

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

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

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Ward Cllr McLean and 3 members of the public

Open forum: there were no requests to speak.

OTC24/4/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Stoke and Brock. Cllr Tyler was absent.

OTC24/4/02: Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

Resolved: There were no declarations of interest.

OTC24/4/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 4th March 2024

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Cooper seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 4th March 2024 be approved. All in favour.

OTC24/4/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr McLean reported that the New City Plan is set to be ready for publication in June. The new MK Connect zone system has started, they request that all reports be sent in to Ward Councillors to gauge if it is working or not.

Bi-weekly bin collections have been discussed.

Road-side cleansing keep saying that it will be done but still no news of when.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/12: To receive replica Roman coins and framed mosaic board information.

Local historian Rachel Lewis was introduced. She explained that she conducted a private study last year on the proposed "Aldi" site, due to her interest in the land that her family had farmed for many years. The information that was publicly available tallied with her findings. She was given permission to take imprints of the floor and has produced the replicas of the floor and coins. MK Museum had given her numerous artefacts that she has split between the schools and given each child a replica coin, having made 18000 dinars. Rachel was thanked for her time and dedication to Olney's Roman history.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PCSO Connor Braddish sent the report: 21 assault, 5 burglary, 3 criminal damage, 4 harassment, 2 malicious communication, 6 shopliftings and 6 theft.

Resolved: Noted

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OTC24/4/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

It was noted that if you took out the S106 income and expense, there was £2,000 difference from last year.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Resolved: None

OTC24/4/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Nothing to report.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/09: To receive an update from the river water pollution working group

Cllr Whitworth reported that the March working group meeting didn't go ahead as Cllr Whitworth, Mark Butterfield and MKCC are liaising with Bedford Council, who agree that it is the worst for E-Coli. N Hannon from MKCC will be meeting with Environmental Services and EA as the Ouse is now considered one of the top 5 worst polluted rivers in the country. The Fishing Club will resume water testing as the floods rendered it unsafe to do until recently.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/10: To receive an update on the ex football club

Clerk reported that initial costings are just a starting point, still a long way off applying for tenders and that although the new public toilets are likely to be expensive, the current ones, even upgraded, are not fit for purpose and with the growing community, it would be sensible to incorporate this in the current build and grant application process. Council agreed.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/4/11: To Consider a Padel Court by the tennis club and approve the revised fencing.

The padel sport is proving popular and with no courts between north London and Derby, Olney is ideally situated. Council would need to approve the position before any further investigation to grant applications.

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Bethune seconded, that the padel court position be approved in principle, all voted in favour.

The fencing was requested to hug the back of the clubhouse.

Resolved: Cllr Cooper proposed, Cllr Tennant seconded, that the revised layout of the new fencing to in be approved, all voted in favour.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm

Next meeting: Monday 13th May 2024

Signed: