

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held on Monday 07 January 2019 at 7.30 pm
at The Olney Centre

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

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk), and 4 members of the public.

Public Forum:

- Sue Warren addressed regarding Oakdown Crescent. She was disappointed that not one Cllr replied to her email. (Cllr Harrison said that he had responded). She referred to a newspaper article regarding funding secured from MKC to deal with parking issues in Bletchley. She commented on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for Oakdown Crescent regarding the provision of an ambulance bay, which she felt would not help, and circulated a plan showing the distance of the bay from properties
- Ian Stokes, Olney Town Colts FC, addressed the council regarding the Football Clubhouse. He spoke about the number of teams and players in his club. He passed on a petition of 390 members of his club, supporting his proposal to take on the lease of the clubhouse. He spoke of his proposal which would maintain the status quo, and questioned whether the building should go to a profit-making organisation, and if there would be public support for that.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Boardman.

2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

- Deirdre Bethune declared a pecuniary interest in item 12 as it included a payment to her spouse.
- Tony Evans declared a personal interest in item 7 as a member of the rugby club.
- Chris Tennant declared a personal interest in item 16 as a parent and coach of Olney Town Colts FC.

- Peter Geary declared a personal interest in item 10 as one of the applications listed was a friend of his.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 03 December 2018

- Des Eley questioned the minute of item 8 and requested to hear the audio recording of the meeting.
- Paul Collins said that the list of payments was different to that presented at the meeting. He noted that a revised schedule had been emailed the day after the previous meeting, but queried why the totals were different.

The Town Clerk said that he had nothing to add to that circulated in the email, and said that the list in the minutes was the correct list, and invited Paul Collins to inspect the accounts.

RESOLVED: To defer approval of the minutes.

4. Traffic Regulation Orders – Market Place and Oakdown Crescent

The council considered correspondence regarding the proposed orders for Oakdown Crescent and Market Place.

RESOLVED: To support the proposals.

5. Standing Orders – To consider proposed changes.

Des Eley introduced the item and work carried out by the working group, and proposed adoption of the Standing Orders as submitted. Following discussion, it was felt that they needed to be gone through line by line, and that it would take a long time.

Kevin Viney proposed that the item be deferred and considered at a special meeting called for just that purpose.

Upon a vote the motion was carried with the chairman's casting vote.

RESOLVED:

- To hold a special meeting on 14 January after the planning committee to consider the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation.
- Des Eley to provide tracked versions of the Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation

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

a. Planning – 10 December

Reference was made that the committee had asked MKC planning enforcement to look at the new signage at the 'Smart Gents' barbers on Market Place.

b. Recs and Services – 17 December

Stephen Clark spoke of the group of councillors that had met at the Market to discuss possible locations for the silent soldier benches. A way forward had been agreed, subject to the agreement of the families of existing memorial benches.

7. Request to use Nursery Field for overflow parking (weather permitting) and consideration of sponsorship

The council considered a request from the rugby club for the use of the Nursery Field football pitch for parking for the Olney 7's tournament, and an invitation to be a sponsor for the event.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the use of the Nursery Field for the Olney 7's tournament
- To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to cancel the arrangement if the ground condition is not suitable due to bad weather
- Not to take up the invitation to be a sponsor.

8. Request from MK Libraries for funding to put on event in May/June at Olney Centre

The council considered a request to contribute £375 towards the costs of putting on a show at the Olney Centre in May/June. The production has a dementia theme and will include a post event discussion with the audience.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the payment of £375 towards the event.
- To ask Cobbs Garden and the church Memory Club to support and publicise the event.

9. List of outstanding actions

The Town Clerk submitted a report on outstanding actions and elaborated thereon.

- Market Electrics – complaint submitted to Eon.
- CCTV – system is now working and stable. Will now be able to progress moving control to MKC
- Desmond Eley asked if progress had been made on getting Anglian Water to contribute to the costs of the tennis track as their existing pipes were not to the correct depth.
- Colin Rodden asked if we had received any donations towards the Silent Soldier benches.
- Colin Rodden asked what was happening with the play equipment and reported on email exchange with Phil Snell.
- Peter Geary suggested that we respond to the MKC budget consultation regarding the play equipment budget
- Joanne Eley asked what OTC were doing to follow up the request for a bus bay at the Olney Middle School. It was suggested that it be raised with Penny Fletcher.
- Graham Harrison asked if there was an update on works to trees in the High St.

Proposal expected soon from Nick Hannon

10. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

RESOLVED: To approve the list of Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

11. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Desmond Eley reported on the recent meeting of the MK East Sustainable Urban Extension meeting
- Steve Clark reported that Olney did not have any representative at the recent Area Forum, the minutes of which have been circulated.

