

# OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Chennells, Diamandopoulos, Hillier, Prosser, Rodden, Shaw and Tennant

**Absent:** None

**In attendance:** Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk, Ward Councillor Geary and 4 members of the public

**Public forum:** 2 members of the public present at the meeting had requested to speak.

Resident spoke of ongoing concerns regarding the tower crane site and the manufacturing processes taking place on the site, which he believes not to have been mentioned in the most recent planning application regarding this site. His concerns extended to the potential for pollution and contamination of both the land and nearby water sources, as well as negative impacts from increased HGV movements.

Resident spoke first to praise Olney Town Council's Development Committee for their stance of objection to the most recent application on the tower crane site, which he believed represents the feelings and opinions of many residents of Olney. He requested that Olney Town Council urge Milton Keynes City Council to enforce eviction from the site.

### **OTC25/04/01: Apologies for absence**

**Resolved:** Apologies received from Cllrs Rowland and Tyler

### **OTC25/04/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda**

**Resolved:** None declared

### **OTC25/04/03: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Resolved:** Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Hillier seconded that the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 be approved. All in favour.

### **OTC25/04/04: To receive a Ward Councillors report**

Ward Cllr Geary reported that Milton Keynes City Council's Electoral Services department are re-considering Olney's warding status, which could result in a split of Olney's electorate and how it elects councillors to the Town Council, using a similar model to that currently used in Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford and Bletchley.

Ward Cllr Geary also reiterated his support for Olney Town Council Development Committee's stance on the recent planning application at the tower crane site.

In her role as Ward Cllr, Cllr Whitworth reported a schedule of works for worn and faded double yellow lines, on East Street, Spring Lane, Holes Lane, Spinney Hill Road and Market Place, had been approved and would take place during the 2025/26 financial year. She was also able to report that the poor state of footpaths in Dingleberry had been noted during a

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recent MKCC visit, with a schedule of works for improvement approved and also agreed to be completed during the 2025/26 financial year.

Ward Cllr Whitworth reported that MKCC officers continue to work on securing S106 funding for the renovated play areas and equipment at Johnsons Field, as well as producing revised plans having received feedback from residents and Olney Town Council. A noise assessment relevant to some of the potential new equipment would also be conducted in the next 4-6 weeks.

Finally, Ward Cllr Whitworth reported that she had met recently with residents from Osier Way, along with Chris Curtis MP, regarding the tower crane site, where he acknowledged the concerns raised and would ensure these were represented at MKCC level. He was also taking up their concerns with Anglian Water.

**Resolved:** Noted

## **OTC25/04/05: To receive a PCSO's report**

**Resolved:** None received

## **OTC25/04/06: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date**

**Resolved:** Cllr Rodden proposed, Cllr Chennells seconded that the expenditure report be approved. All voted in favour.

Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Chennells seconded that the budget to date be approved. All voted in favour.

## **OTC25/04/07: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings**

Cllr Whitworth had met with representatives of the Yardley Manor residents group regarding the Yardley Manor development, a meeting that was also attended by a representative of MKCC, with positive liaison and progress reported.

**Resolved:** Noted

## **OTC25/04/08: To receive data results from the SIDs**

Deputy Town Clerk reported figures as follows for February 2025: Yardley Road, 20mph (outside Yardley Manor estate, travelling southbound) – average speed of 45,312 vehicles was 22.63mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 28.5mph; High Street, 30mph (Maya restaurant end, travelling northbound) – average speed of 169,308 vehicles was 21.76mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 25.7mph; Bridge Street, 30mph (near church, travelling southbound) – average speed of 140,659 vehicles was 24mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 28.4mph.

**Resolved:** Noted

## **OTC25/04/09: To receive an update on the river water testing**

Cllr Whitworth reported that Olney and Clifton Fishing Association continue to conduct regular testing. The most recent testing is to monitor presence of various river fly. Mark Butterfield from the OCFA has asked any residents interested in supporting this project to make contact.

**Resolved:** Noted

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**OTC25/04/10: To receive an update on the Yardley Manor development**

Town Clerk reported that a revised anticipated completion of the new community centre building is November 2025. Recent works on pathways have been completed, with some fencing now removed, and scheduled works on drainage almost completed. Play equipment reported as not working has now been inspected and returned to a working state. The sports pitch is set to be rolled and cut again in the coming weeks, along with completion of the BMX track.

**Resolved:** Noted

**OTC25/04/11: To advise of Beacon lighting at 9.30pm for VE 80 on 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Resolved:** Noted

**OTC25/04/12: To consider having flags on the High Street for VE Day**

**Resolved:** Cllr Whitworth proposed, and Cllr Prosser seconded, that Union flags be flown on High Street properties. All voted in favour.

**OTC25/04/13: To consider the request from C&N Museum for signage on Market Place**

**Resolved:** Cllr Bethune proposed, and Cllr Hillier seconded, that no further signage be erected on Market Place. 5 voted in favour, 4 against, so the motion passed.

**OTC25/04/14: To consider having parking bays marked on the Market Place**

**Resolved:** All councillors present voted against having parking bays marked on the Market Place.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm

Next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025