



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 2nd December 2019 at 7.30 pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Whitman

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

Public Forum:

There were 6 speakers from the public.

Unison representative, Local government pension scheme

- haven't consulted on the Employers Discretions policy suggested it would be good industrial relations to consult
- he presented a copy of the MKC policy to the meeting

Olney Resident

- came 1 year ago to ask about resurfacing children's play area and ball park
- suggested the use of section 106 money to resurface
- R&S issue + it will go on to the next agenda.

Olney Resident

- Concerns about misuse of sports stand at Rec. Has anything been done. R&S issue + it will go on to the next agenda.
- PCOS has been involved

Olney Resident

- Double yellow lines on drive way



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- Problems with people parking on the lines. Keith McLean as ward Councillor will look into it.

Secretary of Olney Rugby Club

- Re submission re change of use of Football Club. Suggested that some of the information submitted by Councillors to the planning department was incorrect. Agreed that this item would further be discussed in Item 5;

Resident of Olney

- Recently moved to Olney. Concerned about level of traffic coming through Olney & Weston Underwood being used as thoroughfare. Olney Neighbourhood Plan (ONP) mentioned having elements which central council funded - bypass

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr Whitworth (Health matters accepted)

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

NB During the meeting if it becomes apparent that you have an interest in an item being discussed this must be declared immediately.

Item AG250 Cowper & Newton Museum. Cllr Collins declared interest and will leave the meeting.

Items 5 & 7 will be brought forward

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019**

Stand on Market Place needs rewording not accurate

Resolved: Approved as amended

4. **To approve the calendar of meetings for 2020**



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It was suggested that when there are 2 meetings on same evenings, the time of the second meeting will be set to 7.45pm or the next meeting will start at the conclusion of the Planning Meeting.

It was noted the website & committees needs to be updated

The that finance meeting dates need to be changed to meet the financial calendar

Resolved: Calendar of meetings agreed as amended

5. To discuss update on the former Football Club Planning application

Discussion around the history surrounding the application.

Neither the Rugby Club not the Colts had financial capacity to take over the building and the outstanding repairs. BodyForce put together business plan and it was agreed unanimously that BodyForce would be the preferred tenant. The council has acted properly in acceptance of Bodyforce.

Cllr Bethune and the working party met with planning officer on site and addressed misconceptions.

It was suggested JUG meeting should be reinstated to re-establish the joint working.

Resolved: To support the Planning application and look to re-instate the JUG meetings

6. To discuss AG2022

Cllr Collins left the meeting

There was a request to allocate £5k per year 21/22/23 for AG250 reserve total £15k.



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There was discussion around how this could be done, was it right to do and where the money could come from. Also, where the money is planned to be spent.

In general, there was support for a community celebration.

Resolved: To ensure that £5K is budgeted into the Sidney Dix (Community Fund) for the next three years and that the AG250 group can then apply through the grant system when they have a clear idea of what the monies will be needed for.

7. To approve OTC Employers pensions discretions policy.

The policy was discussed and it was emphasised that the policy is the Employers Policy and does not form part of Terms and Conditions.

Resolved: Agreed

8. To approve Expenses policy

Discussed

Resolved: Agreed

9. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials

Resolved: Agreed

10. To receive reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Cllr Rawlings: Attended the AGM MK Association of local councils. He will circulate the highways presentation.



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Cllr Harrison: Community speed watch - there will be 16hrs of the speeding van based on the speedwatch work.

Cllr J Eley: Police. Extra policing 2 PCSO's/2 PC's for Olney

Cllr Rodden: Grant from Coop for Folio.

Cllr Clark: Emberton Park liaising group didn't meet and will be rescheduled.

11. To approve the schedule of payments

Resolved: Agreed

12. Members Matters

None

13. 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

14. To receive Town Clerks Organisational Update for Calendar Year End

Resolved: Report noted

15. To receive an HR report for Calendar year End

Resolved: Report noted

16. Discussion about former Football Club



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RESOLVED: Working party to contact the planning department at Milton Keynes Council

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