

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 09 December 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors: Cllr M Geddes (in the chair)
D. Hopkins, J. Jeffreys, Dr J Rae, P. Skelton

Clerk : Mrs L Stapleton

Apologies C. Cowmeadow, P. Farrant

Also Present 3 members of the public (until 7.47)

112/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Geddes thanked those who were involved in the organisation of the Christmas Fayre which was a huge success.

He and some Cllrs attended the thank you evening for all the volunteers working at the Library prior to this meeting.

He also announced the sad news that Richard Woolnough had passed away he set up the management plan for Edgewick Farm to enable the Farm to be handed over to the Town Council and supported all the initial works until his retirement.

113/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jeffreys - Greens Hotel/Community Room and subsequent meetings.

Notification of Resignation of Cllr. K. Temple

Cllr Temple had sent a resignation email as he felt he could support our residents more by concentrating on ground level local voluntary work, rather than on the Town Council.

Cllr Geddes had sent a reply to thank him for all his valuable contribution over the past few years and pleased he will continue to support the residents through his voluntary work.

MKC had been notified and a Vacancy notice had been placed in the notice board.

The meeting was closed for public speaking at 7.33

Notes of this item will be separate to the minutes.

Meeting reconvened 7.48

114/19 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

115/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

- Arranged with David Kingsley if a skip could be put in their car park and organized delivery at 8.30 – 12midday on Saturday 21 December and collection at 7.30am 2nd January.
- Worked on figures for Finance budgets and associated papers.
- Arranged to installation of the SID and are claiming some funds back from MKC.
- Telephoned PA supplier and discussed problems and sorted with Mike Smith.
- Worked through new Financial Regulations and highlighted areas which need improving and circulated typed out copy of those to be adopted.
- Liaised with Mike and met Electrician to sort out the first part of the work to be carried out to enable clearing under stage on 30th September.
- All works completed on Library ramp including lighting.
- Unable to speak to anyone at Asplands, will keep trying.
- Completed an enforcement form regarding 51 High Street as requested by planning officer after reports of opening to herself and to the Town Council.
- Changed the dates and times on the High Street Closed signs. Ringway to remove.
- Reporting many complaints regarding the parking bays on Aspley Hill to Central Beds.
- Forwarded on data retrieved by Mike from SID on Newport Road. Soon to be changed to Hardwick Road near Edgewick Farm.
- Attended site visit with Cllr. Geddes And resident at Recreation Ground and queried dog bin emptying at Site Office of Taylor Wimpey.
- **Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services**
Parking signs for High Street which were removed (post has now been installed with no sign)
Chasing the post on Mowbray Green Highway verge which is broken

- b. **Halls and Library**
 A quotation had been received to replace the final lights to LED in the Summerlin Centre £600.00
 This was RESOLVED to proceed with this to quotation due to the completion of the Summerlin to LED throughout.
 Request that Councillors help to clear under the stage on 30 December.
 New door & locks have now been installed at the Library and lighting to ramp.
 A schedule of works to the halls will be prepared.
- c. **Environment**
 Cllr. Skelton sent his report on the MKC Biodiversity workshops he attended on 25 – 26 November which covered how to reduce direct pressures on Biodiversity and enhancing the benefits from biodiversity and ecosystems services and other wider topics.
 No meeting has taken place with Phil Snell regarding the Rec waiting availability.
 Some of the Dog Bins at Parklands are only being emptied once a month by Taylor Wimpey’s contractor, the Clerk will update MKC. Also suggest to Taylor Wimpey to change bins to a larger size before adoption.
- d. **Police and Policing**
 Notification from Sgt. Gehnich that the Police will be holding a “Burglary Advice Surgery” at the Library on Saturday 14 December.
- e. **Edgewick Farm**
 Cllr Skelton informed members that he has been working on his proposal for fuller’s earth heritage trail around Woburn Sands including Edgewick. Members thanked him for this hard work and agreed that when completed he should submit to the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership.
- f. **Fulbrook School**
 Everything at present is on hold until next year.
- g. **Market**
 Market was a success. The Clerk was asked to mention that the queues to the food van parked outside the Library was blocking the pavement.
- h. **Christmas Fayre**
 Very successful with lots of people in attendance.
- j. **Summer Festival 2019**
 Nil to report.
- k. **Communications**
 Cllr. Rae informed members that more Policies have been put on the website with a new drop-down menu where all documents are together.
- l. **Love Woburn Sands**
 Cllrs. mentioned that we now do not have a direct contact to update the Council on Love Woburn Sands, it was suggested that perhaps Chris Batten could be contacted.
- m. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**
 Cllr Hopkins had circulated report on meeting held 28 November. HS2 orders will be heard in Spring 2020.no decisions on East West Rail will be made until the outcome of HS2. The East West Rail will not be electrified.
- n. **SEMK**
 Nil to report
 Traffic Consultant needs chasing.
Expressway
 The “No Expressway” group held a meeting which was very well attended and reported on the local news, they have written to all major parties, Labour and Liberal oppose the project.
 Cllr. Hopkins suggested it would add value joining the Stakeholder Group for the Expressway.
 It was agreed to add the Expressway as a separate item on the Reports section on the agenda.

