

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30p.m.

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

96/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Geddes thanked those who attended Remembrance Sunday and the Clerk for her work on the Road Closure and Ringway for operating the Closure. A letter of thanks will be sent.
There was a hitch with PA system and has spoken to Mike Smith who will be happy to take on the responsibility of the system.

97/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeffreys Greens Hotel/Community Room and subsequent meetings.

Notification of Resignation of Cllr. G. Brooke

Cllr Brooke felt that due to work commitments and after a lot of thought she reluctantly would have to resign, however, she will continue to support community events as she has in the past. The Clerk had replied and thanked her for her work on the Council over the past few years. MKC had been notified and a Vacancy notice had been placed in the notice board.

To Elect Chairperson/Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor was unanimously elected as Mayor and Cllr Rae was nominated, seconded and unanimously voted as Deputy Mayor.

98/19 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2019 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

99/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

Chased meeting with OH Properties.

Prepared figures and budgets for Environment and Halls meetings.

Attended an informal meeting of the Greens Room management Cmt. to discuss booking form and conditions on 30th October

Met representative of Connolly Homes regarding the car park Barrier. Have since received an e.mail refusing to help fund a replacement.

Organised with Ringway the Road Closure for Remembrance Sunday.

Added PA to Insurance

Put up Road Closure notices in High Street and Church Road.

Trees and shrubs have been cut back in shoppers car park.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

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

Street lights not working in Parklands.

Chasing the post on Mowbray Green Highway verge which is broken

Overhanging shrubs from Sprinney, Newport Road.

Street Light not working in Hardwick Road NOT PRIORITY

The Clerk was requested to chase Asplands for a meeting.

b. Halls and Library

Cllr Geddes informed members that a report had been received from Mallone Associates regarding various issues. Agreed to Hire a skip and a clear out of under stage at the end of December.

Agreed to meet the Clerk to go through a programme of works for the Memorial Hall

The Clerk reported a serious leak in Ladies WC in Memorial Hall, requires inspection of Roof lights and gutters cleaned.

The completion of ramp, door and window will commence 20th November at the Library.

Summerlin Boiler keeps cutting out and needs an Ideal Boiler contractor. As a matter of urgency a cheque was signed on Wednesday to enable the contractor to make an appointment with Councillors approval.

A thank you for the volunteers at the Library will be held on 9 December. 6pm.

It was agreed that spare keys will be given to the Mayor as part of an emergency strategy.

- c. **Environment**
 Minutes of the Meeting held 20th October had been circulated.
 The Spinney trees were reported and installing bollards in Parklands.
 Chased meeting with OH.
 The amount of rubbish in certain areas which obviously indicate drug use was reported at Edgewick, the Rec and car park at the Old Fire Station. The Clerk will get the caretaker to check the CCTV.
 Public Behaviour could be discussed at the January meeting
 It was **RESOLVED to remove the Public WC** as soon as possible after Christmas.
 Greensand Country Signs have been installed.
 It was requested to find out the exact position regarding ownership of 2 Station Road.
- d. **Police and Policing**
 Cllr Temple reported that the Police were in attendance on Remembrance Sunday.
 Cllr Geddes informed members about the meeting held 30 October regarding issues in the High Street with some residents and business owners. This will be investigated further and hoping to have more officers on patrol in Woburn Sands. A further meeting will be held on 20th November regarding CCTV. It was suggested that businesses should try to take personal responsibilities to enable the Town Council take positive action.
- e. **Edgewick Farm**
 Cllr Skelton reported that there was some concern regarding insurance referring to the storage of equipment from the Allotment Society. It was agreed that the Allotment Society should have Public Liability regarding any equipment used for food and drink purposes.
 There was also concern regarding professional dog walkers and liability. Agreed that signs should go on the gates to keep dogs on lead. This will be monitored. Will look at Aspley Woods signage.
- f. **Fulbrook School**
 Meeting to be held 18th December.
- g. **Market**
 Next Market 7 December
- h. **Christmas Fayre**
 24 November.
 Cllr Jeffreys reminded members that Cllr. Brooke was going to decorate the Christmas Tree for St. Michaels Festival, she was happy to do some of the work but needed help especially to set up and to remove. Cllr Rae volunteered.
- j. **Summer Festival 2019**
 Nil to report. Cllr Temple will report monthly.
- k. **Communications**
 Cllr. Rae asked what would happen with the Council's Facebook page now Cllr Brooke has resigned. It was suggested that the Council would need to find someone to run it. No Cllr. volunteered and it was agreed to close it for the present time. Councillors can still bring any relevant concerns regarding issues raised on local Facebook groups they are members of, to the Council as appropriate.
- l. **Love Woburn Sands**
 Cllr Temple reported that a grant had been received from the C0-Op £2,100.
 The Clerk reported that the Rotary Club had mentioned that the community transport was used for someone to go to a supermarket at Leighton Buzzard whilst there was a local store nearby, and only gave a very small donation. They had enquired if some indication of a donation should be considered. Cllr Temple informed members that donations could not be set as this would then be classed as a Taxi.
- m. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**
 Cllr Hopkins had circulated report on meeting held 23 October from Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership.
- n. **SEMK**
 Meeting was held with Neil Sainsbury and Andrew Turner which gave the Council an opportunity to make things clearer and some amendments were made, all subject to traffic surveys, nothing will progress now as in Purdah.

