

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Brock, D. Hall, R. Hall, Prosser, Rodden, Rowland, Stokes, Tennant, Tyler

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk and 10 members of the public

Open forum: Ian Barnes spoke as a resident and recent volunteer marshal at the recreation ground. He has recently posted on Olney Noticeboard Facebook page regarding continuing issues at the recreation ground and hoped that the public engagement with this post will encourage Olney Town Council to try out some of the suggested ideas, such as temporary fencing near to the river and paid parking in East Street car park, as potential solutions and control measures to some of the issues being experienced locally again this summer.

Jim Cooper spoke as a resident about the Roman mosaic recently found at the proposed Aldi site. He requested that Olney Town Council arrange a public meeting with both the property developers and Oxford Archaeology, so that interested residents can ask relevant questions.

OTC23/7/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: None

OTC23/7/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

OTC23/7/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 5th June 2023 and the EGM held 20th June 2023

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Stokes seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 5th June 2023 be approved. All voted in favour.

Cllr Rodden proposed, Cllr Brock seconded that the minutes of the EGM held 20th June 2023 be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC23/7/10: To receive updates on Cobbs Garden

Representatives of the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board (BLMKICB) reported to Olney Town Council (OTC) a series of recent updates on the current situation and future prospects for the development and/or re-location of Cobbs Garden Surgery.

Resolved: BLMKICB to inform OTC when the next relevant update is available and arrange a further meeting between OTC, BLMKICB and Cobbs Garden Surgery partners

OTC23/7/13: To receive a report on air quality

Megan Harrison, Environmental Health Officer at Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC), reported on outcomes of the recent air quality report.

Resolved: Noted

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OTC23/7/09: To receive updates on the recreation ground

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed, Cllr Rowland seconded that a Joint User Group meeting is held at the earliest possible opportunity, preferably week commencing Monday 10th July, followed by a meeting of Olney Town Council to decide on actions to be taken regarding the recreation ground for the rest of the summer. 10 voted in favour, 1 against, and therefore the motion was passed.

OTC23/7/04: To receive a Ward Councillor's report

Ward Councillor Keith McLean sent his report in for this month. Firstly, a group of travellers that have recently pitched in Sherington, North Crawley and Little Crawley, have now had an injunction served against them, prohibiting the group from pitching in Milton Keynes for a period of 2 years.

Second, Cllr McLean provided an update on the road safety audit report recently completed regarding the pedestrian crossing on Olney High Street, near to the One Stop shop. The safety audit report advised that there were no safety concerns with the road layout. Cllrs McLean and Whitworth have met with Graham Cox, Head of Highways at MKCC, who has agreed to alter the layout slightly, with some parking bays nearby to be removed, with the intention of this improving driver visibility.

Cllr McLean also reported that MKCC continue to receive review requests from residents regarding the new wheelie bins for waste and recycling, and that where possible, MKCC are allowing some residents to remain with sacks.

Resolved: OTC to make a freedom of information request regarding access to the road safety audit report

OTC23/7/05: To receive a PCSO's report

Resolved: No data received prior to the meeting

OTC23/7/06: To receive an expenditure report

Resolved: Cllr Rowland enquired about £10,000 expenditure on Speeding Indicator Devices (SIDs). Clerk reported that 3 SIDs have been purchased, with 50% of the cost being covered by the Community Infrastructure Fund, with locations for the SIDs yet to be decided.

Cllr Rowland requested that it be minuted that Caveman Conditioning electricity bill for May was only part paid, in effect meaning that Olney Town Council is subsidising the costs of a commercial business.

Cllr Rodden queried the payment of circa £8,000 to the National Grid. Clerk reported that this was in relation to the upcoming refurbishment works at The Olney Centre, including solar panelling and air source heat pump systems.

OTC23/7/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Prosser attended a celebration event at the Almshouses for 25 years service of the warden. Trustees and residents attended.

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Cllr D. Hall attended the AGM of the Olney/Newton Link charity.

Cllrs D. Hall, R. Hall, Rodden and Whitworth attended the Armed Forces Day afternoon tea event at the The Olney Centre. Cllr Whitworth read out two letters of thanks from residents who attended the event.

Cllrs Prosser and Rodden attended an AG250 celebration event at St. Peter and St. Paul's church.

Cllr Stokes attended a national online forum regarding councils and communities taking actions to address anti-social behaviour and reported that some of the initiatives have relevance to some of the issues Olney is currently experiencing as well and would forward some of the information received.

Cllrs Bethune and Whitworth attended the Folk Afternoon at Cowper and Newton Museum.
Resolved: Noted

OTC23/7/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Clerk reported that a replacement grounds vehicle may be eligible for funding through S106
Resolved: Noted

OTC23/7/11: To consider co-opting

Resident James Cooper had applied to be co-opted to Olney Town Council and was in attendance at the meeting, briefly speaking to councillors about his enthusiasm for joining the Council.

Resolved: Cllr Tyler proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded that James Cooper be co-opted onto Olney Town Council. All voted in favour, therefore the motion was passed and James Cooper took his place at the Council table.

Resident Christina Diamandopoulos has also applied to join Olney Town Council, but was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved: Christina Diamandopoulos to be invited to attend August's meeting of Olney Town Council for co-opting onto the council.

OTC23/7/14: To approve the Landscape Agreement with Milton Keynes City Council

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded that the Landscape Agreement with MKCC be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC23/7/15: To consider replacing the Kubota buggy

Resolved: Clerk to look into sourcing a replacement buggy for grounds works, considering electric options if available

OTC23/7/16: To approve the grant application from Growing Minds in Olney

Resolved: Cllr Tennant proposed, Cllr Tyler seconded that the grant application be approved. All voted in favour and therefore the motion was passed.

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OTC23/7/12: To consider ANPR to rec access lane and car park

Resolved: To be discussed further at the August meeting of Olney Town Council

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

Next meeting: Monday 7th August 2023