

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held on Monday 03 September 2018 at 7.30 pm
at The Olney Centre

Present: Jeremy Rawlings, Stephen Clark, Paul Collins, Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley, Tony Evans, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Dr Sally Pezaro, Colin Rodden, Chris Tennant, Kevin Viney

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk), Jane Brushwood (Deputy Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

Public Forum:

- Sandra Hearn from Nest at No 9 addressed the council to plea for assistance with the works at Barclays Bank. The Nest is deemed a destination shop, thereby bringing custom into Olney for other shops. The hoardings directly in front of the shop has had a seriously detrimental effect on income, if it carries on until end of September, they will be gone as they cannot sustain the lack of business.
- Sue Warren circulated a pack of documents and elaborated thereon. She recounted the history of the issue, and said that if there is no resolution she would be applying for a residents parking scheme in January.
- Jarlath McElroy from Olney Rugby Football Club expressed the interest that they take over the Football Clubhouse to accommodate their expanding needs. Their current facilities are proving too small.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman

2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

- Graham Harrison declared a pecuniary interest in item 5 as the owner of 9 High Street.
- Chris Tennant declared a personal interest in item 22 as a parent of a child member of the Colts.
- Tony Evans declared an interest in item 10 as a member of the St Peter and St Paul church.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 06 August 2018

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 06 August 2018.

4. Oakdown Crescent

The response to the correspondence from MKC confirmed that £3.5k would be the maximum liability for the survey. It was noted that if we were not prepared to spend towards the next phase, likely in excess of £30k, then this would be a waste of £3.5k. It was also noted that the scheme reduces the number of spaces currently available and that it could open a Pandora's Box as parking is a problem everywhere in Olney. Data from the survey is only good for 6 months.

A proposal to meet with MKC officers to negotiate a scheme was discussed.

RESOLVED:

- Not to contribute £3.5K towards the survey work
- to meet with MKC to consider marking a bay for "ambulance only".

5. Barclays Bank robbery and crime in Olney

Graham Harrison left the meeting.

Council discussed what can be done about the hoarding and the pedestrian access. Businesses need compensation, Federation of Small Businesses and MKC have a hardship fund, OTC to write a letter of support.

Graham Harrison re-joined the meeting.

Council discussed what can be done to support Barclays. OTC could offer temporary banking space. Letter to be sent to assure them that we will do all we can to facilitate a speedy return.

6. Electric Vehicle parking place junction East Street and Midland Road

RESOLVED: Not to object to the proposal but to request that all spaces are to be available 24/7 whilst charging, and that the same system should apply to the Market charger.

7. Recommendation from R&S Cttee – Approval of quotation for resurfacing of track between tennis courts and workshop compound – subject to S106 finding

RESOLVED: To approve the works, subject to obtaining S106 contribution.

8. MKC Consultation – Housing Strategy 2018-2023

RESOLVED: To welcome the strategy, but feel it could be improved with some measurable targets and outcomes.

9. Parish Remuneration Panel Final Report

RESOLVED: To note the report.

10. Cherry Fair 2019

RESOLVED: It was agreed to allow the use of the Glebe Field for the Cherry Fair on 15 June 2019

11. International Workers Memorial Day 2019

RESOLVED: It was agreed to purchase a wreath for the Mayor to lay at the event on 28 April 2019

12. Driftway - Speed Indicator Data

The reports show that 90% of vehicles are travelling over the speed limit, although Driftway looks like it should be 40mph, should we consider purchasing our own equipment?

RESOLVED: To open a dialogue with highways and police what measures can implemented to reduce speed.

13. To receive minutes, or reports from chairman, of committees that have met since the last council meeting:

a. Development Group - 06 August

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

b. Planning - 13 August

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

c. HR - 20 August

The mayor gave a report on the main items discussed.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes and reports

14. Recommendation from HR Ctte to amend Standing Orders for HR Ctte up to be able to appoint up to 3 people to conduct the appraisal of the Town Clerk

The council also discussed a wider review of Standing Orders.

RESOLVED:

- To amend Standing Orders to appoint up to 3 people to conduct the appraisal of the Town Clerk, to include chairman of HR Ctte and external support if necessary.
- Des Eley, Paul Collins and Peter Geary to review Standing Orders

15. List of outstanding actions

Town Clerk submitted a report and elaborated on the following points:

- Market electrics groundworks are complete, EON to finish commissioning the works on 4 September.
- Pancake Lady - Public Art officer would like this to be part of a wider project for the town.
- Goosey Bridge - The weight restrictions signs are on order, and the farmer tenant has been notified and is in agreement.
- Football Camps etc. - Parks Trust Scheme has a comprehensive charging scheme to be looked at by Recs & Services
- CCTV is still causing problems. It is still recording but losing connection to the server.
- Website - Nuwave are starting work on it this week.

16. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

- ERoB Maureen Morton
- Burial of Barbara Sharp
- Burial of Gerda Mary Cockings
- Burial of Eileen Crouch and memorial – and Eileen Crouch dearly beloved wife mother and grandmother 21.4.1922 – 9.7.2018 you will always be with us.
- Burial of Alexander Morton
- Burial of Annette Barber
- Memorial in loving memory of Delphine Barbara Styles 7.8.33 – 8.8.2017

- Memorial in loving memory of Francis John Morris August 1926 – August 2017 a loving husband, father and grandfather, bless my soul.
- Burial of Margaret Kitchener
- Burial of Bridget O'Regan
- Additional inscription Clive Barnett 31.7.1924 – 19.2.2016
- Additional inscription Betty Harris 1940-2018 forever in our hearts

RESOLVED: To approve the Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

17. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Des Eley reported on the Milton Keynes East SUE Local Stakeholder Group. MKC have applied for additional funding, the money needs to be spent by 2022 which is considered to be unachievable, and there is no money for an Olney bypass.

Peter Geary added that the Planning Inspector has approved Plan:MK, subject to minor modification. This site is a reserve site in Plan:MK. If £75m is agreed he consider that it would be a folly.

Steve Clarke added that the delegates were all against it going forward. Christ Tennant thanked Steve Clarke and Des Eley for representing Olney at this group.

- Colin Rodden reported that FoLiO are doing themed projects now the children's section has been moved to the back of the library.
- Tony Evans reported that after 25 years as chairman of the Ann Hopkins Smith Alms Houses, he has stood down as chairman, with Mike Hughes taking over.
- Paul Collins reported that much of the works at the museum have been completed, they are now working on the audio and to give more space for exhibits for John Newton.
- Colin Rodden reported that they have 2 more volunteers for Speedwatch.

18. To approve the schedule of payments for August 2018

Date	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
Unity Trust - Current A/C			
01/08/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Market Place toilets	102.00
01/08/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Library	258.00
01/08/2018	John Covington & Son	Natwest Clock painting	328.00
01/08/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Cemetery	36.00
01/08/2018	Katara Ltd	Quickbooks subscription	30.00
02/08/2018	Wolverton & Greenley T C	Social media training	78.00
02/08/2018	ESPO	cleaning supplies	185.53
02/08/2018	Wards of Olney	Caretaking July	1,488.00
02/08/2018	Nordis	flowerbed sponsor sign	48.00
03/08/2018	PHS01	Sanitary services	633.89
06/08/2018	R F Webster	Cemetery grounds mtce	640.00
06/08/2018	C T Wilson & Son	Misc items	124.54
06/08/2018	A H Contract	Dog bin emptying	970.60
06/08/2018	Bucks & Milton Keynes Ass Local Councils	Good Councillor Guide	5.00
07/08/2018	Information Commissioner's Office	Data protection registration	35.00
10/08/2018	Broxap Ltd	double bin	463.14
13/08/2018	Liam Costello	Expenses Dec 2017 - Jun 2018	345.15
13/08/2018	Paul Collins	Travel expenses	41.50
14/08/2018	Advanced Turf Machinery	repair Kubota engine	1,110.12
14/08/2018	ESPO	office supplies	7.14
14/08/2018	ESPO	office supplies	21.97
14/08/2018	GLS	office supplies	40.72
14/08/2018	Coverguard Services	Fire Alarm response	42.00
14/08/2018	Advanced Turf Machinery	repair Kubota	982.11
14/08/2018	T-T Pumps	Sewer pump repair	600.00
14/08/2018	RTM Landscapes	Driftway mowing	444.00
14/08/2018	Carlton House Club	Armed Forces Day Buffet Lunch	337.00
14/08/2018	Advanced Turf Machinery	repair Kubota engine	276.00
14/08/2018	Advanced Turf Machinery	repair Kubota	209.34
14/08/2018	Pickwick Swales Ltd	advert in Eat in Olney	144.00
14/08/2018	Advanced Turf Machinery	repair parts	139.92
14/08/2018	Napier Parking Ltd	Car parking management	116.00
14/08/2018	SANGER	domain name renewal	60.00
15/08/2018	Sterling Installations	Radiator repairs	588.00
15/08/2018	Certas Energy	Diesel fuel	594.84
16/08/2018	Lloyds Bank	Credit Card	384.46
16/08/2018	WEL Medical Ltd	2 x defibrillators	1,908.00
16/08/2018	ESPO	Cleaning supplies	20.98
22/08/2018	Anglian Water - Allotments	Water charges - Allotments	161.00
22/08/2018	Neopost	Franking machine lease	90.43
22/08/2018	Anglian Water - The Olney Centre	Water charges - Olney Centre	86.00
22/08/2018	Anglian Water - Toilets	Water charges - Market toilets	85.50

