

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Recs & Services Committee** held at The Olney Centre on
Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Varley (Chair), Bethune, Brock, Brown, Geary, Rodden, Stokes, Whitworth

In Attendance: Sarah Kennedy and Jane Brushwood to clerk the meeting and three members of public

R22/01: Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Geach. Cllrs Rowland and Ward were not present.

RS22/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

None received

RS22/03: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th August and 15th November 2021

Resolved: Cllr Brock proposed, and Cllr Whitworth seconded that the minutes of the 16th August 2021 be approved, all in favour.

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed, and Cllr Brown seconded that the minutes of the 15th November 2021 be approved, all in favour.

RS22/04: To consider the future administration of Olney Allotments

Representatives from the Allotment Association created a draft document with recommendations as to how they could help by taking over the administration of the allotments. They made recommendations to the Committee including the requirement to use software to be able to send out invoices, OTC to have access to it and incur the set up costs, take on the water and mowing costs and split the profit with OTC. They mentioned that the driveway and car park is dangerous. Cllr Stokes declared an interest as The Colts use the car park.

Resolved: Cllr Varley proposed and Cllr Stokes seconded that a Working Group of Cllrs Varley, Brown and Geary be set up to consider the finances and further research the proposal, all were in favour.

RS22/05: To discuss a request for beekeeping at The Allotments

Resolved: to investigate further and return with more information.

RS22/06: To set up a Sub-Committee for the Biodiversity Group

For the volunteer group working at The Goosey, Barn Field and Church to be insured, they need to be on a sub-committee of the Council with Terms of Reference and set dates for meetings.

Resolved: Cllr Varley proposed and Cllr Bethune seconded that a sub-committee be set up of 3 Councillors and 2 members of the public, being Cllrs Varley, Bethune and Rodden with Julie Lane and Fiona Everingham and taken to the next full council meeting, all in favour.

RS22/07: To consider resurfacing quotes for the MUGA

3 types of surface have been considered and quotes received. Macadum, as is currently there, Astroturf, needs lots of maintenance and Polymeric is hard wearing and could potentially be the best option. One type of surface suits one user better than another, compromise is required.

Cllr Varley proposed that a specification be sent to JUG and assumed users and then to consult with the town and school children, all in favour.

Resolved: to note the actions

RS22/08: To approve the use of the Glebe Field for Lifepath 24th May - 26th May

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed and Cllr Brock seconded to approve the use of the Glebe field for Lifepath, all in favour.

RS22/09: To consider entering the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 2022

Resolved: Cllr Brock proposed, and Cllr Geary seconded that OTC enter the Best Kept Village, all in favour

RS22/10: To receive an update on the Olney Speed Working Group update

Resolved: Cllr Geary proposed, and Cllr Stokes seconded that we purchase 2 of the recommended speed guns, all in favour.

RS22/11: To discuss the fencing repair to the lane from East Street to the Rec

Resolved: Cllr Geary proposed and Cllr Whitworth seconded that quote A be accepted, all in favour.

RS22/12: An update on the landscaping contracting

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed and Cllr Varley seconded that the recommended landscaper be appointed, all in favour.

RS22/13: An update on the Market Place improvement funding

Resolved: it was noted with reference to the grant for the Market Place, that the trees have been planted and the toilet refurbishment is due to finish end of March or early April.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm