Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 28th November 2023

Councillors Present: Campbell, Hussain, Kanwar, Lewis (chair) Moss, Qureshi, Riaz, Roberston, Orimongunje and Saunders (vice-chair)

Andrea Vincent (Town Clerk), Mandy Shipp (Assistant Clerk)

1. a. Public Question time

Email from member of the public regarding speed limits within Old Wolverton **TC23/240a** It was **RESOLVED** to write to Highways & Ward Councillors concerning the issues raised.

The Chair provided a brief introduction and welcomed everyone to the meeting requesting that the housekeeping rules were observed.

1. Apologies for absence:

It was proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Lewis

A vote by show of hands was taken by those in attendance. Unanimous. Vote carried.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the apologies for absence from the following:

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Forbes

Cllr Khumbula

TC23/240

2. Declarations of Interest:

To receive Councillor declarations of interest on any matter on the agenda: Under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, made under s30 (3) of the Localism Act, members must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

None declared.TC23/241

3. Approval of the Minutes of the following meeting Full Council meeting held on 24th October 2023

A vote by show of hands was taken by those in attendance. 1 abstention. Vote carried. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2023, save for adding Cllr Campbell as an attendee. **TC23/242**

4. Governance (Decision) Risk Register: To approve the amended policy.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Moss and **seconded** by Cllr Campbell.

A vote by show of hands was taken by those in attendance. 1 abstention. Vote carried. It was **RESOLVED** to approve this policy with adjustments made to the columns width to make it easier to read. **TC23/243**

5. Governance (note)

a. **Civility and Respect Pledge**: To inform council of any training attended by councillors as part of the agreed pledge.

It was noted that Cllr Moss had attended the white ribbon training onlineTC23/244

b. Committee and Working Groups updates: To receive and note any reports from councillors and officer staff on internal and external meetings attended.
 It was noted that Cllr Moss and the Assistant clerk had attended the planning conference held in MK.TC23/245

2. Finance (to note)

- a. Budget Consultation 2024/25: It was noted that there have been four responses received so far in response to the newsletter, WGTC expect more once the newsletter is distributed. TC23/246
- b. Online Banking: To receive an update from Cllr Bamisilie, Campbell and Lewis to arrange a time to receive training on accessing the system.
 It was RESOLVED that Cllrs Campbell and Lewis would attend training on the system at the same time and would arrange directly with the Finance officer.
 TC23/247

6. Town Council Assets:

- a. Town Hall: To note that officer staff have sought quotations for the reroof of the Town Hall and as delegated have chosen option A and opted for Spanish rather than Welsh slate. We are assured that the longevity of the Spanish slate is on a par with the Welsh slate but significantly cheaper.
 It was RESOLVED for the Assistant Clerk to follow up quotation A's details which
 - It was **RESOLVED** for the Assistant Clerk to follow up quotation A's details which were less detailed than quotes b and c for the detail of the works to be undertaken and any differences. **TC23/248**
- b. Stacey Bushes Meeting Place: It was noted that officers have engaged the appropriate contractors to look at the internal works as a community space and have a second draft, "which feels better and more practical. The garden area immediately outside the current office will be fenced off and have the two large green container sheds placed where currently the nursery summer house is. This will provide storage for the public area of the building, chairs tables and religious groups paraphernalia. The nursery will have a larger space, allowing for the growing demographic in Stacey Bushes also allowing the nursery furniture to remain in place during term time weeks"
 - It was **RESOLVED** to liaise with the contractor to see if more storage space could be made available so that the space allocated to the nursery was better utilised during school holidays. **TC23/249**
- c. HLMP: It was noted that WGTC have successfully been awarded a defibrillator by the British Heart Foundation and this will be installed in due course. The Town Council to provide CPR training as part of this award. Cllrs provided their thanks TC23/250.
- d. Field Lane, Greenleys: the following update was received and noted. "The specifications with sound proofing for the caretaker's room and the lighting etc has been checked over by our Quantity Surveyor and it is now all going into the sec 106 agreement and planning so work can hopefully start early next year. Bellway have been most helpful" TC23/251.
- e. Millmead Hall, Wolverton: the following update was received and noted.

 "The surveyor's report has come back with a number of urgent matters which will be addressed by Milton Keynes City Council. Once they have been addressed, we can look at it again. It would be a good asset to have for Wolverton with parking"

 TC23/252

7. Community (decision)

- a. **Fireworks**: An update was **received**, and it was **noted**, that all the costs have been recovered from the contractors engaged for the event 2023. All stall holder pitch fees had also been reimbursed **TC23/253**.
- b. Silent Fireworks: To consider a proposal from Cllr Moss on behalf of a local resident for future silent fireworks
 A discussion took place on the proposal and the event going forwards.
 It was proposed by Cllr Lewis and seconded by Cllr Campbell
 A vote by show of hands was taken by those in attendance. 1 against. Vote carried.
 It was RESOLVED not to pursue the proposal of the silent fireworks, but for officers to explore different locations and to carry on with the traditional annual community event.

 TC23/254

8. Community (note)

- a. Mayor: Cllrs noted the forthcoming and past events attended by the mayor.
 Cllrs were encouraged to attend town council events. Cllr Campbell and Orimogunje agreed to be in attendance at the civic service. TC23/255
- b. Bus Routes: To note the update from MKCC that is exulting us all to use the buses more and have quite openly said if we don't use them, we will lose them. It was noted that Cllr Hussain had asked for clarification on this situation, but nothing was forthcoming. TC23/256
- c. Community Events and Projects update: The following update from the CEPO. was received and noted.

"Youth Provision

Gymnastics – LEAP feedback forms have been competed by attendees and CEPO has submitted these along with evaluation form back to the funders

WGTC Youth Council – Houses of Parliament Visit went ahead on 15th November, with 7 members of the Youth Council attending. CEPO has gone through to find out the number of active members which currently stands at 7 members (plus 1 applicant to follow up). Youth Council have agreed to provide a write up of the visit for the next magazine and write a "Thank You" letter to Ben Everitt MP.

Afternoon Tea/Lunch Club at Stacey Bushes

The volunteers who run the lunch club at Hodge Lea are available to start a similar session at Stacey Bushes from January. This would run from 3:30pm and the agreed day of the week currently is a Monday. CEPO, Town Clerk and Finance Officer are working out the budget for this. CEPO is in contact with Places for People and "Multiply" (courses which are supported by the levelling up fund), which could run at Stacey Bushes during the time when the lunch club is on

Christmas events: "Switch On" 1st December 2023

This has now been extended to a 5:00pm – 8:00pm (with the switch on at 6:00pm) event and advertisement has been updated to reflect this

There will be two food stalls, two craft stalls and "The Shop" will also have a stall on The Square as well. Youth Council will have a stall serving drinks and promoting what they do Two schools will be singing, as well as Sing Space Choir. The Bossa Boyz (Jazz) will be performing. Santa will be visiting, and Tesco have provided a small donation towards gifts which Santa can give to the children £20.

Christmas Bauble Competition

12 business are kindly taking part in the Christmas Bauble Competition, and some have donated prizes. Anyone can pick up a competition form from the Town Hall or download one. Find the numbers on the baubles displayed in each of the businesses.

This runs from 24/11/23 until 11/12/23.

Civic Carol Service 7th December 2023

Background: One hour of Christmas carols, readings & prayers. All welcome.

Three schools have selected their songs and readings for the evening and Youth Council will do two readings.

Each School has agreed to produce artwork which will be on display at the church for two weeks (including this event) CEPO will collect the artwork on 30th November and begin installing at the beginning of December.

The CEPO would like to invite all councillors to attend our civic carol service on Thursday 7th December at St George the Martyr. This event will start from 5pm until 6pm".

TC23/257

Services: CCTV update: The latest update was received and noted,
 It was RESOLVED for Cllrs to email the Assistant Clerk with proposals for new location of camera

Cllrs were also reminded of the Police Community Forum meeting being held on the 11th December at KCC from 6pm and to encourage residents to attend. **TC23/258**

10. **Christmas Closure (decision):** To note that the It was **proposed** by Cllr Lewis and **seconded** by Cllr Hussain It was **RESOLVED** that the council office would close at midday on Friday 22nd December and then reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 and the Assistant Clerk to provide to the Cllrs with a list of emergency contacts during this period. **TC23/259**

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 20:17

The next scheduled meeting is due to be held on 19th December 2023 at the Town Hall Wolverton.

