

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th March 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

Also Present 1 member of the public

172/19 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr Temple announced he had participated on a Woburn Walk (Woburn Sands people) and a coffee morning in the Methodist as part of the Love Woburn Sands initiatives.

173/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

174/19 **Minutes of previous meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019 and signed as a true record adding a missing word 'crocus' in minute 158/19g.

175/19 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

- Sports Hall meeting with Cllrs. Geddes, Rae, Jeffreys and Cowmeadow.
- Chasing customers for late payments
- Organised Internal Auditor for approval at meeting.
- Spent time with Stuart Simmonds regarding the changing of bus services.
- Fencing around car parking area for residents at Parklands
- Replaced crockery and cutlery up to numbers for large functions.
- Renewed 5 electricity contracts
- Submitted planning application for tree works at Mowbray Green

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

Parking signs for High Street which were removed by MKC due to damage.

Street lights not working in Parklands

Chasing the post on Mowbray Green Highway verge which is broken

White lining Station Road from Summerlin Drive to traffic light pedestrian crossing

Completed

Faded yellow lines around junction Bow Brickhill Road/Theydon Avenue

b. Halls and Library

The Caretaker had given notice of some holiday dates. Cover will need to be arranged for some definite bookings. The Clerk will circulate to all Councillors when some bookings have been confirmed. Weekend 6/7 April.

c. Environment

Cllr Skelton reported at a previous meeting it was agreed that Councillors would check and inspect the various public rights of way in Woburn Sands. The following was agreed: Cllr Farrant Footpath No.2, Recreation Ground No.3 Deethe Close through to Chantry and Hillway No's 4 & 5 Cllr Geddes and Cllr Skelton will do the rest. He also reminded Cllrs that if they are considering being nominated to submit their details if they wish it to go into the newsletter ready for elections 2 May. Cllr Rae informed Members that there had been some broken glass in Theydon Avenue which she had cleared.

d. Police and Policing

The Clerk had reported that she had sent an invite for the Police to attend the Town Meeting, they reported back that they hope to find someone available.

- e. **Edgewick Farm**
Cllr Skelton reported that the S.106 money to fund the Boardwalk had been received, and are now arranging quotes in case prices have gone up. The materials will then be ordered. He had also met with the resident requesting a Memorial seat to be installed at Edgewick, and after some discussion the resident is very happy to have a walnut tree planted in memory. The exact location to be investigated.
- f. **Fulbrook School**
Governors Meeting focused on the submission to extend the age range. Governors, the head and Central Beds had all met. Installation of a MUGA has commenced.
- g. **Market**
Meeting to be held on 20 March, next market will be held on 13 April.
- i. **Christmas Fayre**
Two new members have joined the Committee.
- j. **Summer Festival 2018**
Progressing.
- k. **Communications**
Cllr Rae reported that the website is being well used.
3 quotes had been received for the new notice boards to replace those at the top of Chapel Street.
After discussion all options were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to ask MK Marking to proceed with the order.
The Clerk informed Members that there was a £2,000 grant for this project and will be given 50% of lowest quotation.
- l. **Love Woburn Sands**
Cllr Temple reported that he has been invited to become a Trustee and accepted subject to reorganisation of current trustees.
- m. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**
Cllr Geddes reported that Cllr Hopkins, John Baker and himself all spoke at the Inquiry along with another resident. The Inspector should have his report ready by the summer.
Cllr Skelton had since investigated the timings of the gate closure which seemed to be between 2 – 3 minutes, however it was nearer 8 minutes to clear the traffic which had been in the queue at peak times.

176/19 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a detailed report which included information on Plan:MK which has had the green light by Inspector, this includes a large expansion in between Bow Brickhill, Woburn Sands and Tilbrook and Browns Wood. Update on the A421 dualling, Expressway timeline, Parishes Clean-up Fund, 20 mph Reduction plan including stats for Theydon Avenue. Other reports were circulated.

177/19 **Planning**

- a. **Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications**

19/00317/FUL Single storey rear extension at:

15 The Leys Ms Constantinou

No comment consider any neighbours comments

19/003038/TCA Notification to reduce crown of 3 Yew trees (T1 – 3) by 2m in height and 4 m in width; and to remove one dead silver birch tree to ground level at:

Friends Meeting House **Luton and Leighton Area Meeting Charity**

Object to the scale of reduction to Yew trees

19/00509/TCA Notification to fell Apple (T1 and Birch (T2) at:
20 Station Road Mr P Crook

No objection to Apple Tree, request that as much of the Birch tree is left in support of the applicant and as part of the street scene in Conservation Area

19/005590/ADV Advertisement consent for 1800 x 1500 box sign to gable end of premises
(Current approval expires June 2019)

3 Aspley Hill Neville Trust Ltd
No Comment

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

Memorial Green Permitted

41 Chapel Street Permitted

c. **Parklands, Greens,**

Cllr Farrant reported that MKC hope to get the lease set up very soon regarding the Angling Club at Parklands.

178/19 **Sports Hall**

Cllr. Geddes reported back that Taylor Wimpey declined building the Sports Hall next to the Old Fire Station. We are waiting to have a further meeting regarding the spec.

Hold a meeting with prospective users to obtain their details of what and when they would like the hall on 10 April 5pm in Memorial Hall.

2 challenges to overcome will be parking and storage.

He suggested the bookings go through the office as other bookings and charges similar to hiring the Summerlin Centre.

179/19 **Public Address System**

Cllr Temple had circulated information on 2 Wi-Fi systems. It was discussed and agreed in principle that if this proposal go ahead the Council should purchase the higher 3 speaker system. The Clerk queried the safety of the speakers which would be on stands during a busy community event and enquired if they could be placed on brackets..

Members did agree that further information should be sought regarding this, in the meantime the Clerk will check the budgets regarding the cost. Will be discussed at next meeting.

180/19 **Tree Works Memorial Green**

The Council's tree contractor had supplied a quote for the tree works on the Memorial Green this now has planning permission. £735.

It was RESOLVED to have the work carried out.

181/19 **To Approve Internal Auditor**

It was RESOLVED to appoint Denise Batchelor as Internal Auditor for the Annual Audit 2018 – 19. at the cost of £50.

182/19 **Local Bus Service**

The new bus route for the 301 will commence 29.04.19 which will call at Kingston, Oakgrove, CMK, Rail station and Stony Stratford.

183/19 **Spring Clean – Up**

Spring Clean weekend will be on 27-28 April. On 28th groups will meet at 10.30 outside Memorial Hall to help remove litter.

184/19 **St Michaels Church**

Request to use the Recreation Ground to erect a small marquee/Gazebo for Children's Easter craft activities Easter Saturday.

No objection.

185/19 **Tree Removal Recreation Ground**

The Clerk had circulated a report on this.

It was Approved to investigate if the willow tree could be cut back the in preference to felling, but if this still did not allow enough room for large vehicles to enter the Rec. then to obtain a price to fell the tree.

186/19 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**
None

187/19 **Finance**

- a. List of payments circulated were approved for payment.

188/19 **Correspondence for information**

- Thank you letter for grant has been received from the St Michael's Church.
- BBRUA latest newsletter received and circulated
- Nomination forms received for current Councillors who wish to stand again, to be handed in between 25 March – 4pm 4 April.
Clerk will make an appointment to take all/any forms in to MKC for checking on 29 March.

189/19 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

It was noted that the travel section on the website will need updating when new bus services commence.

190/19 **Date of the next meeting will be held on 8 April 2019**

Meeting closed 8.52pm