

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Draft minutes of the meeting of **Dickens of a Christmas Committee** held at The Olney Centre on **Monday 8th September 2025 at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Bethune (Chair), Hillier, Prosser and Trevor Aldred

Apologies: Cllr Whitworth, Mike Kennedy and Gill Parker

In attendance: Rob Mungham (Deputy Town Clerk)

DoaC25/09/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies received from Cllr Whitworth, Mike Kennedy and Gill Parker

DoaC25/09/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

DoaC25/09/03: To approve the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 17th February 2025

Resolved: Cllr Hillier proposed and Cllr Prosser seconded that the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 17th February 2025 be approved. All voted in favour.

DoaC25/09/04: To consider sponsorship of the event

Deputy Town Clerk informed committee members present of an offer of sponsorship from Costa Coffee's local store Marketing Team.

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, and Cllr Hillier seconded, to decline the offer of sponsorship of the event. All voted in favour.

DoaC25/09/05: To receive an update on stall applications received to date

Deputy Town Clerk reported that 31 applications had so far been received, 20 less than at this stage last year. These applications included the usual range of food, drink, and craft products. Applicants included those that had attended previously, as well as others who were new applicants. Cllr Prosser reported that St. Peter and St. Pauls church would be hosting its Tree Festival as usual, as well as hosting a small number of stalls in the church hall. Trevor Aldred reported that the Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Group intended to host their annual craft fayre at The Olney Centre on the day of the event and had so far received approximately 15 applications for stallholders.

Resolved: Noted

DoaC25/09/06: To discuss entertainment arrangements

Deputy Town Clerk reported that one entertainment act from last year had already enquired regarding this year's event.

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to contact performers from 2024 and previous years to confirm attendance.

DoaC25/09/07: To discuss logistical arrangements

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to proceed with logistical arrangements in line with 2024 event.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Signed: