

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the meeting of the **Recs and Services Committee** held at The Olney Centre on **Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Diamandopoulos, Rodden and Rowland

In Attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk

Public Forum: no were present

RS24/1/1: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies were received from Cllrs Brock and Stokes

RS24/1/2: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: No declarations of interest were received.

RS24/1/3: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2023

Resolved: Cllr Rodden proposed, Cllr Diamandopoulos seconded that the minutes of 23rd October 2023 be approved, all in favour.

RS24/1/4: To consider the Biodiversity Policy

It was noted that an additional 18 trees have been planted this season and MKCC have agreed that we should mow less around trees and hedges, leaving swathes of longer grass for wildlife. More work is required to enhance the biodiversity, clerk to investigate further advice.

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, Cllr Bethune seconded that the Biodiversity Policy be approved to take to Full Council, all agreed.

RS24/1/5: To receive an update on the ex-football club building

Resolved: no updates

RS24/1/6: To consider a space for the scattering of ashes in the cemetery

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, Cllr Bethune seconded that the item on the cemetery price list be removed and a wildlife area be created, all agreed.

RS24/1/7: To consider a request from the tennis club for additional fencing

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Whitworth seconded that the tennis club be permitted to extend the new fencing to include the clubhouse, all agreed.

RS24/1/8: To consider a request to add a circle of seats at the Community Orchard.

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, Cllr Rowland seconded that a circle of nine seats be permitted for the purpose of a forest school use, all agreed.

For information – clerk was approached by MKCC to use some S106 emergency services fund for a throwline and defibrillators, all agreed to progress the application.

Council was also advised that Anglian Water had reported a substantial water leak, it was likely underground, as no plots were flooded, investigations are being carried out.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:

Dated: