

WOBURN SANDS TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 09 March 2020 at 7.30p.m.

Present Councillors: Cllr M Geddes (in the chair)
P.Farrant, D. Hopkins, Dr J Rae, P. Skelton, J. Green, R. Lanyon-Hogg

Clerk Mrs L Stapleton

Apologies J. Jeffreys, C. Cowmeadow

Also Present 2 members of the public

176/20 **Town Mayor's Announcements**

Cllr. Geddes informed members that he had attended the Civic Reception.

Co-Option of Two Councillors

4 applications were received and Joanne Green and Richard Lanyon-Hogg were Co-Opted and welcomed onto the Council each handed in their Declaration of Interest forms.

177/20 **Declarations of Interest** Nil

The meeting was closed for public speaking at 7.35 **Meeting reconvened 7.43**

178/20 **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2020 had been circulated, approved and signed as a true record.

179/20 **Progress Reports** for information

a Clerk

1. Trying to sort out car park barrier, and insurance claim. Require a lot of paperwork now.
2. Notification had been sent with the location of the 6 car parking bays for electric charging was circulated to all Councillors. All Councillors were happy with the location and have sent off the signed Terms and Conditions to set this process in motion.
3. Chased Police regarding lack of reply which I now said is too late for a meeting, no further issues, had been reported since Christmas, but extended the invite to attend the Town Meeting.
4. Spoken to Crimewave who indicated that the Cameras would be set up to take in as much information as possible but to be focused to a smaller range would be beneficial if authorities wanted to take any action where people/cars can be seen much closer for identification purposes. The Camera would certainly capture illegal parking at the top end of Downham Road and could be used for enforcement action if MKC wanted to take this.
5. Requested Meeting with Phil Snell regarding Recreation Ground.
6. Met Ringway who will be sending a quotation to rectify some of the surface at Hardwick Road lay-by.
7. Sent letter regarding proposed waiting restrictions and 20 mph, suggested that Officer meet with the Council for the opportunity to explain some of our objections.
8. BBC Radio East contacted me with notice that a resident who lives next door to the Barbers was extremely upset that MKC would be imposing waiting restrictions outside his property in Station Road. Cars already park on the grass verge opposite and the 6 employees at the Barbers park their cars outside all day. He asked me to bring this to your attention, I suggested the gentleman attend meeting. Barbers open until 7pm and 4pm on a Sunday.
- 9 Arranged SSE to remove meter from WC (taking most of the day liaising with Western Power and SSE, both companies could not agree who would attend first! Finally agreed that SSE would attend first 12th March. Arranging disconnection of Water to WC, Planter emptied and moved ready for Western Power.
10. Compiling new Standing Orders, Financial Regulation and Risk Management Policy for Councillors use.

Note of complaints registered to Environmental Services

Parking signs for High Street

COMPLETED!!

Chasing the post on Mowbray Green Highway verge which is broken

Street light in Vandyke Close

Surface of pavement between the Swan and zebra crossing being difficult for wheelchair users

Pot hole Junction Theydon and Elm Grove

Completed

Applied to become a Stakeholder with Highways England. **Notification that we are a stakeholder**

- b. **Halls and Library**
 All Gutters have been cleaned as part of annual maintenance to all 4 halls.
 Boilers require their annual service 3 quotations had been received and **RESOLVED** to award this contract to Plumbing and Gas
 All Fire Risk assessments, servicing n& reports had been carried out, these had only just been received, and would need investigation, however, it was **RESOLVED** to purchase Fire Equipment required to bring halls up to standard.
 The Clerk clarified the price of the roofing works at the Summerlin did include the removal and installation of 24 solar panels total £12,252.00.
- c. **Environment**
 Cllr Skelton was pleased that the electric charger for car park will be installed, queried if the car park had adequate lighting, the Clerk confirmed this.
 He also reported that he and 1 resident on the Climate Change Group , had attended the Western Power Distribution Workshop for 2023 – 2028 which was very informative.
 Spring Clean Up was discussed and thought this could be arranged, Cllr Skelton to look at dates, and Cllr Geddes suggested contacting Swallowfield School.
- d. **Police and Policing**
 Cllr Geddes informed members that the Police will try their best to attend the Town Meeting. Cllr Farrant informed members that Bedfordshire Police were very active on Social Media and suggested we write to invite them to the Town Meeting as well.
- e. **Edgewick Farm**
 Cllr Skelton suggested 23rd May for the Heritage Trail which he had signed up with the Greensand Country and the same trail 11 – 20th September for the MK Heritage Open Days. A Risk Assessment will be carried out and a pre walk will done in the next 7 days. He will give details for the next newsletter.
- f. **Fulbrook School**
 Still out for consultation on the proposed changes to local schools.
- g. **Market**
 Next market to be held 4th April, with an Easter theme.
- h. **Christmas Fayre**
 To be held 29th November, a request was made if the road closure could start earlier at 9am.
- j. **Summer Festival 2020**
 Nil to report
- k. **Communications**
 Some additions had been made to the Website and policies added, Cllr Rae did just mention to the new Councillors to be aware of the GPDR and social Media Policy
- l. **Love Woburn Sands**
 Nil to report
- m. **East/West Rail/Network Rail**
 Meeting to be held end of April. There had been delays on the line recently due to point failures.
- n. **SEMK**
 Nil to report, waiting the official announcement on the outcome of the proposed Expressway.
Expressway
 Cllr. Hopkins reported he had attended a meeting at the House of Commons and with the support of the No Expressway Group handed in a petition to Downing Street.

180/20 **Unitary Councillor Report**

Cllr Hopkins had circulated a report which included MK2050 where comments are welcome by 17th April, agreed to hold a public meeting on 26th March in the Memorial Hall. Details on the proposed new school at Glebe Farm, Climate change and changes to local schools and the A421 public drop-in session on the 10th March

181/20 **Planning**

- Notification from Milton Keynes Council of the following applications:
- a. 20/00383/FUL First floor front extension, garage conversion, new front porch, new detached garage, fenestration alterations, roof light and flue at:
87A Newport Road Mr & Mrs Franklin
Query scale of building to site availability and impact on neighbouring properties.

20/00284/OUT Demolition of existing storage shed and erection of a 96 bed care home with parking and associated development at:
WS Emporium Mr Sehmi
Although not objecting, transport report very much out of date, concern regarding the implication to Asplands as currently a 3 week wait for appointments. 96 bed too large.

20/00190/FUL Internal alterations and 2 storey rear extension (part basement) at:
67 – 69 High Street Miss Walker
No Comment

20/00486/FUL Regularisation of design changes to side and rear extension approved under planning application no: 17/01390/FUL at:
33 Downham Road P. Breen
No Comment

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

24 The Leys Granted
46 The Leys Condition details Approved
Burlington Hall Permitted
22 Station Road No Objection
27 Vandyke Close Granted
6 Deethe Close Permitted

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

Hirers are now using the Greens rooms, MKC contacted Clerk regarding the payment of the S.106 . The Clerk agreed to contact external Auditor to get permission for these funds to be paid to the Council and then to reimburse the GRCCR committee for banking. Auditor agreed and explained how they would like it audited. Due to the end of the financial year this payment was authorised for payment as MKC indicated payment would be made within 3/5 days.

182/20 **Sports Hall**

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th March

183/20 **Response to MK 2050**

Cllr Hopkins suggested before the Council submit their response to the consultation to wait for the outcome from the public meeting.

184/20 **Young Environmentalist**

Cllr Rae updated members that letters were ready to be sent but waiting on one item. She hopes to get all these posted out very soon.

185/20 **Applications for a Community Grant**

It was **RESOLVED** that applications for a grants by local organisations in the 2020 – 21 year should open on 1st April and closing date 12 June.

186/20 **Climate Emergency**

Councillor Skelton informed members that there were now 4 members. The Head teacher at Fulbrook had expressed an interest in the anti- idling outside of the school, and suggested that consideration should be given to signage near the railway. Plans of a proposal will be presented at the next meeting with the intention after approval that a public meeting should be held. An email had been received suggesting a Refill Shop but premises would have to be found. This could be put in the next newsletter for any suggestions.

187/20 **CCTV**

The Clerk had obtained further information from Crimewave which is in her report.

RESOLVED to sign contract for 6 months plus one free month with the option to renew for a further 6 months if agreed.

Agreed that Councillor Farrant would look at suggestions for new locations in areas that were problematic. Cllrs J. Green and R. Lanyon Hogg will help.

188/20 **Planting a Tree on Mowbray Green**

A resident of Hardwick Place has passed away and family have requested if a tree could be planted in her memory. Cllr. Skelton will look at locations.

189/20 **Hall Fire Risk Assessments, Fire Service, Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Inspection and PAT testing for all halls**

The Clerk Report includes an update on the various assessments carried out in the Halls, approval will be required for purchase of replacement equipment.

190/20 **PA System equipment required**

To agree the cost of extra items 2 microphone stands, extra 2 wired microphones and 2 body & headsets £464.73

191/20 **Proposed Waiting Restrictions**

This was discussed at Public Speaking time.

Still waiting to hear for MKC Officer for a meeting and could then also invite some residents that have raised concerns.

192/20 **VE Day**

Meeting had agreed format to start at 10am, with a very short service, with 2 cheerful hymns which the Band will provide the Music, then the Band will play 1940's music and reading from various groups and children in between. Afterwards another small jazz group will play 1940's music with singer, it is hoped that some stalls will be able to provide refreshments etc. Total time approximately 2 hours.

Poster has been produced.

PA system required and a full test and trial to be held on 20 March

Aspley Heath Parish Council has offered to help in anyway.

193/20 **W.C – Danfo**

Electric meter due to be removed 12 March, Planter emptied and moved, notification to Anglian Water for Permanent disconnection.

194/20 **Town Meeting 21st April 7.30pm**

Agreed for the following Councillors to give reports

Cllr. Geddes Annual Report, Cllr Skelton Edgewick and environment, Cllr. Cowmeadow Finance, Cllr. Jeffreys Planning, Cllr. Geddes Halls, Cllr. Hopkins (Unitary Report) Expressway, Network Rail, SEMK

195/20 **Notification of Urgent Decisions that have been made.**

196/20 **Finance**

- a. A list of payments had been circulated, all invoices were tabled, and it was **RESOLVED** to authorise all payments including the S.106 payment which will be posted when funds are in the bank, and duly signed by two members.
- b. Cllr Cowmeadow had circulated a report on the internal audit he carried out 18th February.
- c. **RESOLVED** to ask Denise Batchelor to carry out Internal Audit for Annual Return 2019 / 20

198/20 **Correspondence for Information**

BBRUA newsletter received and tabled.

199/20 **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.

Nil

200/20 **Date of next meeting will be on 6th April 2020**

Meeting Closed 8.55