

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Cooper, Prosser, Rodden, Rowland, Stokes and Tyler

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk and 3 members of public

Open forum: The Chair of the East Street Community Centre, who changed their name from the Youth Club in order to register as a charity, wanted to advise council of the success of the community asset that is run by 3 volunteers with MKCC as their landlord, while MKCC acknowledge that they are responsible for various elements, they have no available funds. The replacement heating will cost £30k, it has no insulation and windows need replacing.

A letter was read out from a young girl living in the High Street requesting 20mph speed limit for the safety of residents.

OTC24/1/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Cllrs Brock, Diamandopoulos, D. Hall, R. Hall and Tennant

OTC24/1/02: Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

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

OTC24/1/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 4th December 2023

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 4th December 2023 be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC24/1/04: To receive a Ward Councillor's report

WCllr McLean reported that MKCC are setting the budget up to 4.99%, with the final decision made in February.

The WC budget has been sent to all parishes.

The delegated decision on bus and MK Connect is next week.

The Willen Road works starting February until 2025 will cause additional disruption as it's currently the diversion route for the section of A509 closure.

There is a meeting in Olney for Parishes on the MKCC 2050 development plans.

There have been mixed reviews on the trial of the 20mph and humps on Aspreys and Yardley Road, residents of Winterbottom Way are urged to contact MKCC to be included once the roads become adopted by MKCC.

Cllr McLean was pleased to report that there's been very few flooding problems in the area.

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There is no evidence that the new NPPF will trump the NP.

The covert surveillance at the One Stop crossing has been agreed not to take place during school holidays.

WCllr Whitworth added that the TRO will be implemented, with a delay on the Oakdown Crescent TRO due to complaints from Weston Road residents, the disabled spaces will be implemented immediately.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/1/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO Arlene Ormston sent a report of 2 assault, 1 attempted burglary, 2 criminal damage to vehicles, 2 drink drug offences, 1 shoplifting, 2 theft and 1 theft of a sheep.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/1/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

The Pitch Maintenance income is the grant funding applied for by The Olney Town Colts Football Club.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/1/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Whitworth attended a final AG250 event at St Peter & St Pauls church, where they heard from speakers, a choir and were shown a video of the year's events, this is available online.

Cllr Whitworth confirmed the Social Prescribers will start the monthly drop in coffee morning at The Olney Centre starting Tuesday 16th January to assist residents of Olney and surrounding villages with their health and wellbeing.

Cllr Whitworth also had a meeting with MIND with the view to starting a weekly youth club in The Olney Centre for 14-17year olds, offering hot chocolate and toast after school, with a view to finding out what they would like in the future, a MIND outreach supporter dedicated to Olney, will be available.

The Christmas Day lunches, held in The Olney Centre were a success, Cllr Brock and the organising team was thanked for this worthwhile facility.

The meeting for the Arts in Olney has little to report, the sculpture for outside the Yardley Manor is ready for installation but the centre is yet to be built. The artist who created it is keen to develop further pieces for the town, linking the old with the new.

Cllr Bethune attended the Patient Participation meeting at Cobbs Garden Surgery and confirmed they have appointed a new doctor, manager, nurse and paramedics, it has a good positive atmosphere and registration has reopened, which can be done online, digitally or face to face. Money has been set aside to upgrade the existing surgery.

Resolved: Noted

Signed: Cllr D Whitworth

5th February 2024

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OTC24/1/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Clerk reported that the first stage of works to the cemetery path have been completed, making it safe to walk on, with the final resin surfacing being completed when the weather improves.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/1/09: To receive an update from the river water pollution working group

No meeting has taken place, still waiting a response from the MKCC cabinet member.

Resolved: noted

OTC24/1/10: To receive an update on the ex football club

The lease has been signed. The responses from the NP questionnaire clearly indicates a desire for community use. The decision to renovate or demolish will be taken on advice from the experts.

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded that the future development of the building be with R&S Committee, under control of the office, all in favour.

OTC24/1/11: To consider recently reviewed Council Policies.

Cllrs Cooper and Rowland have reviewed Communication, Complaints and Co-option Policies.

The new Biodiversity Policy as recommended by NALC to be taken to R&S committee.

Resolved: Cllr Tyler proposed, Cllr Bethune seconded to adopt the policies once reference to "he/she" has been changed to "they" and MKC is changed to MKCC, all agreed.

OTC24/1/12: To note the Ward Councillors grant for starting the Social Prescribing coffee mornings.

Ward Councillor Whitworth was thanked for her contribution from the WC's grant.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/1/13: To consider registering the East Street Community Centre as an asset of community value.

The preferred outcome would be to purchase the site, in order to assist with keeping the community asset viable and updated, currently OTC cannot put resources or grant applications into a building that does not belong to them.

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Cooper seconded that OTC request from MKCC the opportunity to purchase the site under Community Asset Transfer, in order to gift the land for the surgery and become responsible for the building, all in favour.

OTC24/1/14: To consider a response to the planning application at St Joseph's Convent.

As the date for responding to this significant application is due before the next Development Committee meets, it was decided to bring this to FC.

Resolved: Clerk to request Cllr Tennant respond accordingly.

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OTC24/1/15: To consider an application for double yellow lines at Johnsons Field.

Council are advised that MKCC have changed the process for DYL applications. They must first be submitted to local council, gain local support, followed by a process of consultation. This request has been received and once the process has been fully understood, the office will proceed with the application.

Resolved: Noted

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

Next meeting: Monday 5th February 2024