116/19 Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a report mentioning East West and the number of expected train services, Community Speed Watch, widening of Redway from the level crossing to Frosts and Wavendon Properties Appeal details.
 Clerk asked for clarification the proposed footbridge, agreed that the Council should put pressure on NWR to build the footbridge.

117/19 **Planning**

Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:

- a. 19/03116/TCA Complete removal of Leylandii hedge adjacent to boundary 11 trees at:
59 High Street S Doyle
No Objection
- 19/02957/PANOTH Prior notification of change of use from A1 (shops) to A3 (restaurant & cafes) at:
51 High Street Mr T Rogers
No objection as long as conditions by licensing are met and are reiterated on planning decision. Opening hours should be the same as the licensing hours , and taking into account other venue opening hours on the High Street, opening hours should take into account of the residents of the High Street.
- 19/03267/TCA Intention to fell 1 Ash (T1) tree due to proximity to the dwelling at:
17 Asplands Close Mrs P Parker
No Objection
- b. **Notification of Decisions made from Milton Keynes Council**
7 Lime Grove Granted
1 Maple Grove Granted

Land off Asplands

Cllr. Geddes reported that a site meeting had been held on 5 December where drainage was discussed At the lowest part of the site and their proposals to install a crate system to help to take away surface water, traffic concerns were discussed and developers were going to trans lip materials to a low loader to be delivered to site and will do everything possible to minimise impact to the local area.

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

Cllr Jeffreys reported that the Greens Room kitchen has now been fitted out. Still trying to obtain a Bank Account, Fire Service has replied to query that if door opens inward the room would be limited to 100 persons.

118/19 **Memorial Under Stage**

The Clerk reported that a skip had been booked and will be sited in Kingsley David car park with permission. To be delivered Saturday 21st December. To be picked up 7.30am 2nd January.

Under stage will be cleared on 30 December all help needed.

Mike Smith's son will remove stud wall prior to 30th. Agreed a token payment of £50

B. Kent Electrical Ltd. has submitted quotation to remove lighting and replace with 10 down lights and fan as specified in report with PIR control on lights. £777.00

It was **RESOLVED** to carry out this work as a matter of urgency to enable work to be done during the Christmas period.

Unable to get a further electrician to carry out works prior to Christmas.

119/19 **Woburn Sands Angling Club**

Solicitor has now checked lease and sent his recommendations to the appropriate person.

120/19 **Electric Charging Point**

A survey will be carried out in the Shoppers car park to establish costs. BP Charge Master will contact the Council over the coming weeks. To be discussed at next meeting when cost implications have been received. Cllr Hopkins informed the Clerk that there was a grant scheme for this.

121/19 **Young Environmentalist**

Cllr Rae updated read out an action plan suggesting some people to approach for donations and some further suggestions were given by Councillors. Some suggestions where this event could be advertised were also given. Cllr. Skelton suggested a contact for advice.

122/19 **Play Area Rec.**

Cllr Geddes and the Clerk met with resident who came up with some good suggestions for refurbishment and pointed out the negative points on the existing site. A meeting with Phil Snell will be on 8th January. Agreed and to put some information in the newsletter regarding suggestions from residents for the Recreation Ground and Play Area.

123/19 **P.A System**

Mike Smith tested PA system and it solved the problem that the microphone should be very near to the face of the speaker. The Christmas Fayre used the system resulting in good sound. Some consideration could be given to purchasing a body set with clip on mic.

124/19 **Committee Room**

Quotation to change lights in Committee room.

B. Kent Electrical Ltd.

4 LED strip lights £406.00

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the old fittings for more economic strip lights, this will be Carried out at the same time as the under stage works.

125/19 **Finance Regulations**

The new Financial Regulations had been circulated to all Councillors with the Finance report outlining the changes and proposed recommended practices by the Finance Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and adopt the new Financial Regulations 2019.

126/19 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

Lock for Office gate to be repaired as a matter of urgency for security purposes. All Councillors were contacted who agreed to authorise this repair.

127/19 **Finance**

- a. Councillor Geddes reported on the Finance Report of meeting held 25 November. Draft budgets which had been circulated and Reserves, salaries, and expenditure items were discussed. The Finance Committee will meet again on 6th January to finalise salaries and the budget to be approved at next meeting these figures do not include allowance for a Warden or CCTV.
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to make payments to Anglian Water by setting up a Direct Debit for accounts The Summerlin Centre, Memorial Hall, Edgewick Farm and The Old Fire Station, to avoid late payments.
The Chairman then signed all the forms.
- c. A list of payments had been circulated, all invoices were tabled, and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise all payments.

128/19 **Correspondence for Information**

- a. Latest Newsletter BBRUA was tabled.
- b. Notification from Land Registry that Aspley Guise Parish Council are registering land at Mill Lane (Pond and Grass area around Browns Way)
No Comment
- c. Greensand Country Landscape Partnership
Will be hosting a free training event on 27 January exploring many ways to engage their audience.
Cllr. Skelton will attend.

129/19 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

130/19 **Date of next meeting will be on 13 January 2020**

Meeting closed 9.23 pm