12. To approve the schedule of payments for December 2018

Deirdre Bethune left the meeting during discussion of this item

Date	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
Unity Trust - Current A/C			
03/12/2018	Katara Ltd	Quickbooks subscription	30.00
03/12/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Olney Centre	1,882.00
03/12/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Library	258.00
03/12/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Market Place toilets	102.00
03/12/2018	MKC Rates	NNDR - Cemetery	36.00
05/12/2018	Liam Costello	FB ad for Battle's Over	13.00
05/12/2018	Dickens Stall Holders 2018	Dickens refund	55.00
05/12/2018	Wards of Olney	caretaking and cleaning	2,484.00
05/12/2018	Nuwave Design Limited	Website	1,512.00
05/12/2018	ADT Fire & Security	Intruder Alarm monitoring Nov.18 – Nov 19	868.04
05/12/2018	Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd	dog bin emptying	540.00
05/12/2018	Napier Parking Ltd	Car parking management	216.02
05/12/2018	C T Wilson & Son	various	201.77
10/12/2018	Phoenix Surfacing	resurface by tennis courts	22,786.13
10/12/2018	Dave Boddy Electrical	defib install, new tree lights	456.00
10/12/2018	Mr B S Grantham	Dickens entertainment	300.00
10/12/2018	Soul Brothers Ltd	Dickens park and ride	200.00
10/12/2018	Hilary Brock Private Hire	Age UK lunch transport	150.00
11/12/2018	Liam Costello	Expenses	280.80
11/12/2018	Diamond Theatre School	theatre entertainment	100.00
11/12/2018	NS-UK Promotions	Dickens Marshalling	1,279.20
11/12/2018	The Great Gappo	Dickens entertainment	300.00
11/12/2018	Eric Dilks	Organ entertainer	200.00
11/12/2018	Olney Brass Band	brass band entertainment	200.00
11/12/2018	Mr Keeves	Dickens entertainment	100.00
11/12/2018	Ernie Thomas	organ entertainer	100.00
13/12/2018	First Responders First Aid	First Aid cover	375.00
17/12/2018	Buildbase Civils & Lintels	marking paint	10.88
17/12/2018	ADT Fire & Security	Intruder Alarm monitoring	139.20
17/12/2018	D Pibworth	Dickens entertainer	150.00
17/12/2018	JRB Enterprise Ltd (Mutts Buts)	dog bags	298.80
17/12/2018	Certas Energy	Diesel fuel	725.03
17/12/2018	David Ogilvie Engineering	WW1 benches	1,864.80
18/12/2018	Bethune Architects	Architectural fees	491.20
20/12/2018	Bucks LGPS	LGPS Mth 9	2,519.57
20/12/2018	HMRC PAYE	PAYE Mth 9	2,821.96
20/12/2018	Salaries	Salary Mth 9	7,448.58
20/12/2018	Prudential AVC	AVC contribution	500.00
24/12/2018	Anglian Water - The Olney Centre	Water charges - Olney Centre	91.00
24/12/2018	Anglian Water - Allotments	Water charges - Allotments	161.00

24/12/2018	Anglian Water - Toilets	Water charges - Market toilets	54.50
24/12/2018	Anglian Water - Cemetery	Water charges - Cemetery	32.00
24/12/2018	Anglian Water - Rec Gnd	Water charges - Recreation Ground	4.00
24/12/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity	143.87
24/12/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity	84.92
24/12/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity	24.52
24/12/2018	Total Gas & Power	electricity	411.48
31/12/2018	Unity Trust	Bank fees	89.70
31/12/2018	Unity Trust	Bank fees	55.20
31/12/2018	Adept Telecom	Telephone and broadband	63.66
31/12/2018	Cawleys	Waste collection	<u>126.50</u>
Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C			£ 53,337.33
Unity Trust - Corporate Card			
03/12/2018	Lloyds Bank	Finance Charge	3.00
05/12/2018	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	Council email accounts	5.75
06/12/2018	Screwfix	Socket tester	38.42
11/12/2018	Zoro	line marker	56.99
11/12/2018	Cherry Tree	Staff Xmas meal	51.75
19/12/2018	Teamac	Railings paint	161.78
19/12/2018	Kaspersky (Digital River)	Kaspersky license renewal	<u>24.99</u>
Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card			£ 342.68
TOTAL			£ 53,680.01

RESOLVED: To note the schedule of payments

13. Members Matters

- Tony Evans reported some serious potholes on the market place. The plan was to fill them in, but he felt the time had come for the council to consider the following options
 - (i) Continue to patch the potholes as they appear:
 - (ii) Resurface the worst strip from the entrance to the memorial; or
 - (iii) Resurface the whole market.

He suggested that option 2 was his preferred approach. Price to be obtained from Phoenix. Suggestion made to apply to Community Parking Fund.

- Kevin Viney reported concerns that suggested that Barclays will not be re-opening the local branch, which would be a breach of the "last bank standing" policy. He would be writing to the local MP to raise concerns about the issue.
- Colin Rodden suggested that the Wicker Hare statues should be removed as they are in a poor state.

He welcomed news that the hedges along the Weston Road had been cut back, but suggested that the footpaths could do with widening

- Malcolm Messenger raised concerns about the position of the baby changing station in the lady's toilets at the Olney Centre, and that there was nowhere for mothers to feed babies.
- Peter Geary reported that there will be road closures on the Warrington Road for gas works and suggested that the Town Clerk meet with officers from MKC to discuss the works.
- Chris Tennant informed council that he would be attending the MKC Development Control Committee meeting on Thursday to speak against 18/00799/REM, the 33 dwelling phase 2 application on the employment site.
- Peter Geary suggested that the council write to MKC planning regarding the Moores Hill planning appeal. The planning inspector wrote to MKC asking for further comment on a specific issue, and MKC had not responded.

14. 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 press and public on the grounds of the confidential business to be transacted.

15. To approve the confidential minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the confidential minutes

16. Football Club Building – Report on discussions with prospective tenants.

The council received an update on discussions with prospective tenants for the football clubhouse and discussed options.

