

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council

Held at The Olney Centre

on Monday 01 July 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jeremy Rawlings, Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman, 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: Jane Brushwood (Deputy) and 8 members of the public.

Public Forum:

Catherine Rose thanked OTC for putting the Climate Emergency Plan on the agenda. She stated that here in Olney we are privileged, leading to some who shy away for various reasons, people do ask her what can be done. We need to set up an action group. OTC could commit to numerous projects like reducing waste and tree planting, there is government funding available, please act.

Jane Varley spoke on behalf of the organisation Extinction Rebellion and for Pippa Bolger, by following in footsteps we have a moral duty to make a change. We need to plan, set up a working group and see what other councils are doing.

Sarah Williams stated that climate change affects us all at every level, we all look to leaders and government to lead the way, by declaring a Climate Change Emergency it leads local actions.

1. **Apologies for absence** none
2. **Declarations of interests on items on the agenda** none
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 03 June 2019**
RESOLVED: To approve the minutes once alterations were made.

11. **Climate Emergency Plan** brought forward
S Clark – a number of councils have gone down this route opting to cascade information. Could the market traders be asked not to use plastic bags? 40 years ago the hole in the ozone layer, it has now shrunk, it is possible to make a difference.

D Bethune – this is something we need to implement, there are litter picking teams around town. Suggest drinking water stations to encourage people to refill their own bottles.

P Collins – respects the integrity of the speakers but China, India and USA are worse, we are just 1%, it is gesture politics.

J Eley – supports the need for climate change, small changes in town and personal life makes a difference.

S Clark – accepts PC comments but China leads the way in renewable energy.

C Rodden – we need to adopt a plan and put pressure of developers who just comply with regulations.

C Tennant – we can do a lot, there are things we can do and we should look to adopt a Climate Emergency Plan, perhaps the speakers would like to help.

S Pezaro – whatever China or anyone else does we need to do the right thing.

D Eley –working groups work well, set up to produce a plan. UK is often seen as trendsetters.

P Collins – many items are just good housekeeping, is this hysteria.

D Bethune – hysteria is often not a bad thing to get things done, suggest drinking water stations at the market place and rec to encourage refill bottles.

RESOLVED: To set up a working group with D Bethune, S Clark, C Rodden, C Tennant and members of the public. Report back to the September meeting.

4. **Annual Accounts**

RESOLVED: to accept the report and submit to the external auditor.

5. **Request from FoLiO**

Contribution towards children's summer holiday entertainer.

RESOLVED: to approve the request for £100 and ask them for an annual plan of projects to be supported.

6. **VE Day 2020**

JR to contact Lions, RBL and church to come together on 8 May 2020

RESOLVED: to report back at Septembers meeting

- 7. Emergency Plan**
Understands what is available in and around the town should an emergency occur
RESOLVED: to seek assistance in developing a plan
- 8. Cemetery Rules item 18**
RESOLVED: to remove the last sentence from item 18
- 9. MUGA marking**
RESOLVED: to approve the marking quote and ask for their environment statements and guarantee.
- 10. Amazing Grace Pilgrimage Walk**
J Rawlings informed council that a walk was organised from Milton Keynes via several churches and finishing at Emberton Park to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Olney hymns.
RESOLVED: noted
- 11. Climate Emergency Plan**
Dealt with above
- 12. Funding Available**
RESOLVED: to apply for £4,000 to install drinking water stations around the town
- 13. List of outstanding actions**
The Standing Orders to be published on the website
- 14. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials**
RESOLVED: To approve the list of Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials
- 15. To receive reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**
S Clark and D Eley attended the Emberton Park PLUG, there is a proposal to change the payment system and consider using contactless. The future vision

for the park is split with some wanting a more commercial future and some wanting it kept as a nature reserve.

P Collins reported that the museum hosted a successful event aimed at local businesses.

