

# OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council Olney Development Group held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Olney Centre

**Present:** Chris Tennant (Chairman), Kevin Viney, Jeremy Rawlings, Malcolm Messenger

**In attendance:** Andrea Vincent (Town Clerk)

### 1. Apologies for absence

Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley (health reasons)

Dr Sally Pezaro, Colin Rodden (work)

Deirdre Bethune (holiday)

It was noted by the Chair that with some members not available, the meeting was still quorate. All those present agreed to proceed.

### 2. Declarations of interest

None declared

### 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved.

### 4. Update adoption of Plan: MK and conformity with NP

The review Plan MK has commenced and is underway and the Chair reported that it was right and proper that Olney Town Council (OTC) reviews its Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to maintain conformity. With that in mind the Chair had spoken with Milton Keynes Council (MKC) who are agreed to OTC having a light touch review (with no material changes triggering a full review of the NP). It was resolved that the Clerk would make an application to Locality for grant funding support for this piece of research.

**Resolved:** Town Clerk is to make an application to the Neighbourhood Planning Advice Service, Locality which has a funding stream to support plan reviews

### 5. Update on ONP allocated sites, windfall sites, planning applications and appeals

The Chair updated the meeting on the ONP Windfall policy which had been successful and guided new development which have made an important contribution towards housing completions

Site A: The land has been cleared but no sign of building works commencing

**Signed:** Cllr C Tennant, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Site C: There is outline permission in place and the land is for sale

Site D+E: Outline permission granted and a Reserved Matters Application had recently been submitted

Site R: Angle Properties/McCarthy and Stone – Refused a MKC Planning Committee due to conflict with the ONP

It was raised that the site could provide a filling station for Sainsbury's discussion ensued about retail in Olney The Chair advised that given the take up of commercial and retail land within the NP, it would be advisable to undertake a research study on supply and demand for Commercial (Offices/Industrial) and Retail uses to guide the review of the NP.

**Resolved:** Town Clerk to research and apply for funding for a retail study of Olney

## **6. Update on projects**

The Chair informed the meeting about on-going work with schools and the advised the meeting that the Group needs to focus on 1 or 2 key projects and suggested this could be to focus on the potential to secure and enable the development of a new Astro Turf Facility at the Olney Ousedale School site. The Chair suggested that in the future 2020 OTC budget a provisional sum of £10k be allocated to assist in the Sports Consultancy Costs for such a project

**Resolved:** Noted

## **7. East Street foot path works**

East Street Footpath works discussed in detail.

**Resolved:** Cllr Tennant to send drawings to the Town Clerk to allow enable contact with MKC Highways for 20mph restriction request.

## **8. Section106 tracker**

**Resolved:** Cllr Tennant will distribute the s.106 developer contributions tracker

## **9. Consultation and Community Engagement Strategy.**

Several ideas were discussed, and the paper presented to the meeting by the Chair was agreed

**Resolved:** Noted