

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 7th November 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Bethune, Geary, Hall, Hall, Prosser, Rodden, Rowland, Stokes, Tennant, Tyler and Whitworth

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Clerk and 1 member of the public

Public Forum: no member of the public wished to speak.

OTC22/11/1: Apologies for absence, received from Cllrs Aldred, Brock and Varley

OTC22/11/2: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda were received from Cllr Tennant on item 12 as a resident neighbour.

OTC22/11/3: To approve the minutes of the OTC Meetings held 3rd October 2022

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, Cllr Stokes seconded that the minutes of 3rd October 2022 be approved, all in favour.

OTC22/11/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report

Ward Councillor Geary reported that the necessary road closure at High Street South will be disruptive but has been worked to be as least disruptive as possible.

A grant has been awarded for a "Stay Warm" facility, Olney will get £500 to use The Olney Centre, this facility can be offered to surrounding areas that have none and applied for their contribution.

With regards to the number 41 bus, a community bus may to be looked into. MKCC have not cut the funding for it, it was subsidised for the Bedford to Northampton bus to divert to Olney. MKC will not currently work over the border to drop and collect in Turvey. There needs to be a collaborative approach and a meeting has been organised.

OTC22/11/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO James Andrews sent the crime figures for Olney.

OTC22/11/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: the reports were noted and Cllr Brown reminded councillors that budget setting is required up to the finance meeting in December, the draft budget will go to Full Council in January for precept request 1st February.

OTC22/11/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Stokes reported that he attended the Preschool AGM, it was well attended and well run by an experienced team, they are at capacity but will need additional toilets and staff to be able to expand. They are a valued tenant and as a responsible landlord, we need to support this asset to the town.

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OTC22/11/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

The MUGA resurfacing works are nearly finished but is very weather dependant.
The allotment lane works to be discussed and agreed at the R&Ss meeting.
The Olney Centre plans of door widening, solar, air source heat pumps, preschool expansion, double glazing is progressing.
It was noted that the MUGA upgrade has already resulted in many bookings for its use.

OTC22/11/09: To receive updates on the recreation ground, including the volunteer marshal debrief

All volunteer marshals are still keen to continue next year but many more are required to ensure it is not left to the few. We need to advertise in the Phonebox that it's a positive information giving task to start at the May half term. Need to keep on the agenda, plan early, keep the security and budget for it. The next volunteer marshal meeting to be held in March.
Resolved: noted

OTC22/11/10: To approve the draft Flag Policy

Some alterations were made, it was noted that additional flags would need to be purchased throughout the year to replace as flags became worn.

Resolved: Cllr Hall proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded to approve the flag policy with minor changes, all in favour.

OTC22/11/11: To inform Council of the Nativity event in Guinea Orchard

Resolved: noted

OTC22/11/12: To receive an update on the Yardley Manor Community Building

Despite the planning application being objected to by OTC, it has been approved with some conditions that did reflect OTC requirements of energy efficiency and landscaping; internal arrangements have not changed. The consortium has now handed over to the builders. Concern was noted that OTC would be taking on a burden. Additional enquiries for use were coming in.

Resolved: Cllr Brown thanked Cllr Tennant for the work he has put into this.

OTC22/11/13: To consider the MKCC proposal for the play areas at Johnson's Field

Although the updated plan hadn't yet been finalised by MKCC, it was agreed that consultation would be via Facebook, an advert in the Phonebox, on a stall at the Thursday and Sunday markets and a display in The Olney Centre with invitations to feedback to the office over 28 days.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting 5th December 2022