

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Present Councillors: Cllr Cowmeadow (in the chair)
P Farrant D. Hopkins, J. Jeffreys, Dr J Rae, K Temple

Clerk : Mrs L Stapleton

Apologies Councillors M. Geddes, P. Skelton, G. Brooke

Also present: 2 members of the public

81/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

The Clerk will be away 30,31st and 1st November.

82/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeffreys Greens Hotel/Community Room and subsequent meetings.

Meeting closed for public speaking

2 residents came to inform the Council of the parking problems on Station Road, and requested that parking restriction times be sought, similar to the High Street. It was thought that if this is introduced it would alleviate the problem on the opposite side of the road where cars are parking on the pavement and grass verge. Cllr Hopkins informed them that Phil Jeffs from Milton Keynes Council is coming out to look at the problem. It was agreed that the Town Council would support this request.

Meeting re-convened 7.40pm

83/19 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

84/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

Due to the Clerk being on leave for 2 weeks reported that no action from the last meeting had been implemented but had come back to the issue of the Memorial Hall flooding under stage which was priority.

Implemented web site to comply with the Royal Protocol in the event of a death of a senior Royal, New door, and rear windows will be installed in the Library 20th and 21st November. Arranged for the surveyor Joe Malone to inspect the Library and Memorial Hall damp problems and inspection of under stage problems.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

Parking signs for High Street which were removed (post has now been installed with no sign)
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 **Completed**

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

Chased Anglian Water re Vandyke Close twice.

Street Light not working in Hardwick Road

b. Halls and Library

The Clerk circulated the Halls report.

- Mike Smith attended prior to the meeting regarding the under stage issue.
- Joe Malone inspected Library – all going well, looking at a way to stop the bulk of leaves going into the gridded trench.
- Under stage, Jet had lifted the path, lined underground wall with bitumen and waterproof lining, removed downpipe as drain not going into soakaway and re-laid path. Guttering company will install extra wide guttering from office to Shelton House car park and redirected water into soakaway. Joe Malone indicated that no concerns with the structure under stage except needs re pointing. Will be recommending to block air bricks, install extractor fan and remove divider wall.

If under stage will continue to be used as storage proper lighting will have to be fitted, configure safer way to enter. Mike Smith also suggested to lay flooring same as in the Fire Station (garage flooring)

If not used as storage he suggested removing the stage and use the Summerlin portable stage installing storage.

- Memorial Hall Committee Room, still damp suggesting to remove paint from lower walls, similar to the Library.
- Suggestion from Gardener to carry out work to the lawn will be discussed by Halls Committee.
- Martyn Fryer will be holding a book launch on Friday 8 November in the Library.
- Halls meeting to discuss budgets will be held on 28 October 7pm

c. **Environment**

The Clerk confirmed that the Heritage Walk was a success and will be contacted to run another event next year. Cllr Skelton had circulated an option to run a Geotour next year, this was supported by members. The Clerk will register this when contacted.

Small drain outside The Swan which floods in heavy rain needs to be reported again.

d. **Police and Policing**

Cllr Temple reported that 183 new officers have been recruited.

With the serious concerns voiced by residents on the High Street near 51 High Street and business owners it was agreed to request a meeting with the Police.

e. **Edgewick Farm**

Cllr Skelton had circulated a report noting that a juicing day will not be held this year but apples plentiful and available to anybody for a donation of £1 per carrier bag.

Concerns regarding dog walkers with large numbers of dogs. This will be discussed at the next meeting, and also mentioned in Hogsty.

f. **Fulbrook School**

Meeting to be held 11th September.

g. **Market**

Very successful market, and some stalls were in the Memorial Hall which had a positive response and will use the hall again for the Christmas Market with the craft stalls.

i. **Christmas Fayre**

24 November, Frosts have donated the small trees.

j. **Summer Festival 2019**

Nil to report

k. **Communications**

Nil

l. **Love Woburn Sands**

Trustees have held a meeting the Community Transport is just covering costs. Bench Notices were also discussed and agreed that this was a good idea.

m. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**

Next meeting will be held 29 November.

n. **SEMK**

Next meeting due this week, the main objective from the local villages is that no road touches Bow Brickhill Road or Newport Road.

66/19 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a report mentioning a meeting held on behalf of Marshall Aerospace proposals which would result of an increase of aircraft movement. Notification of response from MKC to the proposed AVP. Meeting in Wavendon regarding the Oxford – MK – Cambridge Expressway was a good presentation and very interesting, putting Woburn Sands in a difficult position with a choice of 3,000 homes or Expressway! Very worrying regarding the contradiction of 2 inspectors regarding MK 5 yr land supply.

67/19 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. **19/02373/FUL** Rear 3 mtr single storey extension. Alterations to the existing dwelling roof to connect to extension roof at:

7 Lime Grove

Mr Derek Andrews

No objection but take any comments from neighbours into account.

