

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Brock, Cooper, Diamandopoulos, D. Hall, R. Hall, Prosser, Rowland, Stokes and Tennant

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk and 5 members of public

Open forum: Resident spoke for Mobbs Close asking to keep the gate open into the East Street car park.

OTC23/12/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Cllrs Bethune, Rodden and Tyler

OTC23/12/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: Cllr Stokes declared an interest on agenda item 10 as Chair of the club in the adjacent building. Cllr Tennant declared an interest in agenda item 10 as a member of the club using the building.

OTC23/12/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 6th November 2023

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Tennant seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 6th November 2023 be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC23/12/04: To receive a Ward Councillor's report

WC McLean reported that there were still problems with the MK Connect service. The 21 bus didn't go into Emberton last week, the new driver was sorry but forgot, on another occasion the driver didn't see that passengers were waiting, so didn't stop! Continue to report problems to MKCC and WCs.

Phase 1 of the 20mph and humps on Aspreys and Yardley Road has been approved, works starting early 2024.

There will be some covert surveillance at the One Stop crossing to agree further action.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/12/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO Arlene Ormston sent a report of 1 fraud, 3 public disorder and 1 ASB. Cllr Whitworth reported that 2 PCSOs are being trained for the area and Olney should have a replacement soon.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/12/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/12/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr D Hall reported that the Olney Newton Link have supported building a community centre in Newton.

Signed: Cllr D Whitworth

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Cllr Whitworth reported that Barclays will be bringing a van on alternate Thursday markets starting in January 2024, advertising will be published in due course.

Cllr Whitworth also met with the Social Prescribers who will hold a monthly coffee morning at The Olney Centre starting in January to assist residents in various matters, including physical and mental wellbeing, housing and financial signposting. This will be available to all within the Olney ward. Advertising will be published in due course.

Resolved: All items noted

OTC23/12/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Clerk reported that the works to the cemetery path were progressing well, the tarmac will be laid on Friday with the final resin surfacing completed when the weather improves next year.

Resolved: Noted

OTC23/12/09: To receive an update from the river water pollution working group

It was agreed to purchase water testing kits to gain a wider view of the data, to connect to other fishing clubs and neighbouring councils.

Resolved: noted

OTC23/12/10: To receive an update on the ex football club

Clerk reported that the solicitors had agreed the lease, although it had not yet been signed.

Resolved: noted

OTC23/12/11: To consider access gate from Mobbs Close.

It was noted that despite the offer of a sign that users do so at their own risk, this was not sufficient to protect the council from future liability. To make it safe it would have to be constructed to highways standards and lit, therefore would need to be accessible to all as a public right of way. It was likely that this would encourage sports use parking in Mobbs Close and that the residents would not be in favour of this.

Resolved: Cllr Tennant proposed, Cllr Cooper seconded that the gate be blocked by a council fence being reinstated, and planting to be continued to secure the council boundary, 8 in favour, 2 abstained.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Next meeting: Monday 8th January 2024