

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote Wednesday 17th June 2015 commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. G. Botting Mr. M. Smith Mrs. D. Hadaway Mr. B. Williams Mr. B. Lewin Mr. A. Crockett. Mrs. S. McGurk
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Mr. R. Peirce. Dr. P. Sudbury

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.
None.

4. To approve Minutes Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2015.
Correction to Item 3 on page 20.
Correction to Item 7.3, Hydro Geological survey was misspelt. Housing Society changed to Association.
Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
Cllr. Smith has drafted a Risk Assessment Form for the Woodcote festival and sent it to Helena McBride the organiser and also sent copies to all councillors. All agreed this form would be more than adequate for purpose.

Cllr. Botting reported on the meeting held with the Bursar of the Oratory School and the issues he has been experiencing with Wards Farm. It is likely that the owners of certain units on Wards Farm are in breach of planning conditions. A letter has been sent from the PC to Planning Enforcement highlighting the problems and asking for action to be taken.

6. District Councillors Report

Not present.

Cllr Botting advised that he had written to both District Councillors concerning the Chiltern Rise development.

Cllr. Crockett proposed that the PC send a letter to previous DC C. Quinton thanking him for all his work on behalf of Woodcote, all agreed.

7. Planning Applications

No new applications for review.

7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

None.

7.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None.

7.3 Other Planning Matters

The public examination of the CIL procedure is taking place in Benson village hall in July. The Clerk had circulated the details to council. Anyone wishing to attend needs to register, all the details are in the documentation circulated by the Clerk.

Long Toll Woodland that the PC will purchase for £1, a 3 year Woodland Management Plan has been submitted which the PC have seen and agreed was more than adequate.

3 trees will need to be felled, some trimming, and fallen trees removed all this work will be actioned by the current developers before the hand over. The PC will take responsibility of the plan from year three. The PC need to confirm to SODC that they agree with the plan.

8. Finance

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
17/06/2015	HAGS-SMP LTd	456	£54.72	Climbing Wall Grip
17/06/2015	G. Botting	457	£19.22	Pens, pads for Traffic Group
17/06/2015	K. Smallbone	458	£30.00	June War memorial garden
28/06/2015	J. Welham	SO	£782.00	June Salary
28/06/2015	A. Crockett	SO	£200.00	Litter picking June
		Total Payments	£1,085.94	

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

None.

8.2 Investment of Allotment Charity Funds & PC Funds

The sale of the RBS and witan Pacific shares had been completed and the funds are in the account. It was agreed to re invest the funds into the CCLA Global Equity Income Fund.

The PC Lloyds 3 year Deposit Account had matured paying £1136.88 in interest. The balance of £30K to be reinvested. Decision on which investment fund to be an item for the next meeting.

Cllr. Lewin proposed that a separate meeting be held to discuss “monies” so all projects could be listed and evaluated on their merits so reserve funds can be allocated. This was agreed to be arranged at a later date.

Cllr. Crockett had been approached by a resident requesting the Rally Committee to install a defibrillator at the Village Hall. The Rally Committee cannot approve this they can be approached with a request for charity funds for this. The resident has been advised. The VHMC have this on their list of projects.

9. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC.

The VH Manager has resigned and a replacement will need to be sought. The position is advertised in the next Correspondent.

A new Chairman is also required as Christopher Quinton has expressed that he wishes to stand down, after many years of long service. The current Vice Chairman does not wish to take over the role. The next meeting is 13th July.

Village Green MC.

No meeting.

Traffic Advisory Group

The group are working on the presentations in readiness for the consultation event on July 4th. Most of the work is completed, they group will set up the Hall on Friday evening.

Education Group

They have spoken to key people including Henley College. The group will have a table at the Traffic Event 4th July. Also the recent detail from ORCC regarding their survey is of interest to this group and they are looking at participating.

Youth Club

Currently in a quiet period only 6/7 people attending.

Refurbishment of the club is ongoing and they group are doing a good job. New carpet is need at approx. cost of £2K. They do have some funds but will approach the PC to request some match funding.

Police

The PCSO has visited Wards Farm and the parking outside is not illegal but does cause visibility issues. He stated that should double yellow lines be installed they will enforce them.

The large lorry that deliveries and blocks the road to the Oratory school is causing an obstruction and is therefore an offence. PCSO has advised that the Bursar report this to the police next time it happens.

The landlady at the Red Lion reported that during last year's Rally on the "free beer" night there was some unruly behaviour outside the pub and fights on the green, missiles thrown at her windows etc. She has requested that the police patrol this year on that day to prevent this reoccurring.

Primary School

No new meeting. The Head is doing well and working towards making Woodcote the "School of Choice".

10. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Lewin highlighted the comments in County Councillor's report regarding further funding cuts and economies needing to be made. He wanted to raise attention to this as it is a lot of money and he is concerned that the level of support from OCC for services will further diminish.

11. Correspondence

None.

12.To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st July 2015.

Signed..... Date

Meeting closed at 8.30pm