



Olney Town Council
The Olney Centre, High Street, Olney, Bucks MK46 4EF

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council
Held at The Olney Centre
On Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30 pm

Present: Jeremy Rawlings, Paul Collins, Joanne Eley, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Kevin Viney, Dr Sally Pezaro, Deidre Bethune, Colin Rodden, Chris Tennant, Stephen Clarke

Apologies: Malcolm Messenger, John Boardman, Desmond Eley

In attendance: Andrea Vincent Town Clerk, Sarah Kennedy Deputy Town Clerk

Public Forum:

There were two speakers from the public.

Chris Roberts, Chairman of the Royal British Legion thanked the council for the support they given in previous years for Remembrance Sunday in Olney. He asked for some assistance on the morning of 10/11/2019: 2 volunteers to read out the 84 names of the fallen at the Armistice. Cllr J Eley and Cllr Clarke volunteered to assist.

Patricia Gadsby is coordinating some PR activities at Broomfield Residential Care, a care home specialising in dementia on Yardley Road, Olney. In addition to this, the business has recently undergone a refurbishment and is offering new facilities. Patricia invited all councillors to attend Broomfield on 25th January at 2pm to visit the newly refurbished property and to meet some of the residents.

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Malcolm Messenger, John Boardman, Desmond Eley (Work and Holidays matters accepted)
- 2. Presentation by the MKC Monitoring Officer**
Paul Cummings (MKC Monitoring Officer) presented the Code of Conduct for Councillors.



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3. Co-option candidate's presentation

RESOLVED: Debbie Whitworth would be co-opted as a councillor she then joined the meeting.

4. Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

No declarations were made

RESOLVED: Should a member be aware of an interest in the body of the meeting they would ensure it was made known.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07th October 2019

RESOLVED: Minutes approved

6. To discuss the Council's response to the McCarthy and Stone Development proposal.

Cllr Tennant advised that Olney Town Council were to maintain a position of objection at the meeting on Thursday evening. Based on 3 reasons:

- 1) Non compliance
- 2) Insufficient marketing evidence
- 3) Housing development not required

Cllr Geary and Cllr Hoskings would be attending the meeting to also object. It was discussed with the council that there would be no more 3rd party rights of appeal and no more challenges would be accepted after Thursdays meeting.

RESOLVED: Outcome of the planning meeting would be shared with full council via email.

7. To discuss the Town Guide



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It was noted that last year's version of Olney Town guide had been published and distributed to residents of Olney with a few errors in it.

RESOLVED: Olney Town guide to be proof read by various Councillors and/or Town Clerk before it went to print.

8. To Review the list of those representing the Council at outside bodies.

RESOLVED: Cllr Rawlings would represent the council on the Ann Hopkins Committee

9. To Discuss the Olney Centre Committee

Cllr Bethune stated that The Olney Centre committee needs to be attended by a quorum to have valid proceedings. Currently there are few members for this particular committee. Members of the council were asked if they would like to volunteer to join the committee.

RESOLVED: Cllr Whitworth volunteered to join The Olney Centre Committee.

10. To Discuss the request for use of the Market Place for the Pancake Day event 24/25th February 2020

Cllr Bethune put forward a request from The Pancake Committee for use of the Market Place on Pancake Day. Concerns were raised over the current state of the market place and the holes that had been created after the marquees had been erected for the BOFF event.

Cllr Geary suggested talking with marquee suppliers in advance of Pancake Day 2020 to ensure the marquee is erected causing no further damage to the market place.

RESOLVED: The clerk will write to the Pancake Committee allowing them to use the Market Place 2020. However in future years different conditions may apply due to the upgrading of the Market Place.



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11. To receive and update on the supplementary fund application

Milton Keynes Council have offered 2 match funding grants to Olney Town Council. The grants will be used for the following purposes:

- 1) For a new fence to be erected around the children's play area at The Recreational Grounds.
- 2) Water fountains to be provided at The Market Place and The Recreational Grounds. It was discussed that the design of the water fountains needs to be in keeping with the area in which they are located, to allow enough space to be able to fill up water bottles and, for cost effectiveness and ease of installation, to place where an existing water supply is already present (e.g. next to toilet block on Market Place).

RESOLVED: Recs & Services to decide on designs and to provide the Council with examples prior to any final decisions. Recs and Services to contact Anglian Water to discuss options and costs.

12. To discuss proposal for a clothing bank

A proposal was put forward to place an additional clothing bank in Olney.

RESOLVED: All agreed that one clothing bank at The Olney Fire Station was sufficient and no further clothing banks were required.

13. To discuss a chair of committee's meeting

In the past this has been the Finance Committee. Cllr Geary suggested it be renamed Policy and Resources meeting and only chairs of meetings with a budget should attend.

RESOLVED: All budget holding chairs become members of the Finance Committee and that the Finance Committee be renamed.

14. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burials and Memorials



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RESOLVED: To agree all those on the list

15. To receive reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Cllr Pezaro advised council that she had attended a pre-school meeting and had no concerns.

Cllr Collins had recently attended a public meeting at the C&N museum, which was well attended.

Cllr J Eley informed all that AGM Bucks & MK Association of Local Council was taking place Friday 16th November and she would be attending.

16. To approve the schedule of payments

Query raised over some of the payments appearing as non negatives on the payment sheet and why was this.

RESOLVED: To note the schedule of payments

17. Members Matters

- Cllr Pezaro advised all the date for the Festive meal for Council is scheduled for 20th January 2020.
- Cllr Viney reminded everybody that there was a collection box for Tony Evans if anybody wished to contribute.
- Cllr Roden asked whether a traffic warden currently monitors parking around the town. Town Clerk advised a traffic warden is currently frequenting Olney and it has been arranged that he will email when he has visited so we have a record of visits and outcome.
- Cllr Clarke brought up the issue of vandalism reoccurring recently at the Football Club and that the use of CCTV in and around this area could be used as a preventative measure. This raised high concerns amongst some councillors due to the close proximity of the children's playground



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to where the CCTV cameras may be located. Cllr Rodden suggested the Colts gain security advice from a prevention officer at their cost. Cllr Tennant raised a question as to whom would monitor CCTV footage. It was agreed that this was a Recs and Services issue to be discussed at their committee meeting.

- Cllr Tennant updated all with the recent workings of the Climate Change meeting. He advised that they are to hold a workshop in January regarding food and food waste. Traders in town to be invited to attend. He mentioned other positive initiatives being discussed such as implementation of water fountains, applying for funding to plant more trees, solar panels at the Rugby Club all of which would encourage community involvement.
- Cllr Tennant discussed the Olney Development Project and discussed a proposal for a full size astro pitch. Ousedale School premises has been identified as potential location for the pitch. Costings estimated to be around 750K of which FA, RC and Colts would fund along with Section 106 funds. 9-12 month application process. Cllr Tennant advised that 25K would be put into a sinking fund annually to cover maintenance costs. Other councillors also advised that the MUGA already exists as a similar type of resource. Cllr Geary raised concerns over maintenance costs of this type of facility.
- Cllr Bethune thanked TOG for a wonderful firework display.
- Cllr Harrison recently attended the Allotment AGM and informed council that the idea of a community orchard in the field behind the allotments was raised. It was agreed that this issue should go onto the Recs and Services meeting agenda for further planning.
- Cllr Eley pointed out that recently there has been a political stand on the Market Place and this was not allowed nor was it authorised.



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- 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 Public and Press pursuant to the above.

- 19. Discussion about former Football Club**

RESOLVED: Working party to contact planning department Milton Keynes

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