

## **Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council**

### **Held at The Olney Centre**

**on Monday 12 August 2019 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Jeremy Rawlings, John Boardman, Stephen Clark, Paul Collins, Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley, Tony Evans, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Malcolm Messenger, Colin Rodden, Chris Tennant, Kevin Viney.

**In attendance:** Andrea Vincent Town Clerk

#### **Public Forum:**

One member of the public attended and wished to observe only.

- 1. Apologies for absence**, Deirdre Bethune, Dr Sally Pezaro (Reason Holidays accepted)
- 2. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda** none

**RESOLVED:** should a conflict of interest arise during the meeting it would be declared.

- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 03 June 2019**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes once alterations were made.

- 4. Update on the Football Club Building Lease**

T E. presented a comprehensive report on the progress of the legal papers.

It was noted that Body Force have instructed their own solicitors.

C R. queried the legal costs and clarification was given that the £4000 paid earlier in the year was for the surrender document for the Football Club.

Any costs relating to the lease are entirely separate.

**RESOLVED:** To note the contents of the report

- 5. Request from Royal British Legion for the use of the Market Place on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**RESOLVED:** to agree to RBL use of the Market Place on 10<sup>th</sup> November

## **6. Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition**

The Town Clerk reported that Olney had come second with 90 points and Winslow won with 93 points.

**RESOLVED:** report noted

## **7. Members Matters**

KV – informed the Council that Manchester Council are introducing covenants to manage the number of “buy to let “properties.

**RESOLVED:** report noted

CR – expressed concern that the Zip Wire on the playground on Johnson’s Field had neither been repaired nor removed.

**RESOLVED:** PG to raise with MKC

CR – raised the issue of water quality in the river Ouse. Town Clerk confirmed this issue and swimming in the Ouse will be on the September agenda. SC confirmed that the Environment Agency do automatic monitoring but do not take samples of the river water.

**RESOLVED:** that the subject will be discussed more fully on the September agenda and noted that OTC has a sign not recommending swimming. A lifebuoy ring is provided at the steps.

CR – raised a matter (regarding weeds coming through new path to Weston) previously raised with a Ward Councillor. CR had been advised to firstly report the matter either through the MKC web site or by phoning the customer service team at MKC. If there is not a suitable response by MKC following the report then the ward councillors with take up the case.

**RESOLVED:** CR to report the matter on MKC website

JE – queried if the defibrillators owned by OTC were operational. The Town Clerk reported that she is working with the Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS) organisation and the ambulance service to get them operational.

MM – raised the issue of the weeds in the path along the Cow Track off East Street and that the bin stolen from outside the OneStop shop on the High Street has not been replaced.

**RESOLVED:** Both issues to be reported on the MKC website by the Town Clerk

GH – Noted the fallen trees on the Rec had tape around them but thought it required better “fencing off” to prevent injury.

**RESOLVED:** Town clerk to instruct the ground staff accordingly.

PG and TE – discussed sheep fencing on the Goosey.

**RESOLVED:** Both to meet with the tenant farmer on the Goosey.

- 8. 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 pursuant to the above.

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