

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 18th March 2015 commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mrs. S. McGurk
	Mr. B. Williams
	Mr. D. Booth
	Dr. P. Sudbury
	Mr. A. Crockett.
	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. B. Lewin
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.
Mr. Temple re planning application P15/S0453/HH.

4. To approve Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 4th March 2015.
Correction to Item 7.3 Planning Appeal Goats Gambol, paragraph 3 first line should read “allocated sites”. Then Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
None.

6. Planning

P15/S0452/HH :Erection of single storey side/rear extension.
Ivoryton 2 Hagbourne Close Woodcote RG8 0RZ.
PC recommend Approval.

P15/S0453/HH :Single storey rear extension. Side extension and detached storage shed. 85
Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA.

The PC reviewed the application. The Chairman invited Mr. Temple to make his points. He showed a revised drawing that the PC had not seen. There was some concern that the site was small and with this proposal would be over developed. PC recommend No Strong Views with the over development point as a concern for SODC Officers to consider..

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P14/S4097/FUL Demolition of garage, erection of two bed detached bungalow and double garage.
Renewal of planning permission P08/E0278.
Site Location :Hidden Glade 63 Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA

P14/S2440/FUL:Demolition of existing vacant commercial buildings. Erection of 14 dwellings plus access, parking, and landscaping.(as amended by drawing 14_LTG_SP15I to alter the parking layout of the development received 6 October 2014)Site Location : Former Chiltern Queens Bus Depot Long Toll Woodcote.

The Clerk advised that Mr. & Mrs. Burgess resident in Green Lane had great concerns about the line of hedgerow/tress along the boundary, and were worried that Millgate would remove trees and reduce their screening.

The conditions of the application being granted cover this point, and the Chairman of the PC is meeting with Millgate on site in the next month and will review the woodland and the management plan.

Clerk to reply to Mr & Mrs Burgess.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Planning Appeal Inquiry Land to rear of Goats Gambol

The Chairman reported that Cllr. Botting has virtually completed the proof of evidenced and has included an Executive Summary for the rear of the document that he will read at the inquiry.

The chairman has held meetings with the landowners of the allocated sites in the NHP and has got the Memorandum of Understanding signed by two, one other will be signed by Thursday and the final one will be in the next few days. The landowner of the first reserve site has also signed.

The Chiltern Rise site drawings are due for approval by the Oratory School and then the Architect will submit the planning application this should be within the next week.

The Garden Centre site owner is in discussions with the Architect handling the Chiltern Rise development and it is likely that he may engage their services.

Draft response to SODC G Housing allocations to 2031 – review.

Deferred to next meeting as Cllr Botting and The Chairman have been engaged on the Proof of evidence.

Section 106 process test form – review.

Deferred to next meeting as Cllr Botting and The Chairman have been engaged on the Proof of evidence.

7. Finance

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
10/03/2015	Higgs Printing	432		624 Inquiry Docs Goats Gambol
10/03/2015	Woodcote Community Centre	433		1000 Annual grant
10/03/2015	ABA Construction Ltd	435		329.4 Repairs to Playground Equipmnt
28/03/2015	J. Welham	SO		782 March Salary
28/03/2015	A. Crockett	SO		200 March Litter Picking
28/03/2015	K. Smallbone	436		30 March War Memorial Garden

**Total
Payments** 2,965.40

Approved

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

None.

Clerk had received notification from OCC regarding the amount of grass cutting grant for FY 2015/16.

The amount is approximately 50% less than this year. The Pc requested that the Clerk write to OCC requesting why this has been cut.

7.2 Allotment Charity Invested Funds

The Clerk had been working with Cllr. Booth looking into the best investment options for the Allotment Charity funds. Cllr Booth presented the details of the various share funds, current values and performance percentages. The PC agreed to sell the shares as advised and re invest the funds with the various CCLA options as detailed in the table shown in Appendix One of the minutes.

8. Budget Review for FY End 2014/15

Deferred to next meeting as Clerk had not been able to circulate the report on Tuesday due to software issues.

9. Other committee Reports

School Report

Cllr Hadaway advised that there is a meeting next week.

Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr booth reported, no issues.

Village Green Committee

Cllr Booth reported, Minutes circulated. Question over the Public Liability insurance for the Festival. The PC agreed that this matter should be bought to the PC nearer the time so it can be managed under the Pc to ensure the insurance cover is valid.

Education Group

Cllr. Lewin reported,

The group is formed and there are 9 members plus two in reserve, these being Cllr Quinton and the Chairman. Their next meeting is Wednesday 25th March.

Conservation Group

Cllr. Lewin reported,

The Group have asked what type of footpath will be introduced at the development of the Old Bus Depot, they have concerns that it should not be urban but blend with the rural locality.

OCC have written about this and the construction and design are being considered, but it will consider the rural location.

Traffic Advisory Group

Cllr. Smith reported,

The hot spots have been identified, impacts of the solutions, interventions are being reviewed.

Once this work is complete the public consultation will be arranged. Community Speed watch initiatives are being arranged.

Police Report

Cllr. Williams reported,

Following input from the WTG and Goring Road residents the NPT conducted a speed awareness operation on the Sunday 15th (Goring Road, direction Crays Pond) , a number of warning letters have been sent (18) and 2 speeding tickets issued. Further enforcement action is planned.

Youth Club Report

Cllr Williams reported,

Attendance appears to be on an improving trend (14/15).

Given current attendance is all male consideration is being given to running a series of girls only events in order to establish what sort of activities might appeal to them.

Additional games equipment is being ordered and a revamp of the club facilities/layout is planned. A request to the PC for financial support is being developed.

Wi-Fi connectivity will be monitored following the planned Village Hall upgrade prior to any further action.

Dog Group

Cllr. McGurk reported,

The article appears in the April edition of the Correspondent.

10. Other Matters for Chairman

Bench outside Co-operative Stores.

Cllr Williams had raised this but in the meantime a new bench has been installed, assumed by the family who placed the original one there.

The PC also discussed the very untidy bush below the tree at this area, which gets full of rubbish and old cans as people drop them in it.

PC agreed for Clerk to instruct our contractor to remove this bush as it is not maintained by ~OCC who own the land.

The Chairman advised that several residents had requested if the air conditioning units to the side of the Co-op building could be screened with vegetation. The area alongside the units is tarmac and the staff park their cars there in what is already a very limited parking area. A solution would be difficult as if tubs were used these would get rubbish in them and could be removed or tipped over. For consideration.

Annual Parish Meeting date and PC meeting dates for May - review.

The PC meeting in May can proceed as normal.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held before the elections and was agreed to be Tuesday 28th April.

11. Correspondence

Email from Mrs. Oliver regarding graffiti in the bus shelter. PC to view and look at a solution to remove, how it is removed needs to be considered. Cllr. Crockett will inspect the area and report back.

Email from Karen Brown of Community Safety Projects Officer SODC stating she had been contacted by Mrs. Lawrence from Lackmore Gardens about vegetation overhanging the footpath by her property. Karen was offering the Probation Service pay back scheme to engage to carry out the work and site clearance in this area. The PC would need to provide toilet facilities.

The PC agreed that the idea in principle was supported but there are no public toilet facilities to offer, and suggested that Mrs. Lawrence might like to offer such facility? Clerk to reply.

Cllr Booth also mentioned that when the VGC had used this service it was not very successful and that a lot of supervision was required and they felt they could have carried out the jobs quicker and easier themselves.

12.To note date of the next PC meeting: Wednesday 1st April 2015

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

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