Signed as a true and accurate record.	
Chair	

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting 19th December 2023

Councillors Present: Bennett,	Forbes,	Lewis	(chair)	Moss,	and	Saund	ers	(vice-cl	hair)
Mandy Shipp (Assistant Clerk))								

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30 and noted the following:

3. Apologies for absence:

The following apologies were received prior to the meeting

Cllr Robertson - Work commitment

Cllr Hussain - Work commitment

Cllr Campbell – illness

Cllr Riaz – illness

Cllr Kanwar - illness

Cllr Qureshi - Family illness

The following were absent no apologies received:

Cllr Bamisilie

Cllr Khumbula

Cllr Orimongunje

TC23/260

Due to there being insufficient Cllrs in attendance no further business could be discussed as the meeting was not quorate the Chair closed the meeting at 19:31

The next scheduled meeting is due to be held on 23rd January 2024 at Stacey Bushes Meeting Place.

Signed as a true and accurate record.
Chair

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- To prevent and detect fraud and corruption in the use of public funds and where necessary for the law enforcement functions;
- To enable us to meet all legal and statutory obligations and powers including any delegated functions;
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- To maintain our own accounts and records;
- To seek your views, opinions or comments;
- To notify you of changes to our facilities, services, events and staff, councillors and other role holders;
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 data and where we obtained the personal data from. Once we have received
 your request we will respond within one month.
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 - If you feel that we should no longer be using your personal data or that we are unlawfully using your personal data, you can request that we erase the personal data we hold.
 - When we receive your request we will confirm whether the personal data has been deleted or the reason it cannot be deleted (for example because we need it to comply with a legal obligation).
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This statement was prepared on 12 December 2023. It was last reviewed on 16 January 2024.

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- write in plain English

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- are not tagged up properly for example, they do not contain proper headings
- are not written in plain English

This mostly applies to our transparency documents, financial reports, meeting agendas, reports and minutes, annual reports, policies and publications. These types of documents are <u>exempt from the regulations</u>, so we do not currently have any plans to make them accessible. But if you need to access information in one of these document types, you can contact us and ask for an alternative format.

What to do if you cannot use one of our documents

If you need a document we've published in a different format:

- Email: office@wolvertonandgreenleystowncouncil.gov.uk
- Telephone: 01908 326800
- Visit or write to us: Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, Town Hall, Wolverton, Buckinghamshire, MK12 5LY.

We'll consider the request and get back to you in 10 days.

Reporting accessibility problems with one of our documents

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of our documents. If you find any problems not listed on this page or you think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact:

Town Clerk

Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council

Town Hall

Creed Street

Wolverton

Buckinghamshire

MK12 5LY

Telephone: 01908 326800

Email: office@wolvertonandgreenleystowncouncil.gov.uk

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Technical information about the accessibility of our documents

Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council is committed to making our documents accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2 AA standard, due to the non-compliances and exemptions listed below.

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible

- Older PDF files such as Meeting Minutes and Agendas published before 23
 September 2018.
- Content produced by third parties or using third party software.

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

Not all documents on this website are created by us. Some documents and content may be created by third parties or using third party software. Where this is the case we will endeavour, on request, to obtain an accessible copy from the original source or to convey the information contained in the document in an accessible way.

Many of our older PDFs and Word documents do not meet accessibility standards – for example, they may not be structured so they're accessible to a screen reader. The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before

<u>23 September 2018</u> if they're not essential to providing our services. For example, we do not plan to fix meeting agendas or minutes for meetings which were published prior to 23 September 2018.

Some of our PDFs and Word documents are essential to providing our services. For example, we have PDFs with information on how users can access our services, and forms published as Word documents. Any new PDFs or Word documents created by us will meet accessibility standards.

How we tested our documents

We last tested a sample of our documents in January 2024. The test was carried out by Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council.

