

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 17th February 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chairman	
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mr. A. Crockett.
	Mr. D. Booth
	Dr. P. Sudbury
	Mr. B. Williams
	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. R. Lewin
	Mrs. S. McGurk
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr. G. Botting.

2. To Receive declarations of interest.

None.

3. Public Forum: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise, with the permission of the Chairman.

4. To approve Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2016.

Page numbering corrected, then Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.

None.

County Councillor Kevin Bulmer reported on the final agreement of the OCC annual budget for the next financial year. Central Government have cut their grant by a further £70 million. Some of the services threatened by cuts have had a reprieve the elderly day services being one of these and also children's services cuts will now leave 11 centres. These services will be concentrated in the areas of most need.

OCC have a new scheme to utilise their own transport facilities during the day when they are not in use. The service will be run in a similar way as the Dial a Bus Service that has been cut.

The Chairman asked if the Adult Day centre in Wallingford would remain, Cllr. Bulmer did not have a definitive answer to this but will check. He stressed that Section 106 funds from Woodcote housing developments that OCC take a proportion of will be argued strongly by the PC that such funds are utilised for services in Woodcote such as the schools and library and not used in other areas.

Cllr Bulmer had circulated his February report, the Chairman asked if he could include more items that are local to the division he covers as these local matters in and around the Ward are of importance and impact to Woodcote. Cllr. Bulmer said he would try to include them but he does not always have the conclusive details. Cllr. Bulmer then left the meeting.

6. Planning Applications

P16/S0089/FUL Proposal: Proposed change of use of part of the woodland to form an extension to the garden area associated with 15 Long Toll Address: 15 Long Toll Woodcote RG8 0RR.

The Parish Council can give Conditional Support to this application subject to several Conditions or Legal agreements relating to the shrub and tree planting, the 30 degree angle of the slop and the restriction of permitted development rights and restriction on any further dwelling being built on the plot or the existing dwelling being extended to the side return. Clerk to send back the full written response.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P15/S3998/HH Two-storey rear extension and loft conversion.
Site Location : 43 Bridle Path Woodcote RG8 0SE

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Letter from SODC received regarding planning application P15/S1919/FUL, which was refused the applicant has gone to Appeal. The Chairman will write further comments to be sent to the Inspector.

Cllr. Smith reported that he and Cllr. Botting had met with Beth Elkins from SODC for an update about the Section 106 funds and the overall process. It appears that the consultant Northcote who SODC used for an audit on external recreation in the district may result in some Sec 106 funds from the Chiltern Rise development being taken by the District. The Parish Council will resist this.

Other Parishes can also apply to take Sec 106 funds from developments in Woodcote but also Woodcote can apply to take Sec 106 funds from developments in neighbouring parishes. The details are published on the SODC website, the PC need to ensure that this is checked regularly.

Beth Elkins advised that the CIL process is getting nearer to being completed.

The Chairman advised that the garden Centre planning application is available to view. The PC agreed that this application will be discussed at the 2nd PC meeting on 16th March. Details will be circulated in good time to residents in the vicinity using a flyer. The Clerk has also put the application number in the March correspondent encouraging residents to look at it online.

7. Finance.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
28/02/2016	K. Smallbone	523	£30.00	Feb War Memorial
28/02/2016	A. Crockett	SO	£200.00	Litter picking
28/02/2016	J. Welham	SO	£782.00	Feb salary
			£1,012.00	

Approved.

No receipts

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quote from Carpenter for a new door to the end of the Village Hall Kitchen Total £379 inc VAT.
The PC agreed, Clerk to organise the installation.

Quote of an additional £38 (pro rata for the rest of this year's cover) to the Annual PC Insurance premium to add cover for the Youth Shelter and the Cricket Square on the Village Green. The PC agreed to add these items on cover straight away.

The Section 106 Letter had been received approving the funds for the Defibrillator. The Chairman signed the form for the Clerk to return.

8. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr. Booth advised that the VHMC have agreed and approved the new Funding process submitted by Cllr. Smith on behalf of the PC.

Village Green Committee

They are preparing documents and details to submit for the public consultation in April.

The VGC had reviewed the position of the PC charging the Kidmore End Cricket Club for using the green and felt that this year they would prefer to leave it and review at the end of the season. The KEC will be paying for use of the Village Hall and Woodcote Cricket Club towards the maintenance of the square.

The PC agreed to this but the Chairman stated that the PC do not wish to become a charity and the position will need to be reviewed for year 2017.

Police

Cllr. Williams advised that a man has been seen in gardens in Goring road looking into sheds suspected with intent to steal items.

Youth Club

The Monday and Tuesday nights sessions are going very well. They are considering a session for younger age group as well.

Traffic Working Group

Next meeting is 18th February.

The laser speed monitoring boxes results are now available and the good news is that the 85th percentile has been met so pedestrian crossings can be considered on the Goring Road subject to funds.

Woodland Group

Cllr. Smith reported their first meeting had been held and they had visited the site. Proposals for its use will be shown at the public consultation.

Education

Cllr. Lewin advised that their report was not yet finalised but nearing completion.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Lewin had written a letter to the organisers of the 10K road race that had been in Woodcote the Clerk had circulated this earlier.

Clerk reported that Rev Linda Smith had emailed regarding this race and the inconvenience it had caused, Clerk to advise her that the PC had written and will be more involved with the organisers should it run again next year.

Blandy and Blandy had received titles and plans for the plots around Tidmore Pool, the Clerk had circulated these. The email mentioned an old Deed from 1958 not acquired. The PC agreed to request that this be obtained to check before any further action and instructions are made to Blandy and Blandy re the fencing.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting:

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed.....Date.....