

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council** held at The Olney Centre on **Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm**

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

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk, Ward Cllrs Geary and McLean, PC Daniel Allen, PCSO Duncan Peerless and 4 members of the public

Open forum: A resident spoke of their concerns regarding the potential for future housing developments to the west of Olney, being considered by Milton Keynes City Council.

OTC24/3/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: None

OTC24/3/02: Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

Resolved: Cllr Tyler declared an interest in agenda item 16, as his son is a member of the associated sports club. Cllr Tennant declared an interest in item 12, as a resident of one of the proposed roads. Cllr Stokes declared an interest in item 10, as chairman of the adjacent sports club, and in item 16 as chairman of the sports club which has a training area adjoining the affected land.

OTC24/3/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 5th February 2024

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Bethune seconded that the minutes of the OTC meeting held 5th February 2024 be approved. All in favour.

OTC24/3/05: To receive a PCSO's report

PC Daniel Allen reported that from May 2024 8 officers would be patrolling Newport Pagnell, Olney and the rural surrounding areas (4 PCs, 4 PCSOs). PC Allen reported the provided figures of a total of 17 reported crimes: 1 burglary, 2 criminal damage, 2 harassments, 1 malicious communication, 2 public order offences, 8 shopliftings and 1 theft.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report

Ward Cllr McLean expressed his pleasure at the news of the increased police presence from May 2024 onwards.

He went on to remind councillors and residents that the consultation on the proposed 20mph speed restriction zones closes on 22nd March.

Finally, an update on the MK Connect service, informing that from Monday 11th March 2024, this service would now provide a restricted zonal service, providing transportation to the nearest bus service that can provide an onward journey to your end destination. Expressed concern regarding this change of service and conditions.

Signed: Cllr D Whitworth

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Ward Cllr Geary reiterated the point that the current proposals for future housing developments in Olney, as part of the New City growth plan, are currently a proposal and by no means finished, with numerous further stages to be adhered to and completed. He urged Olney Town Council to continue to engage with MKCC regarding this process, as well as working alongside fellow ward parish councils to present a collaborative response.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/15: To receive a presentation on the 700th anniversary of the St. Peter and St. Paul church

David Philipson spoke as a representative of the Parochial Church Council, informing councillors of some of the early plans for this celebration event in June/July 2025, as well as requesting support from councillors who wish to become involved.

Resolved: Cllrs Prosser, Rodden, Rowland and Whitworth expressed a willingness to become involved

OTC24/3/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Tennant fed back to councillors regarding an MKCC presentation on the MKCC New City Plan 2050, where potential proposals for local development sites were presented. Cllr Tennant advised that it is MKCC's aspiration to grow the Milton Keynes borough area, but that not all areas of MK will be affected. 300 potential development sites have already been shortlisted to 100, with further shortlisting happening at present. Two key stages of consultation to follow; Regulation 18 consultation in June 2024, and Regulation 19 consultation in January 2025. A final plan would likely then be presented in 2026. Cllr Tennant recommended that OTC continue to engage with this process, working collaboratively with neighbouring parish councils when responding to the MKCC consultations.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/08: To receive updates on S106 spending

Clerk reported nothing to update council on regarding this agenda item.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/09: To receive an update from the river water pollution working group

Cllr Whitworth reported that the March working group meeting would be attended by MKCC Environmental Waste and Commissioning Assistant Director and a representative from the Environment Agency, so that their data on river water pollution can be compared to that collected by the Olney and Clifton Fishing Association.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/10: To receive an update on the ex football club

Clerk reported that the previous tenant, Caveman Conditioning, had left the building and returned keys on Thursday 29th February 2024. Electrics have been switched off due to water leaking on the electrics. Initial site surveys have been conducted by surveyors and builders. Further surveys and investigations relating to the state of the roofing, drainage and

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the presence of asbestos are scheduled. The site is likely to remain empty in excess of a year and will be made secure in the meantime. The future use of and plans for this building will be further discussed at future Joint User Group meetings and Recreation and Services Committee meetings, both scheduled later in March.

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/11: To decide when to hold DYL consultations

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded, that DYL consultations be held by OTC annually in October. All voted in favour

OTC24/3/12: To consider the proposed 20mph roads

Resolved: Cllr Tennant proposed, Cllr Brock seconded, that OTC respond in support of the proposed 20mph roads. All voted in favour

OTC24/3/13: Thanks to WCllr McLean for Ward Councillors budget contribution

Ward Cllr McLean contributed £150 from the Ward Councillors budget for the purchasing of trees to be planted on the mound at Dingleberry

Resolved: Noted

OTC24/3/14: To consider replacing the Quaker Garden pergola

Current pergola is now rotten and requires replacing. Quote received at a cost of £2850 to replace

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, Cllr R. Hall seconded, that should two further quotes received not exceed the quote already received, the work be carried out to replace the pergola. All voted in favour

OTC24/3/16: To consider a padel court by the tennis courts and approve the revised fencing

Resolved: Councillors voted to support both proposals

OTC24/3/17: To consider a Community Food Bank

Resolved: Cllr Stokes proposed, Cllr Rodden seconded, that OTC office staff liaise with Olney is Kind to support additional space to accommodate a food bank. All voted in favour

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Next meeting: Monday 8th April 2024