We tested:

- a meeting agenda
- a financial report

What we're doing to improve accessibility

All new staff undergo training to ensure that new documents we produce and publish meet accessibility guidelines.

We will also run reports to identify and address any accessibility issues.

This statement was prepared on 12 December 2023. It was last reviewed on 16 January 2024.

SLCC Practitioners' Conference 2024

NB. note that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be attending this event
This item was deferred from 19th December and permission sought from the chair due
to time constraints - approved

Background

The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk were unable to attend the annual SLLC conference in October 2023 due to work pressure and new staff members.

Proposal

The request is for up to two officers and a councillor if they so wish to attend. The costs are set out below and would be taken from the training budget

The details

The 2024 conference will take place over two days, **Wednesday 31 January and Thursday 1 February 2024** and will feature a blend of workshops with direct practical relevance to parish, town and community councils. The practitioners conference is designed by clerks for clerks and their councillors;

- Identify key characteristics of generation Z to recruit, retain and motivate in the workplace
- Respond swiftly and effectively to unforeseen incidents, crucial for every council
- Utilise AI to make your working day a whole lot easier!
- Discover top tips to engaging and retaining your volunteers
- Make easy steps towards environmental action planning
- Gain hints and tips for successful procurement projects
- Explore the tools to reprogramme your neuropathways to avoid burnout
- Learn how to deliver on your climate change targets
- How to effectively investigate disciplinary and grievance issues
- Make a compelling business case to secure funding for your council
- Explore the intricate landscape of employment, from pay rates to understanding holiday entitlement
- And more!

Item 5 g WGTC New Website

Our Comms admin officer Hannah has been working hard building and updating the brand new website supplied by Aubergine, this has been a lengthy process as we have tried to get it to be right and accessible for all!

We anticipate that brand new website will launch on the 26th January following any feedback that you may have.

Item 6 c

Allotment Ridings cutting

Three quotes have been sought, two have been provided thus far, contractor A is current and have provided service the town council with a good level of service

Contractor A	Contractor B	Contractor C
6 cuts per annum	6 cuts per annum	Not quoted
£831.60 per annum	£780 per annum	
£138.60 per cut Current	monthly cuts of £130	
	Additional mows £130	
Proposed to increase to		
£150 per cut 8.2% increase		

Item 6d Finance Decision - Dog Bin Proposal Wolverton Mill

Current

We have had complaints of increased dog litter which has been reported on balancing lakes at Wolverton Mill specifically Warren park Industrial estate.

There has been a development of 100 homes alongside those on Wolverton Mill development which means that there is increase of people using the nearby fields to walk their dogs.

A member of public had initially reported and having checked the dog bin stats, contractually we are in a position to reduce one of the empties within the parish and install a bin there, but as advised this was reliant on the following:

- Whose land ownership it falls under i.e. Parks Trust or MKCC
- If the landowners will allow us to site
- Where we can site it
- What the costs of siting it is (MKCC won't allow us to install on a lamppost they are currently charging us £600.00 for posts!)
- Whether our contractor can access the area to retrieve the bin via transport

To date I have heard nothing back about the location to be sited at, but I was contacted by the Parks trust to look at a situation that they say they are facing, they are disposing of around 50 bags each week, they are requesting the bin be placed near the gate (see attached pic), as they believe much of the waste is coming from Galley Hill.

I have contacted SSTC to check whether Galley hill come under SSTC and if so would they consider putting a dog bin there, as the issues that we had been notified off by public are more towards wolverton house side.

We have a contract in place for 71 bin empties per week £14,768 per annum

I have also spoken to the site and their preference is to collect from the north side of the balancing lake (nearest to Stratford road)

Proposal

As the site further develops we need to consider if we wish to increase contractual costs for a further 2 bins around the parish specifically at Wolverton Mill

If we were to increase to an additional two empties per week the costs would increase to £15184. An additional £416 this would have minimal impact on the precept

Decisions for Councillors

Item 6e Twinning update

The trip to Ploegsteert Belgium will take place from 14 – 16th June 2024

The first working group meeting is scheduled for January 2024.