22/08/2018	Wave - Car Park	Water - Car Park	85.50
22/08/2018	Anglian Water - Cemetery	Water charges - Cemetery	32.00
22/08/2018	Anglian Water - Rec Gnd	Water charges - Recreation Ground	10.50
23/08/2018	Chubb Fire	Fire extinguisher testing	202.59
23/08/2018	Glasdon UK Ltd	lifebuoy	309.98
23/08/2018	PC Painting & Decorating	external painting	1,390.88
23/08/2018	Agrii	Weed spray	172.80
23/08/2018	Dave Boddy Electrical	Tractor shed fault	156.00
23/08/2018	Hilary Brock Private Hire	Age UK lunch transport	90.00
23/08/2018	SANGER	OTC web hosting August 2018 - September 2018	30.00
28/08/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity - Olney Centre	183.97
28/08/2018	Allstar	Petrol	53.95
28/08/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity - Rec	36.10
28/08/2018	Buildbase Civils & Lintels	post mix	23.04
28/08/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity - cemetery	16.94
30/08/2018	Salaries	Salary Mth 5	7,167.37
30/08/2018	Bucks LGPS	LGPS Mth 5	2,169.00
30/08/2018	HMRC PAYE	PAYE Mth 5	2,405.76
30/08/2018	ESPO Energy	Gas - Olney Centre	121.19
30/08/2018	Cawleys	Waste collection	238.14
30/08/2018	Prudential AVC	AVC contribution	500.00
31/08/2018	Adept Telecom	Telephone and broadband	57.20
Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C			£ 29,714.79
Unity Trust - Corporate Card			
02/08/2018		Finance Charge	3.00
05/08/2018	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	Council email accounts	5.75
06/08/2018	One Stop Shop	Office supplies	0.85
09/08/2018	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	exchange 2013 account	6.59
10/08/2018	Land Registry	Land registry search	3.00
13/08/2018	One Stop Shop	Office supplies	0.85
20/08/2018	One Stop Shop	Office supplies	0.85
23/08/2018	EE Mobile	Out of hours mobile	29.99
24/08/2018	City Glass	Replacement window	115.08
29/08/2018	One Stop Shop	Office expenses	0.85
30/08/2018	Amazon	Replacement office telephones	36.80
Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card			£ 203.61
TOTAL			£ 29,918.40

RESOLVED: to approve the schedule of payments

19. Members Matters

- Sally Pezaro has received complaints about the public toilets.
- Graham Harrison was asked by Mike Totton if the allotment street names could be discussed, he presented them too late for the agenda but would be put onto the R&S's agenda.
- Colin Rodden commented that the bus does not always stop at the lower Weston Road stop and was informed that it is not a council matter and he should take it up with the bus company. Also if residents could be reminded that it is their responsibility to keep their hedges trimmed back from the pavements.
- Des Eley commented that highways issues are not being dealt with. He was informed that there is a new head of highways from Northampton started, who looks like she is getting things done.

20. To consider exclusion of Public and Press Representatives pursuant to the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

RESOLVED: To exclude the Public and Press Representatives pursuant to the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 on the basis that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

21. Correspondence regarding OTC website

Council discussed correspondence from the current website provider.

22. Update on Football Club situation.

Council received correspondence from an interested party, and received a report from the Town Clerk on the current situations.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence and report, and to ensure that the building is properly insured.

23. Report of investigation in to complaint against Council.

The council received a report of the investigation into a complaint. Recommendations are to be addressed by the appropriate committees.