

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Minutes of the meeting of **Dickens of a Christmas Committee** held at The Olney Centre on **Monday 20th October 2025 at 6pm**

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

Apologies: None

Absent: Colin Dooley, Mike Kennedy, Gill Parker

In attendance: Rob Mungham (Deputy Town Clerk)

DoaC25/10/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: None

DoaC25/10/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

DoaC25/10/03: To approve the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 8th September 2025

Resolved: Cllr Hillier proposed and Cllr Prosser seconded that the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 8th September 2025 be approved. All voted in favour.

DoaC25/10/04: To consider a request from Olney Fire Station crew

Deputy Town Clerk informed committee members present of a request from Olney Fire Station crew to attend the event with a fire appliance for demonstration and recruitment purposes.

Resolved: Cllr Bethune proposed, and Cllr Prosser seconded that the request to attend be accepted. All voted in favour.

DoaC25/10/05: To consider VIP luncheon nominations

Deputy Town clerk reported that more than thirty local people had been nominated.

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, and Cllr Bethune seconded that a maximum of nine nominees be invited to a VIP luncheon by the Mayor. All voted in favour.

DoaC25/10/06: To receive an update on stall applications received to date

Deputy Town Clerk reported that 66 applications had so far been received, approximately a third down on 2024 applications. Of these 66, 8 were received after the deadline had closed. Half of all applications were for stalls selling food items. Trevor Aldred reported that more than twenty stalls would be in attendance at the Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Group Craft Fayre to be held at The Olney Centre.

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, and Cllr Bethune seconded, that the 2025 Dickens of a Christmas event only be held on and around Market Place, due to the reduced stall applications. All voted in favour.

Cllr Bethune proposed, and Cllr Hillier seconded that Cllr Bethune as Chair, and Deputy Town clerk meet separately to select successful applicants and assign stall locations. All voted in favour.

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DoaC25/10/07: To discuss entertainment arrangements

Deputy Town Clerk reported that all 2024 entertainers had now been contacted and that 8 had confirmed attendance for the 2025 event, including Emmett's Fair.

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to continue to liaise with entertainers and provide information regarding a schedule of performances

DoaC25/10/08: To discuss logistical arrangements

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to continue to proceed with logistical arrangements in line with 2024 event, with the exception of the usual arrangements for the site at the junctions of Yardley Road and West Street.

The meeting closed at 6.59pm