Proposal

The cost of the coach travel and two nights stay is working out as approximately £210 for those saying in a single room and £160 for those staying in a double/twin, per person. This includes breakfast. Please note that this does not include excursions and other costs.

There is a £3000 budget for twinning and an additional £500 EMR for "Youth Twinning" in our budget.

1. The CEPO suggests using the £500 EMR to subsidise the cadets travel (of which there are 15 plus 4 adults who have expressed an interest so far).

In addition,

2. the CEPO suggests using £500 of the £3000 twinning budget to subsidise other members of the trip. If councillors agree to this, please could councillors decide who this subsidises i.e. other youth members, members of the Youth Council, the Wolverton Town Band and/or members of the public wishing to join.

To note:

Youth Provision

- It has been agreed with Bar Bar, that the Lounge provision will move to the Wolverton Working Men's Social Club and the first session will take place on Thursday 29th February. CEPO submitted a funding application with Lottery Fund to keep the provision going beyond April 2024 and to also fund a six month trial at Hodge Lea. Awaiting outcome of the application.
- Boxing Clever contacted CEPO to cancel the senior boxing session as their funding did not materialise to keep this session running. CEPO has confirmed with Boxing Clever that there is enough funding from the council to keep both junior and senior sessions running for 12 months (utilising the £10K TVP grant). Boxing Clever will work with us to provide a discounted cost for us for the senior session though as the instructor is staying on in the same venue anyway, after the junior one. Ben Everitt MP is scheduled to visit the junior boxing session on Thursday 29th February.
- U Do It Dance are interested in starting street dance sessions with us at Stacey Bushes. This is in replacement of the gymnastics sessions which finished.
- The Youth Council will be supporting a "pancake day" on 23^{rd} February at Christian Foundation from 11:30 2:00pm. Pancakes for sale (plus we are hoping the café will be open). Youth Council agreed that 50% of profit will go to a charity of their choosing and the other 50% will go into their pot. Please come along if you are interested.

Church Street Open Reach Art Project

Open Reach has granted permission for us to apply art/paint three green boxes along Church Street. The Youth Council would like to support this project with an artist and schools. CEPO will source funding for this.

Afternoon Tea/Lunch Club at Stacey Bushes

• The first afternoon tea club (warm hub) took place on Monday 15th January and approximately 15 people attended.

Clerks Report

Report to Full Council 23rd January 2024

Please note that this meeting is at Stacey Bushes Meeting Place!!!

Item 4a Local Award Scheme

This is an opportunity to showcase what you do.

Committees and working Groups

ASB follow up??

Governance 5f

Cllrs to get pictures taken plus group photo for elections. Website address to remain confidential until go live.

Item 7d. Field Lane Greenleys

Our solicitor has been working on our behalf to ensure that the agreement for the handover was fit for purpose. The initial agreement sent through had a deadline for the 1st of December to be signed, however we were unhappy with this as it effectively meant that WGTC would accept the building in the condition and state that they constructed it and will have no control or input in the process. We were under pressure to sign this but, and due to these concerns I have worked with our solicitor to add in extra provisions to ensure that WGTC have the right to inspect the workmanship and give a list of any snagging items and any works of rectification required and the agreement is fit for purpose along with NHBC guarantees.

9 Millmead Hall

Cllrs are advised to take on this asset as part of the CAT, this will be approved subject to all paperwork being received/provided as set out in the surveyor's report. To ensure that all remedials have been undertaken.

Officer to look at the COF funding in 2024 to work on internals

10c Agora Re-Generation Update

Latest update is that the developer working with MKC is still working with Wilmott Dixon on the finer details of the build and pricing these should be sent to MKCC for formal approval next year and it is anticipated that the works (first footing) will begin in autumn. Works will being initially on St George's car park and the current boarded area where the Agora was. There will be phased development so once complete this side, the works will then begin on the car park.

I have asked about access routes down to Church Street and the need for this to be accessible and this is under discussion.

I have also asked about adopting Radcliffe Street as am concerned about public access rights on this, I am advised that this will not be impacted and that MKCC have declined to adopt the highway. I will ask for a further report from MKCC highways to explain this further and if we are able to do anything from this side.