

# OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Recs and Services Committee** held at The Olney Centre on  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Varley (Chair), Bethune, Geary, Rowland, Stokes and Whitworth

**In Attendance:** Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk

**RS22/11/1: Apologies for absence**

**Resolved:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Brock, Brown and Rodden

**RS22/011/2: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda**

**Resolved:** Cllr Stokes declared a possible interest in item 14 as a user of the recreation grounds

**RS22/11/3: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Resolved:** Cllr Whitworth proposed, Cllr Stokes seconded that the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> July be approved, all in favour.

**RS22/11/4: To receive a presentation from “Lace and Grace” artwork**

Steve Pardue introduced himself as the artist who had been approached by Vistry Homes to commission an art installation at the new Yardley Manor estate. He worked on two important themes from Olney, the lace making industry and the Amazing Grace hymn. He has designed a 5m sculpture as the gateway to the new community centre, weaving lace patterns and words from the hymn on it. Looking at different materials and possible smaller scale replicas to link the new estate with the old part of town.

**RS22/11/5: To approve to investigate options for a running track in Olney**

Cllr Bethune to investigate if there is a demand for the facility, clerk to approach schools to see if they would be interested in one being on their land, investigate price, maintenance costs and viability if a location can be found.

**RS22/011/6: To approve implementation of parking charges at East Street car park**

**Resolved:** Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Varley seconded that we do not implement parking charges at the East Street car park.

**RS22/11/7: To approve alternative hanging baskets**

Clerk to investigate replacing the hanging baskets and replacing the liners in the existing ones.

**RS22/11/8: To select resurfacing quotes for allotment lane and East Street car park**

Clerk to employ Stuart Thomas for advice to validate the spend and return to full council.

**RS22/11/9: To receive an update on the Olney Speedwatch**

The report was noted. Clerk to request from MKCC that 20mph be in place outside the Infant and Middle schools, play areas and residential streets.

**RS22/11/10: To approve applying for section 106 money to fund a metalwork bench designed and crafted by a local artist for the Barnfield**

**Resolved:** to investigate a very large tree trunk be installed for sitting on.

**RS22/11/11: To approve investigating the cost of public wifi at the Market Place**

**Resolved:** Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Rowland seconded that clerk to investigate the cost of wifi at the Market Place, all in favour.

**RS22/11/12: To approve reducing mowing areas to encourage wildlife**

Clerk to approach Parks Trust for advice.

**RS22/11/13: To approve stopping the supply of poo bags**

**Resolved:** To keep the £3k cost in the budget for next year, but to trial stopping the supply.

**RS22/11/14: To consider allowing private businesses to use the rec**

**Resolved:** Clerk to respond to private coaches charging to use the rec to see PL, full RA, enhanced DBS and qualifications before permission may be granted and a cost is allocated.

**RS22/11/15: To approve funding for the valuation of the East Street building**

**Resolved:** Cllr Geary proposed, Cllr Rowland seconded that an agent is employed to negotiate a commercial rent and terms. The new rate to be set aside to deal with the dilapidating building as required. All in favour with 1 abstention.

**RS22/11/16: To consider budget requirements for 2023-2024**

**Resolved:** to request budget to:

Works for the East Street building £50k

Security for rec, add 25% from 2022

Waste Collection, add 25% from 2022

Resurface car park

Wifi at Market Place

Speed cameras

New hanging baskets

Machinery replacement

The meeting closed at 9pm