

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 14th September 2026 at 6pm

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

Apologies: Cllr Whitworth and Gill Parker

In attendance: Rob Mungham (Deputy Town Clerk)

DoaC26/09/01: Apologies for absence

Resolved: Apologies received from Cllr Whitworth and Gill Parker

DoaC26/09/02: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None

DoaC26/09/03: To approve the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 16th February 2026

Resolved: Trevor Aldred proposed and Cllr Bethune seconded that the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 16th February 2026 be approved. All voted in favour.

DoaC26/09/04: To receive an update on stall applications received to date

Deputy Town Clerk reported that 33 applications had so far been received, 2 more than at this stage in 2025, but approximately 20 less than this stage in 2024. These applications included the usual range of food, drink, and craft or gift 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. 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

DoaC26/09/05: To discuss entertainment arrangements

Deputy Town Clerk reported that two new entertainment acts had enquired about the possibility of attending this year's event.

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to contact performers from 2025 and previous years to confirm attendance.

DoaC26/09/06: To discuss logistical arrangements

Resolved: Deputy Town Clerk to proceed with logistical arrangements in line with 2025 event.

The meeting closed at 6.27pm

Signed: