

**Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council**  
**Held on Monday 09 April 2018 at 7.30 pm**  
**at The Olney Centre**

**Present:**

Jeremy Rawlings, Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman, Stephen Clark, 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), Bernie Ibekwem (Highways Community Manager), Naveed Ahmed (Senior Highway Liaison Officer) and 8 members of the public.

**Public Forum:**

- Sue Warren informed the council that the Local Government Ombudsman was investigating her complaint regarding Oakdown Crescent. She commented that it was nice to see MKC officers in attendance at this meeting.
- Martin Allen addressed the council regarding the former Bennett's Butcher shop. He felt that the boarding was not appropriate look and asked the council if we could encourage the owner to paint the boarding. Town clerk to write to owner.
- Kate Bostock addressed the council regarding road safety on Bridge St. There have been 2 accidents at her house in the last 4 months. She reminded the council that the façade of her house was nearly destroyed in an accident in 1987. She suggested that bollards should be erected and that speed restrictions should be introduced.
- Gill and Ken Simmons addressed the council regarding speeding traffic on Aspreys. They asked when the SID results would be published, what would be the next action and would they be able to see the results.

Cllr Rodden commented that we will be discussing Speedwatch and had been in touch with TVP regarding speeding. A list of volunteers is being compiled to operate a speedwatch. Mr and Mrs Simmons requested copies of the SID results.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Paul Collins and Rosemary Osbourne MBE

**2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda**

None declared.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 05 March 2018**

- Cllr Rodden questioned whether the name of the market trader who was leaving should be recorded. Town Clerk responded that no names were mentioned at the meeting so the minutes were an accurate reflection.
- Cllr Rodden that the name of the two candidates for co-option should be recorded.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes subject to adding the name of the candidates for co-option.

**4. Oakdown Crescent - MKC Highways Community Manager**

Bernie Ibekwem (MKC) gave the council an update on Oakdown Crescent. He explained that he was an Interim Manager appointed to look at some of that Parish and Town Council issues.

He had looked at the history of Oakdown Crescent issues. Design proposals put forward by MKC including costs to be sent to OTC.

OTC to review the design and submit application to MKC Parish Parking Fund if plans are supported. The scheme require matched funding from OTC.

Plans circulated at the meeting and discussed by members. Ballpark figure for the plans is £30K.

Accept the plans and make application to parish parking fund.

**RESOLVED:** To support the plans, with one bay allocated for disabled and carers vehicles, and submit application to the Parish Parking Fund

**5. 17/03232/OUT - Land at Corner of Lavendon Road and Warrington Road - Outline application for the erection of a retail foodstore and up to 26 residential units**

The council discussed the planning application report which was being discussed by MKC Development Control Committee on 12 April with a recommendation for approval.

A number of members of the council attended a meeting last Thursday at MKC with the applicant along with ward councillors Peter Geary and David Hosking. The applicant was asked to consider withdrawing the housing element of the application, and the town council agreed to reconsider its objection to the

application. In the event that the town council maintained its objection, they would consider if they would support the application if the housing element was withdrawn.

**RESOLVED:**

- That the town council maintains its objection to the application as it stands
- That if the residential element were to be withdrawn the town council would withdraw its objection and support a revised application without housing.

**6. Consultation: Milton Keynes Council Draft Affordable Housing SPD**

Cllr Joanne Eley attended a presentation / workshop on the consultation and gave a report to the council, outlining her concerns about the policy.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Eley to work with the Town Clerk to prepare a submission in response to the consultation.

**7. Olney Town Football Club**

The town council discussed the current situation with the Olney Town FC. The club committee has announced that it is standing down, and unless another committee comes forward the club will cease to operate at the end of the season. The council has a lease agreement in place with the club for the land upon which the clubhouse stands. The Town Clerk reported on meetings with the Football club and the Colts.

**RESOLVED:**

- To monitor the situation with the clubs.
- To seek legal advice with regards to the rights and obligations on all parties

**8. Parking at Olney Centre**

Cllr Eley reported her concerns regarding parking at the Olney Centre. Cars park on the disabled bay which would prevent ambulances getting close to the building in an emergency. Cars park in the disabled bay that are not disabled.

Consideration to be given to placing a bollard to prevent unauthorised use.

**RESOLVED:** To investigate price for bollard and report to the Olney Centre Ctte

**9. East St - Holes Lane General improvements to roads and footpaths**

Cllr Boardman reported that the 14 house development on East St is nearly completion which will release £35K in S106 funding for a footpath on East St from The football pitch to Fairfield Close. Schemes were drawn up 10 years ago for improvements.

Bernie Ibekwem said that he was not aware of this issue. Questions were asked of MKC officers as to where East St is on the list for pothole repairs. Need to have wider discussion with MKC regarding the way that traffic moves around the town and issues.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a meeting with MKC officers to discuss highways issues.

**10. Community Speedwatch**

Council considered correspondence from MKC Road Safety team regarding Community Speedwatch. Scheme has been advertised locally and a list of volunteers compiled. Next step would be to organise training. Graham Harrison also wanted his name added to the list.

**RESOLVED:** Training to be organised by MKC Road Safety team.

**11. Street Trading Consent Renewal - Mercury Catering trading at Stilebrook Road**

**RESOLVED:** No objection

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

a. **Planning - 12 March**

b. **Dickens - 19 March**

**RESOLVED:** To note the minutes

**13. Date of Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 17 May**

**RESOLVED:** To set the date of the annual Parish Meeting as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7:00pm

#### 14. List of outstanding actions

Town Clerk submitted a report on outstanding actions and answered questions about the following items.

- Market electrics – meeting to be held with the contractor the following day to discuss outstanding issues.
- Pancake ladies – process begun to apply for S106 monies.
- Long Lane Bridleway – still concerns amongst local community. Discuss with Rights of Way
- Goosey – progress with fence structure partly removed. Poles are still in place. Rubbish still deposited on island. Ask MKC to comment if they are content that the enforcement notice has been complied with.
- Silent soldier has been withdrawn by RBL
- Market Place CCTV to be added to outstanding actions list
- Structural report received on Goosey Bridge which suggest that a weight limit of 3.5 Tonnes be imposed. OTC to erect signage regarding weight limit. Suggest that legal advice be considered before signage erected, and that it is within permitted development rights.

#### 15. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

- To erect a monument “Betty Spicer nee Barnes 2nd March 1936 – 13th February 2017 may she rest in peace”
- To add an inscription “Agatha Margaret Keevil 21st November 2017 96 years young greatly missed by all the family”
- To add an inscription “and his wife Florence Beatrice Clark 13 April 1927 – 14 Dec 2017 together again”.
- For an EROB Bronwen Ruth Cregeen Birrell
- To add an inscription “reunited with his wife Mona Renee 31 Jan 1922 – 14 Dec 2017 a much loved mum, grandma and great grandma”
- Burial of Hilda Margaret Freeman
- Burial of Brenda June Knowles
- Burial of Glynne Thomas
- To erect a monument “In loving memory of Glynne Thomas 10.11.1943 – 7.2.2018 a wonderful husband dad and grandad

**RESOLVED:** To approve the above exclusive rights of burial and memorials

## 16. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Cllr Clark reported on a meeting of the Olney Ward forum on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Presentation from Paul Cummins, (MKC Deputy Monitoring Officer) regarding standards and declaration of interests. Paper on the subject to be circulated.

Presentation from Brett Leahy (MKC Head of Planning) regarding the planning scheme of delegation.

Next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June at The Olney Centre.

## 17. To approve the schedule of payments

Date	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
<b>Unity Trust - Current A/C</b>			
01/03/2018	Katara Ltd	Quickbooks subscription	30.00
01/03/2018	Institute of Groundsmanship	Annual Membership	43.20
07/03/2018	BHIB Insurance Brokers	Vehicle insurances	2,226.16
08/03/2018	Fisher German	Red Book valuation report	1,198.12
08/03/2018	Dave Boddy Electrical	Cherry picker hire	527.04
08/03/2018	Spectrum Security Solutions	Olney Centre CCTV service	120.00
12/03/2018	Des Eley	Travel expenses	121.90
15/03/2018	Certas Energy	Diesel fuel	642.62
15/03/2018	ESPO Energy	Gas - Olney Centre	624.72
21/03/2018	A H Contract	Dog bin emptying	555.22
21/03/2018	Wards of Olney	Caretaking	1,344.00
21/03/2018	Pro-Max	Roof repairs Olney Centre	510.00
21/03/2018	C T Wilson & Son	Misc items	22.04
21/03/2018	Viking	Stationery	75.07
21/03/2018	Hilary Brock Private Hire	Age UK lunch transport	90.00
21/03/2018	Jade Tyres LLP	Tyre repairs	94.80
21/03/2018	Community Information Service Ltd	Ad in MK Ceremony Guide	354.00
21/03/2018	Napier Parking Ltd	Car parking management	240.00
21/03/2018	ADT Fire & Security	Burglar alarm monitoring	222.00
21/03/2018	Groundsman	knapsack sprayers and litterpickers	201.89
22/03/2018	Anglian Water - Rec Gnd	Water charges - Recreation Ground	10.50
22/03/2018	Anglian Water - Toilets	Water charges - Market toilets	85.50
22/03/2018	Anglian Water - The Olney Centre	Water charges - Olney Centre	86.00
22/03/2018	Anglian Water - Allotments	Water charges - Allotments	181.00
22/03/2018	Anglian Water - Cemetery	Water charges - Cemetery	10.00
23/03/2018	Total Gas & Power	Electricity - Olney Centre	421.78
23/03/2018	Total Gas & Power	Electricity - Rec Gnd	237.69
23/03/2018	Total Gas & Power	Electricity - Cemetery	15.91
23/03/2018	Total Gas & Power	Electricity - Market	93.16
27/03/2018	SA Welding Ltd	repair netball hoop	120.00
28/03/2018	Adept Telecom	Telephone and broadband	56.98

28/03/2018	Cawleys	Waste collection	152.35
28/03/2018	ESPO Energy	Gas - Olney Centre	618.41
29/03/2018	Salaries	Salary Mth 12	6,926.72
29/03/2018	HMRC PAYE	PAYE Mth 12	2,331.57
29/03/2018	Bucks LGPS	LGPS Mth 12	1,992.78
29/03/2018	Prudential AVC	AVC contribution	500.00
31/03/2018	Unity Trust	Bank fees	65.25
<b>Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C</b>			<b>£ 23,148.38</b>
<b>Unity Trust - Corporate Card</b>			
02/03/2018	Lloyds Bank	Finance Charge	3.00
05/03/2018	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	Council email accounts	5.75
09/03/2018	Safety Signs 4 Less	Health and Safety signs	20.22
09/03/2018	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	exchange 2013 account	6.59
14/03/2018	Toolstation	Socket convertors	30.16
14/03/2018	Toolstation	hi viz vests	21.24
19/03/2018	Traffic Technology	Repairs to S.I.D.	270.00
21/03/2018	One Stop Shop	Office supplies	1.89
22/03/2018	Land Registry	Land registry search	6.00
26/03/2018	Winterhalter	Dishwasher repairs	190.60
<b>Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card</b>			<b>£ 555.45</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 23,703.83</b>

- Payment of £270.00 to Traffic Technology for repair to S.I.D queried. Should we consider purchasing our own. The SID is shared with a number of adjacent parish councils.
- Did we test the pipes at the allotments for leakages?
- ESPO Energy - two payments for ESPO Energy. Monthly invoices received, just timing of payments.
- BHIB - 3 year agreement for the council insurance.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the schedule of payments

## 18. Members Matters

- Cllr Bethune - People park alongside dropped kerbs, particularly outside former Natwest. These are there to help people cross roads. Can we consider erecting bollards to prevent parking?

Concerns about deliveries to Cherry Tree in Spring Lane. Vans park out into High St, blocking the crossing point which is dangerous for pedestrians. Town Clerk to write to Cherry Tree management.

- Cllr Tennant reported on the theft of the Colts defibrillator from the container on the Allotment Field.

- Cllr Eley reported concerns about our email system and opening attachments. Council IT systems to be included as an agenda item for next month.
- Cllr Rodden reported the pothole at the entrance to Stanley Court. Town Clerk to speak to the relevant landlord.

Path from Johnsons Field to the school covered in leaf mess. Whose responsibility is this? Report to MKC.

Drugs sold on High St. Write to PCC and Yvette Hitch (Local Area Commander)

- Cllr Des Eley raised concerns about the plans for the Olney Bypass which he felt needed to be raised on our agenda. Write to Tom Blackburne Maze to raise the profile of the issue.

Cllr Des Eley wanted to thank the groundstaff team for the impressive planting beds this year.

- Cllr Viney approached by a member of a local break-in about the slow response from officers to a recent burglary.
- Cllr Evans reported on a member of staff.
- Cllr Rawlings introduced an item on the Natwest Clock. The council needs to approve the transfer of the wayleave agreement from Natwest to the new purchaser.