19/02436/TCA Notification of intention to replace 2 large leylandi type trees (T1 and T2) at:

15 Hardwick Road

Mr Graham Edwards

Leave to Tree Officer recommendation

19/02513/TCA Consent to work on Hazel tree on grass bank to remove to ground level. Tree or tree roots is pushing boundary wall over. Conifer to be reduced by 2 mtrs. Scots Pine to be reduced by 2 mtrs. in a conservation area at:

25 Station Road Mr Malcolm Whetstone

Leave to Tree Officer recommendation

19/02516/FUL Single storey side extension and replace flat roof with pitched roof over granny annexe at:

1 Maple Grove Mr Cashin

No Objection

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

9 Hardwick Road	Approved
41 Chapel Street	Permitted
61 Cranbrook	Approved
24 Weathercock Lane	No Objection
9 The Leys	No Objection

Notification

Wavendon Properties Inquiry will open at 10 am on Tuesday 14 January.
Any further comments must be received by 23 October.

Local Validation List (*circulated*)

MKC intend to adopt a Local Validation List for submitting planning applications.

Comments are to be received by 2nd December.

No Comment

c. **Parklands, Greens, Updates (if any.)**

Complaints of fishermen damaging kerbs and grass verges when parking to use the adjacent lake. The Clerk will contact Phil Snell and Taylor Wimpey to investigate installing small bollards. Cllr Jeffreys suggested that a letter be sent to the land owner of the lake to discuss the future of this land in light of the SEMK.

Meeting with Greens Management Company will be held 17 October

85/19 **Library Front Windows**

Three quotations have now been received to replace the current front windows replacing like for like in Hardwood. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Planning to ascertain if the Conservation officer would accept wood look-alike PVC frames. This will be discussed further either by halls committee if details obtained or the next meeting.

86/19 **Woburn Sands Angling Club**

The Club has now been registered as a Ltd Company as recommended by Solicitor.

Agreed to fund legal fees regarding the lease.

Parking by future fishermen was questioned, but as there are only 5 fishing points this was not anticipated to be a problem.

87/19 **Parking Station Road**

1. Request for parking restrictions same as High Street 1 hour restriction, 8.00 – 18.00 Monday – Saturday between Cranbrook and the double yellow lines in front of 100 Station Road by owner of general store, which was discussed in Public Speaking time .Agreed by the Council to support this and the Clerk would apply for this with Milton Keynes Council.
2. Request from a resident to request help to stop cars parking on grass verge and pavement either side of driveway of No.69 Station Road.
Cllr Hopkins said MKC Officer was coming out to inspect, the Town Council also agreed that this was dangerous and needs the kerb and verge order, the Clerk thought a resident should obtain a petition with neighbours to start in motion.

The Clerk also pointed out that she had received quite a few calls and comments about the recently installed parking bay in Aspley Hill which is causing disruption and difficulty for a resident accessing his driveway. Agreed to contact Aspley Guise Council and Central Beds.

88/19 **Young Environmentalist**

Cllr Rae had circulated her ideas on instigating this new venture, trying to raise awareness of the environment. This was thought to be an excellent idea and suggested groups could enter ages 4 – 8 and 9 – 13.

Cllr Hopkins suggested that contact should be made with Tony Brown for some advice.

The project and way forward will need to be discussed and agreed, but anticipated that this should be held in May 2021 and be an annual event.

To be discussed again at next meeting.

89/19 **Friends of St. Michaels**

Report on the meeting held on 19 September from Mrs Blackburn it had been agreed not to build a hall to hire but to enhance the Churches facilities and Church events.

90/19 **Play Area Rec.**

It is being reported that the play area is not up to the standard of other play areas, too small and dated.

Cllr Geddes is meeting with a resident on his return I have reported to Phil Snell.

It was agreed that the play area was looking a little tired and agreed to get some advice from MKC.

91/19 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Guttering to Memorial Hall will be installed on 15th October as a matter of urgency as downpipe had been removed.

92/19 **Finance Meeting to be held 25 November 7pm**

a. Financial Regulations need to be considered before meeting.

b. Budgets up to 30 September were circulated, no issues were raised. Clerk did point out that a decision would have to be made regarding the Library windows whether to wait until next financial year or use reserves, and would look at the reserve situation.

c. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.

93/19 **Correspondence for Information**

Remembrance Sunday

Clerk outlined that Councillors should be at Church about 9.30 ready for a 9.45 service. Volunteers for Road Closure had been publicised and one name had been forwards to Cllr Temple. He indicated he could not organise the volunteers as he was doing the Christmas Fayre rota, Clerk needed someone to do it, no one volunteered.

The Clerk is currently talking to Ringway to carry out the Road Closure, not sure if there will be a cost.

Grants

Thank you letters for grants have been received from St. Michaels Church, George Wells, Parent & Toddlers, Three Parishes and Swallowfield School.

94/19 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Nil

95/19 **Date of next meeting will be on 11 November 2019**

Meeting closed 9.20pm