddes reported that a meeting had taken place and it was confirmed that there will be 9 parking spaces, a further site visit will be held in May to ascertain the possibility to somehow link the Summerlin Centre, but ground levels could be a problem.

There is a very small storage area to the rear of the building

At the following meeting showers, entry locking system, CCTV, chair storage and kitchenette will be discussed, following the public meeting to be held 10 April.

198/19 Public Address System

After further information regarding cost of brackets and budgets, it was proposed to purchase the PA system which is required for community events, especially Remembrance Sunday due to the resident who usually provides a system will no longer be able to do this.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase 1 PA system with 3 WiFi speakers on stands and 3 sets of brackets.
 £3,120.00

199/19 Tree Works Recreation Ground

After inspection it was noted that the Willow tree was not in good health, and during the windy conditions a lot of branches had broken off. The Clerk circulated the findings and as a matter of urgency on the grounds of safety being in a public place agreed to have the tree felled cost £560

200/19 Grounds Maintenance Contract

JLB has submitted a price for extra works of £120 per month an extra £1,440 per year. It was **RESOLVED** to include the extra works from 1st April for one year.

201/19 Danesborough Meeting

Cllr Hopkins reported on meeting held 4 April 2019 which mainly consisted of discussing the implications of the South Caldecote Plan and proposed highway changes. There will be a separate meeting at Bow Brickhill on 11 April 7.30 discussing the whole Local Plan and its implications for surrounding villages. Cllr. Hopkins will attend.

202/19 Spring Clean – Up

A Local resident who is unavailable for the Local Spring Clean weekend has been out and collected litter from Weathercock Lane and some surrounding streets.

Councillors very much appreciated this effort and the Clerk will write to thank him.

203/19 Old Fire Station Car Park

Enquiry made whether parents could use the car park to drop of school children. This was refused as there would be no control and would be detrimental to The Old Fire Station Hirers.

204/19 Dog Show in Recreation Ground

Request to use Recreation Ground for a Charity Dog Show on Sunday 15 September.

The Clerk had raised some questions to which he had replied and had circulated to all Councillors.

It was agreed for this event to go ahead.

205/19 Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.

Felling of tree in Recreation Ground due to safety reasons.

206/19 Town Meeting

The draft agenda had been circulated which was approved. Cllr Temple gave his apologies, it was requested that he prepare a report which will be read out.

207/19 Finance

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.
- b. Budgets up to March 2019 were circulated. No questions raised.
- c. The Clerk requested approval to renew the Data Protection registration by Direct Debit which would be £5 cheaper every year. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be renewed automatically each year by Direct Debit.

208/19 Correspondence for information

- Latest minutes received from the Friends of St Michael's Church have been received and tabled
- A letter from Forde & Mc Hugh informing the Council of a price increase to install and dismantle Christmas decorations, which had not been increased since 2004. from £1,400 to £2,774. Agreed this was a large increase, but if it had gone up regularly it probably would be the same. It was requested a further price from other company be obtained.

209/19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Cowmeadow reported that the Clerk would circulate the Standing Orders for approval at the next meeting, but the finance section would have to be reviewed again when the Finance sub committee have completed their meetings preparing for a staffing plan and future proposals. The proposals will be circulated for discussion by full Council in preparation for the future when completed.

Cllr. Skelton wondered if anything could be arranged for the Heritage Open days, suggesting if Paul Cox might like to o another walk.

Cllr. Temple thought he would organise an end of year at The Old Fire Station in conjunction with the completion of the new extension.

210/19 Date of the next Annual meeting will be held on 13 May 2019

Meeting closed 9.24pm