100/19 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a report mentioning Marshall Aerospace proposals at Cranfield, The Expressway – the anti-expressway movement holding placards and blocking roads. East West Rail timeline and land supply.

101/19 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

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- a. 19/02649/FUL Rear and side extensions and internal alterations to existing dwelling house including entrance canopy. Demolition of existing prefabricated garage at:

27 Vandyke Close Mr J. Riley

Object would have an impact on neighbouring property, no objection if single storey

19/02899/FUL Demolish existing rear utility buildings. New single storey extension.

6 Deethe Close Mr & Mrs Gidley

No Comment

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

15 Hardwick Road No Objection

27 Russell Street Permitted

25 Station Road Permitted

Notification

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan – Main Modifications consultation

Details circulated, to be considered.

No Comment

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

Meetings with Greens Management Company – progressing.

102/19 **Library Front Windows.**

The Conservation Officers recommendation would be that it would be permissible to use UPVC. However, this is predicated on the building(s) not being listed.

Agreed to proceed with 3 quotations for PVC

103/19 **Woburn Sands Angling Club**

Solicitor has sent his comments on the Lease; this will be forwarded to Committee member who is dealing with this.

104/19 **Parking Station Road & Aspley Hill**

Parking Bays on Aspley Hill still causing concern but Central Beds. Councillor does not see a problem, and a Highway officer from Central Beds has met with residents in Aspley Hill.

Double yellow lines will be considered on Station Road from Theydon Avenue to Burlington Hall this will go out for consultation.

Report of the lay-by in Hardwick Road requiring repair from a resident which has been forwarded to MKC.

Agreed to request MKC to investigate installation of electric charging post.

105/19 **Young Environmentalist**

Cllr Rae updated Members on the agreed WSTC Young Environmentalist award/event proposed for May 2021 . It was decided that a useful way forward was to present an action plan at the next meeting. This plan would set out first thoughts regarding who should be approached for donations, which individuals could be contacted for advice regarding running an environmental event for young people, give more detail on who we think can take part and have the start of a list of where such an event could be advertised.

106/19 **Play Area Rec.**

Cllr Geddes and the Clerk will be meeting resident and Phil Snell on 20 November.

More information will be obtained about MUGA money.

The Clerk was asked to call Asplands regarding the requested meeting.

107/19 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Deposit sent to Ideal Boilers Ltd to enable the repair of the boiler in the Summerlin requiring new electrical circuit board. Prior agreement with Councillors

108/19 Finance Meeting to be held 25 November 7pm

- a. Financial Regulations need to be considered before meeting. (Clerk working on this)
- b. The Clerk reported that after contacting HMRC regarding the VAT claim on the extension work it was confirmed it had been approved for payment on 22 October.
- c. The S.106 funding has been approved for release by for the cost of the rear ramp, door and windows.
- d. List of payments circulated were approved for payment and attached.

109/19 Correspondence for Information

Nil

110/19 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Temple gave his apologies for the next meeting.

111/19 Date of next meeting will be on 09 December 2019

Meeting closed 9.10pm