16. To approve the schedule of payments

	Date	No.	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
Unity Trust - Current A/C					
1	01/06/2019		Katara Ltd	Quickbooks subscription	-30.00
2	03/06/2019	dd	MKC Rates Market Place		-104.00
3	03/06/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Football Club		-282.00
4	03/06/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Library		-291.00
5	03/06/2019	dd	MKC Rates - The Olney Centre		-565.00
6	03/06/2019	dd	MKC Rates - Cemetery		-41.00
7	04/06/2019	bacs	C T Wilson & Son	various	-325.07
8	04/06/2019	bacs	Age UK Milton Keynes	taxi	-90.00
9	04/06/2019	bacs	Lewis Salsbury	stone repairs	-440.00
10	04/06/2019	bacs	Wards of Olney	caretaking and cleaning	-2,820.00
11	04/06/2019	bacs	Garrard & Allen	Football club	-4,200.00
12	06/06/2019	bacs	HMRC PAYE		-2,214.68
13	07/06/2019	bacs	ISE Fire Products & Services Ltd	Fire Risk 6 monthly maint service	-180.00
14	07/06/2019	bacs	Napier Parking Ltd	Car parking management	-232.01
15	07/06/2019	bacs	Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd	dog bin emptying	-948.00
16	10/06/2019	bacs	Lee Ypey		-595.00
17	12/06/2019	dd	ESPO Energy	Gas - Olney Centre	-379.84
18	17/06/2019	dd	Certas Energy	Diesel fuel	-949.73
19	21/06/2019	bacs	ESPO	cleaning products	-52.52
20	21/06/2019	bacs	Jade Tyres LLP	repair puncture	-116.40
21	21/06/2019	bacs	ISE Fire Products & Services Ltd	Annual Monitoring	-354.00
22	21/06/2019	bacs	Lewis Salsbury	stone repairs	-310.00
23	21/06/2019	bacs	Projector Lifting Service Ltd	container lock and keys	-40.00
24	22/06/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity	-368.97
25	22/06/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity	-147.41
26	22/06/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity	-72.95
27	22/06/2019	dd	Total Gas & Power	electricity	-22.98
28	22/06/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Allotments	Water charges - Allotments	-161.00
29	22/06/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Olney Centre	Water charges - Olney Centre	-91.00
30	22/06/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Toilets	Water charges - Market toilets	-54.50
31	22/06/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Cemetery	Water charges - Cemetery	-0.50
32	22/06/2019	DD	Anglian Water - Rec Gnd	Water charges - Recreation Gr	-4.00
33	25/06/2019	bacs	Buildbase Civils & Lintels	Post Mix	-47.70
34	27/06/2019		Bucks LGPS	LGPS Mth 3	-1,708.89
35	27/06/2019		salaries	Salary Month 3	-7,669.61
36	28/06/2019	dd	ESPO Energy	Gas - Olney Centre	-254.44

37	28/06/2019	dd	Adept Telecom	Telephone and broadband	-60.98
38	28/06/2019	dd	Cawleys	Waste collection	-218.04
					-£
Total for Unity Trust - Current A/C					27,444.78
Unity Trust - Corporate Card					
39	28/06/2019		Fasthosts Internet Ltd	Council email accounts	5.75
					£
Total for Unity Trust - Corporate Card					5.75
					-£
TOTAL					27,439.03

RESOLVED: To note the schedule of payments

17. Alarm at tractor shed

RESOLVED: to appoint Tickfords

18. Members Matters

J Rawlings – Nigel Birrell sent a message of thanks for allowing him to hold a 24 hour vigil on the market. He also had letters of thanks for the Armed Forces Day lunch. JR also thanked councillors who supported the event and The Carlton House Club for hosting a good lunch with excellent service. It was pointed out to him that Wild Leaf have opened a café at the Rugby Club, changing a storage shed into a commercial enterprise, Wild Leaf to be informed they need to inform MKC planning and rates departments.

C Rodden – people need to take their own litter home or be fined.

D Bethune – BOFF would like to offer a silent auction to switch on the Christmas lights – council agreed.

J Eley – re 3rd December meeting in which she was advised to declare an interest and declined. The result from the monitoring officer was there was no interest to declare. This brings an end to the subject.

G Harrison – a new allotment plot holder asked who owned the fence at his boundary as it's falling apart. TE to investigate.

C Rodden – the new crossing posts look good. Concerned that lambs at the Goosey have fallen into the river, TE to contact B Reynolds, PG noted that lambs wouldn't fall into a river, they're usually chased in by dogs.

C Tennant – noted that funding is available to support the updating of Neighbourhood Plans.

D Eley – re the complaint to the monitoring officer, JR to write a letter of apology.

K Viney – the crossing at the One Stop looks good, let's hope it has the desired effect.

S Clark – Google have been notified that their description of the swimming steps as a "Victorian Swimming Pool" is irresponsible, they may need a follow up letter from the council.

- 19. 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.