

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Draft minutes of the meeting of **Olney Town Council held** at The Olney Centre on
Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Whitworth (Chair), Bethune, Diamandopoulos, Hillier, Lowe, Prosser, Rowland, Shaw, Stone and Tennant

In attendance: Jane Brushwood, Town Clerk, Rob Mungham, Deputy Town Clerk, Ward Councillor McLean and two members of the public

Public forum: None

OTC26/4/1: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies were received from Cllr Rodden. Cllrs Chennells and Tyler were absent.

OTC26/4/2: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

OTC26/4/3: To approve the minutes of the OTC meeting held 2nd March 2026

Resolved: Cllr Hillier proposed, Cllr Prosser seconded, that the minutes of 2nd March 2026 be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC26/4/4: To receive a Ward Councillors report

In her role as Ward Councillor, Cllr Whitworth reported that works would start on a new roundabout on the A509 on 16th June 2026.

Ward Cllr McLean reported that he had requested clarification from the MKCC Highways department regarding the proposed works, and more details on dates and timings, especially regarding any proposed lane closures.

Ward Cllr McLean continues to request for litter picking and verge cutting on roadsides around the local area but is yet to receive formal confirmation of this from the relevant MKCC department.

Finally, the Petsoe End Windfarm Fund is now fully operational, via the MK Community Foundation, and all grant requests should be directed towards them.

Resolved: Noted

OTC26/4/5: To receive a PCSOs report

Figures provided by TVP for the period 3rd March 2026 – 12th April 2026; 2 assaults (1 with injury, 1 without), 2 business burglaries, 2 incidents of criminal damage, 8 incidents of shoplifting, 5 thefts (1 parcel, 4 motor vehicles), 1 incident of anti-social behaviour, 2 suspicious persons, and 1 suspicious vehicle.

Resolved: Noted

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OTC26/4/6: To receive an expenditure report and budget to date

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, Cllr Lowe seconded, to approve the expenditure report. All voted in favour.

Cllr Shaw proposed, Cllr Hillier seconded, to approve the budget to date. All voted in favour.

OTC26/4/7: To receive reports from Councillors who represent at external meetings

Cllr Prosser reported that trustees of the Ann Hopkins Smith Alms Houses had met recently. There is an ongoing programme of maintenance on all 12 properties and a social event for the residents to get together with trustees is planned for May.

Cllr Whitworth reported from a meeting of the river testing working party. Recent test results from e-coli testing are very positive, with extremely low figures of 48 recorded (below 900 deemed good). These figures are likely to rise in spring and summer, with regular testing set to continue.

Resolved: Noted

OTC26/4/8: To receive data results from the SIDs

Deputy Town Clerk reported figures as follows for February/March 2026: Yardley Road, 20mph (Yardley Manor, travelling southbound) – average speed of 42,738 vehicles was 22.2mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 28.2mph; Bridge Street, 30mph (travelling northbound) – average speed of 174,451 vehicles was 22.87mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 29.3mph; High Street, 30mph (near Maya, travelling southbound) – average speed of 80,404 vehicles was 17.43mph, with 85% of speeds recorded at or below 22mph.

Resolved: Noted

OTC26/4/9: To receive an update on the ex football clubhouse and Padel

Town Clerk reported that work on phase 1 of the ex football clubhouse continues at good pace, with the work on the rear wall and the roof almost complete. A proposed lease and design update had been received in regard of Padel courts, with some dimensions still to be formally confirmed.

Resolved: Cllr Tennant proposed, and Cllr Whitworth seconded, that the Town Clerk continue to liaise with Padel developers, and update council accordingly. All voted in favour.

OTC26/4/10: To consider allowing ashes burial for a non resident

Resolved: Cllr Prosser proposed, and Cllr Lowe seconded, that the application for non resident ashes to be buried be approved. All voted in favour.

OTC26/4/11: To receive an update on the Olney Community Centre, Winterbottom Way

Town Clerk reported that a new completion target date of 17th April had been set by the developers.

Resolved: Noted

OTC26/4/12: To receive an update on the Johnson's Field play area

Cllr Whitworth reported that 350 responses had been received to the informal consultation regarding skate park preferences. 274 of these responses were from addresses with an MK46 postcode. These responses will be factored into final decisions on a final design proposal, scheduled to be received in May.

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Resolved: Noted

OTC26/4/13: To discuss the use of social media

Town Clerk reported that the council website had recently been updated

Resolved: Cllr Whitworth proposed, and Cllr Hillier seconded, that Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Lowe to work on making further council information via the council Facebook page. All voted in favour.

OTC26/4/14: To advise on the new planters in the High Street

Town Clerk reported that High Street hanging baskets would be replaced with planters, part funded by grant funding available from MKCC accessibility fund, and part funded by SDC Builders, the organisation currently developing the convent site on West Street.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm

Next meeting Monday 11th May 2026