

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 5th December 2022 at 7pm**

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

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.

OTC22/12/1: Apologies for absence, received from Cllrs Aldred, Bethune, Brock, Stokes Varley and Whitworth

OTC22/12/2: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda none were received.

OTC22/12/3: To approve the minutes of the OTC Meetings held 7th November 2022

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Tyler seconded that the minutes of 7th November 2022 be approved, all in favour.

OTC22/12/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report

Ward Councillor Hosking reported that the MKCC proposal for EV charging points on the Cattle Market car park needs feedback and noted it is an item on this agenda.

With reference to the A509 highway closure, MKCC did their utmost to keep disruption to a minimum by insisting that all services worked under the same closure notice. Whilst they undertook additional works in the area, a sinkhole was also discovered, which enabled the work to be rectified at the same time with just an additional day's closure, otherwise it could have been an emergency closure of an additional week's work after filling in and reopening at a later date.

Cllr Hosking added that the criticism of MKCC officers doing their jobs does not go down well. Legislation was covered but people just don't read signs. Our residents are now confused as to the responsibility of services, OTC councillors are not responsible for example planning, waste, housing and highways and should not get involved with responding on these matters, they should be directed to Ward Councillors.

It was noted that MKCC passed a motion to thank all Parish and Town Councils for all the work they undertake in their parishes.

OTC22/12/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO James Andrews sent the crime figures for Olney.

OTC22/12/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: the reports were noted.

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OTC22/12/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Brown reported that he attended the Past Players lunch at the Rugby Club where they unveiled a memorial, Cllr Prosser also attended in her capacity as a Standard Bearer representing the RBL.

Cllr Brown also attended the Remembrance Sunday event, which was also attended by Cllr Prosser in her capacity as a Standard Bearer

Cllr Brown opened the Christmas Tree festival in the St Peter and St Paul Church on Saturday and on Sunday was the Dickens of a Christmas event, the VIPs were extremely impressed and enjoyed their tour. The feedback for the event was very positive, many people thanking us for putting it on and thanks to the staff should be noted.

OTC22/12/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

The final MUGA resurfacing works were postponed, the final surface and lining works will be resumed in the spring due to the weather. Residents can now use it, albeit, unlined.

OTC22/12/09: To receive updates on the recreation ground

The CCTV is fully operational with excellent coverage. Volunteers will soon need to be advertised for.

Resolved: noted

OTC22/12/10: To approve annual events on OTC land

Clerk requested permission to approve regular events on OTC land as organisers need to be able to plan in advance. Notification of exact dates will be brought to council as usual.

Resolved: Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded to allow clerk to approve the use of regular events without having to wait for council approval, all in favour.

OTC22/12/11: To consider the proposal for twinning with Olney, Illinois

Resolved: Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded that clerk to explore further, make contact with Olney, Illinois, and also advise the museum and schools, all in favour.

OTC22/12/12: To feedback on EV Charging points to Cattle Market car park

Resolved: Cllr Tennant proposed, Cllr Tyler seconded that clerk feedback support for EV charge points but request they consider installing as fast chargers as possible, to make the parking spaces available during the day and to suggest they consider security in the area, all in favour.

OTC22/12/13: To note the art installation at Yardley Manor

Resolved: Cllr Geary proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded that should the sculpture be offered to OTC along with the Community Building that we insure it and secure funding for the ongoing maintenance, all in favour.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next Meeting 9th January 2023

Signed: Cllr B Brown

9th January 2022