

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held on Monday 4 June 2018 at 7.30 pm
at The Olney Centre

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

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk), 7 members of the public.

Public Forum:

- Ashley Pankhurst requested support to finance, source and locate a defibrillator in the centre of the town, the cost is £1,033, with pledges received of £1,200 it may be another could be purchased. Looking to put it around the market place and a suitable venue to give some initial training.
- Sue Warren said that she expects an apology for Councillor Geary's comments that reported her as complainant as opposed to the residents' complaint that he would not listen to them during his site visit. She merely complained for the residents as she was asked. She will also re-apply for parking permits in December. She questioned why it was stated that The Community Parking fund had been applied for but MKC had withdrawn this due to lack of money.
- Teresa Riley represented 3 households in Silver End looking for support for a residents parking permit in the Cattle Market.
- Stuart Dorrill of Bodyforce and Cave Man Conditioning introduced his business that started in 2010 and wants to continue to inspire and empower people to take care of their health. They would like to take on the lease of the football club building to continue, and to offer more. They currently hire rooms from the football club and rent ground from the council.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Deirdre Bethune, Desmond Eley, and Chris Tennant. Rosemary Osbourne has resigned due to personal reasons and the casual vacancy has been declared.

2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Tony Evans declared a pecuniary interest in item 4a.

Sally Pezaro declared a personal interest in item 5.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018

Paul Collins noted that item 19 was factually incorrect and should have referred to the launch of the Milton Keynes European year of Culture and Heritage.

Peter Geary commented on item 6d that the standing orders were not approved subject to changes, but need to be brought back to be reviewed.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes subject to the above amendments.

9. Leasing car parking for residents in Olney Old Cattle Market car park

The item was brought in before item 4.

Residents parking, MKC wanted an enormous sum of money in 2014, it was only likely to have gone up in price by now. If spaces for Silver End residents were allocated, what would be the knock on effect for other residents? It would diminish spaces for others. It was suggested one disabled space be removed from outside Tesco, and one allocated in the Cattle Market and to consider time restrictions there.

RESOLVED: To ask MKC to look at how the Cattle Market car park might be redesigned

4. To receive minutes of committees that have met since the last council meeting:

a. Planning – 21 May

Tony Evans left the meeting during discussion of item 4a.

It was explained that Tony Evans was granted a dispensation at the planning meeting to explain his planning application.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

b. HR - 21 May

MKC HR representative will be attending the next meeting of the Ctte on 18 June

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

c. Finance – 24 May

£500 grant was awarded to the Bowls Club to encourage youth bowling.

RESOLVED: To note the minutes

5. Use of Nursery Pitch on 1 July by TOG for parking during Riverfest

RESOLVED: the request was approved

6. Request to use the Market Place for Remembrance Sunday 11 November

RESOLVED: the request was agreed

7. Speed Indicator Data – Reports from Aspreys

RESOLVED: to forward the SID reports to the authorities and request that a mobile enforcement camera visit periodically.

8. Request from Olney Town Colts FC to use Charity Field and Nursery Field Pitches

RESOLVED: agreed to rent the Charity and Nursery Field pitches to Olney Town Colts.

10. Plan:MK Examination

The council discussed the forthcoming public examination on Plan:MK and the questions raised by the Planning Inspector.

RESOLVED: it was agreed to discuss with John Cheston advice on a suitable stage to request that Olney be demoted from a “Key Settlement” to a “Selected Village” in the Settlement Hierarchy.

11. Olney War Memorial – designation as listed building

The council discussed the proposal of Historic England to list the war memorial. Members felt that it would cause unnecessary restrictions and is being looked after quite competently by the council.

RESOLVED: to write to Historic England to request that the war memorial not be listed as we are confident that it is in safe hands with us.

12. Olney Centre Bi-Fold Doors Room 1

RESOLVED: to refer back to Centre Management Cttee and allow them to make the final decision.

13. Annual Accounts

a. Internal Auditor Report

RESOLVED: to note the report and that there were no actions arising

b. To approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

RESOLVED: to approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

c. To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18

RESOLVED: To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18

d. To set 11 June – 20 July as the dates for the public inspection

RESOLVED: to agree the dates for public inspection of the accounts

14. To note the annual pay award effective 01 April 2018

RESOLVED: to agree the NJC pay award backdated to 01 April 2018.

15. List of outstanding actions

- Still no progress with the Market Place electrics, EON are meeting with their contractor to discuss the drains this week.
- CCTV in the Market Place have quoted £600 plus we supply a cherry picker just to look at the unit, it was suggested that we cut our losses and start again with a new unit that links to CMK where it can be monitored 24/7.
- Social Media Policy and Correspondence Policy be linked, they will be developed as per the standing orders.
- A request for a by-pass was emailed to Tom Blackburn-Maize, the response was not a “no” so should be considered a positive.
- The “Nat West” clock needs painting, David Coles’ painters have quoted £500 to strip and repaint. Further quotes are required.

- A website builder is meeting next week, if councillors could let Liam know what they like and dislike on the current website, this could be factored in.
- It was requested that East Street road be added to the List of Outstanding Actions so it is focused on each month. The new highways officer to be invited for a walkabout.
- MKFM article regarding the Foodstore application was inaccurate in that it suggested that the application was not in line with Neighbourhood Plan.
- Request from owner of Site R to meet. Invite to planning or the next development meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the report

16. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

None to report

17. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Des Eley, Colin Rodden and Chris Tennant attend MK2050 presentation regarding long-term vision of MK

18. To approve the schedule of payments

The list was omitted in error from the meeting papers. Schedule to be emailed tomorrow and included on the next month's meeting for approval.

19. Members Matters

- Kevin Viney noted that a number of dog bins were overflowing. It was explained that the business owner had been ill recently and needed to rely on temporary staff which was proving difficult.
- It was agreed that Graham Harrison should join the HR committee.
- Colin Rodden had been approached about a child who had stepped on a broken bottle at the swimming steps. It was agreed that a sign won't make any difference but that a new bin would be ordered. He also noted that the depression outside the vets was filling with water and ought to be reported "under warranty".
- The disabled bay signs outside McColls are hardly visible.

- 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. Market Trader Complaint**

Peter Geary asked a question about the issues raised in a complaint

- 22. Goosey Islands - Proposal from local residents**

Council received an update on a proposal from local residents regarding the Goosey Islands.

RESOLVED: to continue discussions and negotiations, and to present a paper at the July meeting for the council to make a decision.

- 23. Update on Football Club situation.**

Town Clerk and Tony Evans gave the council a report on the situation with the Football Club and the lease of the clubhouse.

RESOLVED: To note the report and monitor the situation.