

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 6th February 2023 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Bethune, Geary, D. Hall, R. Hall, Prosser, Rodden, Rowland, Tennant, Tyler, Varley and Whitworth

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk and 4 members of the public

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

OTC23/2/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies were received from Cllrs Aldred, Brock and Stokes

OTC23/2/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: no declarations of interest were received.

OTC23/2/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC Meeting held 9th January 2023

Resolved: Cllr Varley proposed, Cllr Whitworth seconded that the minutes of 9th January 2023 be approved. All in favour

OTC23/2/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report.

Ward Councillor Hosking reported that MKCC have litter picked the A509 but litter remains a problem. WC's are organising a litter pick in Olney, meeting at 10am on the first Sunday of each month starting 4th March, the Cherry Tree have offered free tea and coffee for volunteers afterwards. Thanks to be noted to Judy Spencer and team who have been litter picking for several years.

Aldi plans have been delayed as Historic England have requested an archaeological report of the Roman building remains found.

The new health centre have not confirmed that there won't be a new surgery, WC's and Cllr Tennant continue to work with the Care Board.

Regards the number 41 bus, Britannia Bus Company have submitted their plans to MK, Bedford and Northampton councils for 2 x single decker busses to go through Olney and Lavendon daily, starting early April, support is necessary for the long term viability of it. Cllr Whitworth was thanked for the work she has put into the project.

The new waste and recycling information sessions, MKCC will supply coloured sacks instead of bins for those who have no storage facility, there will be a post code checker in due course.

Further to the pedestrian who was injured on the zebra crossing, despite improvements, it could be made safer, head of MKCC highways will come out to assess after the police report is received.

With regards to the Kings Coronation, MKCC have put £50k into a budget to assist organising events.

Resolved: Noted

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OTC23/2/05: To receive a PCSO's report.

No crime figures for Olney were received.

OTC23/2/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date.

Nothing noteworthy was on the reports, we remain in a good healthy position tracking a small surplus.

Resolved: Report was noted

OTC23/2/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings.

Cllr Whitworth represented the council at the reopening of the Oxfam shop.

Cllr Brown reported the official opening of the Community Fridge which is running well and available to all to reduce food waste, it's a good news project that we should be proud of, Cllr Brown thanked all involved in setting it up and supporting it.

Cllrs Whitworth and Hall attended the MKCC Waste information sessions with clerk who noted the new waste collection vehicles will be run on electric that is powered by the waste they collect.

Clerk represented councillors at the NE Rural Community Forum and the PLUG meetings.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/2/08: To receive updates on S106 spending.

Clerk met with MKCC S106 officer to view the MUGA, who was impressed that the intention was to keep it open for all to use and that it would have facilities for netball, basketball and football, she was supportive of the plan to resurface the area around and leading to it, which enabled a completely inclusive use of the facility. The surfacing at the rec and the allotment lane is booked for 6th March.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/2/09: To receive updates on the recreation ground.

The volunteer marshal group are due to meet again in March 2023 to plan ahead for this summer, we will advertise for new volunteers.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/2/10: To consider setting up a regular "Talk with your Councillor" and setting up Community Events

Cllr Prosser and clerk attended a Community Enrichment training session presented by NALC and were inspired to offer more groups the use of The Olney Centre for Youth Clubs, Dementia Friendly Clubs, Adult Care groups.

Resolved: Cllr Brown proposed to encourage clerk to investigate opportunities but that a "Talk With Your Councillor" type of surgery would likely not be necessary, as the office is already open daily for residents to access the council.

OTC23/2/11: To consider adopting the Civility and Respect Protocol as recommended by NALC

Resolved: Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr Tyler seconded that the Civility and Respect Protocol be adopted, all in favour

OTC23/2/12: To consider Coronation celebrations in Olney.

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The Palace have released guidelines of what they'd like to see over the Coronation bank holiday weekend. Ideas include a "Street Clean Outside Your House", including street signs.
Resolved: Cllr Brown proposed, Cllr Rowland seconded that Cllr Rowland heads up a working group to support residents in their plans and Clerk to purchase flags for the brackets in the High Street, all in favour

OTC23/2/13: To consider cycle and footpath links to surrounding villages.

Resolved: Council noted that links were already in place but had no objections to other villages applying to improve them and noted that it was not likely to be with S106 funds.

OTC23/2/14: To receive confirmation of local events.

Resolved: noted with no objections

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next Meeting 6th March 2023