

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council

Held on Monday 03 June 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, Dr Sally Pezaro, Colin Rodden, Kevin Viney.

Apologies:

In attendance: Jane Brushwood (Deputy) and 16 members of the public.

Public Forum:

Amanda Molcher introduced herself as a volunteer from the Cowper & Newton Museum, she informed council that Olney is awash with heritage and introduced the app for heritage walks. Rural Walks www.mktrails.org and Olney High Street www.pocketsights.com

Catherine Rose introduced herself and Sarah Michalik to talk about climate change and climate emergency and the “Olney Sustainable Futures”, the main issues being drought, bad air and waste. In January MKC declared a climate emergency and asked if OTC would be willing to host what could be done to reduce waste.

Mrs Stilgoe did not like the cemetery rules and objected to being asked to remove memorabilia to comply with the rules.

Adam Lancashire spoke for a family who also objected to the cemetery rules.

Brian Rice spoke of the devaluation of his property in Oakdown Crescent because there is nowhere to park.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from John Boardman, Malcolm Messenger and Chris Tennant

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

Tony Evans, Joanne and Desmond Eley declared an interest on item 5.

Joanne Eley and Paul Collins declared an interest in item 11.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes once alterations were made.

12. Cemetery Rules

To consider allowing 12 months before enforcing the rules. This is not the right forum to discuss the matter.

RESOLVED: To organise a meeting with the family and return to council.

4. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED: to return to July meeting once the internal auditor report was received.

5. Rugby Club Purchase

D Eley researched the process and advised that to sell would require a lengthy legal process.

RESOLVED: After discussion, it was agreed to offer a 99 year lease.

6. Request for Fireworks on Goosey

The nature of the land does not lend itself to such activities.

RESOLVED: To write to confirm that permission is denied.

7. Allotment Association letter of thanks

RESOLVED: To note the letter.

8. Olney Town Cricket consent request

RESOLVED: To support the request but ask that the container be purchased in green with shrubbery planted around it.

9. Parking Permit Aspreys

RESOLVED: Not to support the permit request

10. Town Parking

RESOLVED: To leave this to ODG

11. Amazing Grace 250

RESOLVED: To support the project where possible

12. Dealt with between items 3 and 4

13. Standing Orders

RESOLVED: D Eley to finish the amendments

14. List of outstanding actions

- Market Electrics – D Eley chasing outstanding works
- Defibrillator – Cllr Geary to approach the street lighting team to see if one can be placed on or near a street light.
- Market Place surface – ODG working group are investigating.
- One Stop crossing – equipment has arrived but on hold while other roadworks in the area.

15. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies

- Cllr Geary reported on the MK East expansion, the decision is likely to be signed off 18 June.

16. To approve the schedule of payments for May 2019

	Date	No.	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
1	01/05/2019		Katara Ltd	Quickbooks subscription	-30.00
2	01/05/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Cemetery	rates	-41.00
3	01/05/2019	dd	MKC Rates Market Place	rates	-104.00
4	01/05/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Football Club	rates	-282.00
5	01/05/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Library	rates	-291.00
6	01/05/2019	dd	MKC Rates - The Olney Centre	rates	-565.00
7	02/05/2019	bacs	Phonebox	Town Meeting ad	-180.00
8	02/05/2019	bacs	SA Welding Ltd	weld gate hinges	-96.00
9	02/05/2019	bacs	George Browns Ltd	replacement tools	-3,399.60
10	02/05/2019	bacs	Napier Parking Ltd	Car parking management	-220.02
11	02/05/2019	bacs	Olney Tennis Club	Lease payment	-629.75
12	02/05/2019	bacs	Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd	dog bin emptying	-996.00
13	02/05/2019	bacs	Wards of Olney	caretaking and cleaning	-2,232.00

14	06/05/2019	bacs	HMRC PAYE	PAYE & NI	-2,416.71
15	08/05/2019	bacs	Human Story Theatre	Connie's Colander performance	-375.00
16	08/05/2019	bacs	SLCC	job advert	-352.80
17	08/05/2019	bacs	Clymac	Redcare monitoring	-137.93
18	08/05/2019	bacs	C T Wilson & Son	various	-42.62
19	13/05/2019	bacs	Peter O'Dell	stone repairs	-470.00
20	13/05/2019	bacs	R F Webster	Cemetery grounds mtce	-720.00
21	15/05/2019	dd	Certas Energy	Diesel fuel	-689.06
22	15/05/2019	dd	Environment Agency	Drainage charge	-27.23
23	17/05/2019	bacs	Tudor Environmental	various	-637.36
24	22/05/2019	bacs	Stimpson Eves	market appraisal	-600.00
25	22/05/2019	bacs	Tudor Environmental	various	-408.73
26	22/05/2019	bacs	Farma	Farmers Market subscription	-210.00
27	22/05/2019	bacs	T-T Pumps	Sewer pump service	-169.28
28	22/05/2019	bacs	Neopost	franking machine	-90.43
29	22/05/2019	bacs	Hilary Brock Private Hire The Cheese Store - Peter Tressler	Age UK lunch transport cheese for town meeting	-90.00 -40.00
30	22/05/2019	bacs			
31	22/05/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Allotments Anglian Water - The Olney Centre	Water charges - Allotments Water charges - Olney Centre	-161.00 -91.00
32	22/05/2019	DD			
33	22/05/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Toilets	Water charges - Market toilets Water charges - Recreation Ground	-54.50 -4.00
34	22/05/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Rec Gnd		
35	22/05/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Cemetery	Water charges - Cemetery	-32.00
36	22/05/2019	bacs	John Nicholls	Expenses - Saltex	-39.00
37	23/05/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity at Market Place	-73.31
38	23/05/2019	bacs	Total Gas & Power	electricity at cemetery	-22.69
39	23/05/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity at Olney Centre	-483.19
40	23/05/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity	-177.07
41	28/05/2019	bacs	MKC	grievance	-4,320.00
42	28/05/2019	bacs	Lewis Salisbury	stone repairs	-390.00
43	28/05/2019	bacs	SA Welding Ltd	repair mower	-48.00
44	30/05/2019	dd	Cawleys	Waste collection	-189.79
45	31/05/2019	dd	Allstar	fuel	-77.03
46	31/05/2019	dd	Adept Telecom	Telephone and broadband	-59.98
					<u>-£</u>
			Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C		22,766.08
47	05/05/2019	5E+07	Fasthosts Internet Ltd	Council email accounts	5.75
48	10/05/2019	6489934067	Kaspersky (Digital River)	Kaspersky license renewal	49.99
					<u>£</u>
			Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card		55.74
					<u>-£</u>
			TOTAL		22,710.34

RESOLVED: To note the schedule of payments

17. Members Matters

Cllr Evans suggested an alarm on the tractor shed be looked into and thanked Ben Brock who used his lifting equipment to re-site the container into the compound.

Council agreed to the cost for an asbestos survey for the football club house.

Colin Rodden asked when the lettering would be put on the blank sign at Chantry Rise.

Paul Collins has spoken to Paul Watson since the Town Meeting, he now has a better understanding of the finances.

Joanne Eley informed that there have been 58 responses to the Armed Forces invitation.

- 18. 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.