



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Jeremy Rawlings, Paul Collins, Joanne Eley, Peter Geary, Graham Harrison, Kevin Viney, Debbie Whitworth, Deirdre Bethune, Colin Rodden, Chris Tennant, Stephen Clark, Malcolm Messenger, Desmond Eley

**In attendance:** Andrea Vincent Town Clerk,

#### **Public Forum:**

There was no one wishing to speak in the public forum.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies: Cllr Boardman (Holiday)

Absent: Dr Sally Pezaro

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

None declared NB During the meeting if it becomes apparent that you have an interest in an item being discussed this must be declared immediately.

#### **3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

**Resolved:** Agreed as amended.

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

**Resolved:** Agreed for the main dates but the Town Meeting date to be agreed at the next meeting



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**5. To discuss the charging policies and grant giving with a view to harmonising to give clarity.**

Discussion was had on this and varying suggestions

**Resolved:** To have three clear rates one for local voluntary organisations, one for private bookings for local individuals/organisations/ one for any non-local organisation/individual. One off concessional rental to be agreed by the Town Clerk and reported at the next full council meeting. Cllr Geary agreed Ward Councillors meetings would be paid for from April 2020.

**6. To discuss the Community Infrastructure fund**

It was clarified that this is also known as Parish Partnership Funding.

Various suggestions were put forward: Olney walks, Trim Trail, Water Fountains, Market Place Toilets referb contribution, Neighbourhood plan review

**Resolved:**

**7. To approve Exclusive Rights of Burial and Memorials**

**Resolved:** Approved

**8. To receive reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Cllr Clark attended the Olney Ward Meeting

Cllr Geary will enquire as to when the next Park Liaison Users Group (PLUG) is meeting and attend

Cllr J Eley noted that the Senior Citizens are concerned about any possible rise in charges.

**9. To approve the schedule of payments**

**Resolved:** Schedule agreed.

**10. Members Matters**

Cllr Clark raised the matter of contractors at the Broomfield Home site.



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The Town clerk confirmed that the owners of Broomfield are aware and have undertaken to put right once the works are complete. Cllr Clark will ask for construction plans to be enforced by planning officers.

Cllr Viney updated on the former Barclays Bank building noting a black plastic roof has been put on.

Cllr D Eley proffered a request from the church to use the Glebe Field for the Cherry Fair in 2020 – It was agreed to put on the agenda for next month.

Cllr Rodden noted: -

the wall falling down on Lime street – this is in hand.

Graffiti on Johnsons field – Cllr Rodden will report on MKC's report it

Cycling on pavements – Town Clerk to contact police re any possible enforcement

Reindeer in Fountains Court at Christmas – not part of Dickens - the RSPCA should be contacted if there are concerns

Cllr Whitworth raised the issue of accessibility around the town, at the request of the Mayor Cllr Whitworth with research and present proposals on how the Town council could help encourage better access.

Cllr Collins informed the meeting that the Masons are sponsoring Prostrate cancer testing at The Cherry Tree on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Cllr J Eley noted that the light outside Amazing Grains bakery has been fixed

Cllr Bethune enquired about the hanging baskets this year. The Town Clerk reported that the new lampposts are not able to take the weight of the hanging baskets. Cllr Geary was of the view the lamps should have been replaced like for like – the town Clerk will investigate.



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