

# WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 7.30pm.

**PRESENT**

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

1. To receive apologies for absence.  
Dr. 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. J. Green & Mr. L. Woolley to speak on the NHP Process.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2017.  
Correction to Item 10. Paragraph 3. Cllrs Sudbury & Williams expressed concern that demographics apparently are not being sufficiently considered in detail by the NHP Advisory Group at this point in time.  
Then Approved as a true record.

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

The Clerk asked if Councillors had looked at the large Sycamore Tree outside of 50 Wayside Green. The PC agreed that the large tree was there when the houses were built and that the Tree Surgeons within the last year had advised that the tree was not unsafe so they agreed that the tree should be monitored but at this time not removed.

**6. Planning Applications**

P17/S3360/HH (Householder) Proposal: Erection of a single storey garage with loft accommodation and garden room to an existing residential dwelling  
Address: The Dell 60 Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA.  
Parish Council recommend Approval.  
P17/S3283/FUL (Full Application) Proposal: Demolition of bungalow. Construction of 2 houses.  
Address: Woodhaven Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

The Parish Council recommend Approval. However, they comment that this development is on the edge of a site with planning permission granted within the NHP and therefore this adjacent site could be further developed.

### **6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:**

P17/S3106/FUL Erection of Car preparation building, Church Farm Village Workshop, Reading Road, Woodcote RG8 0QX.

### **6.2 Applications Refused by SODC**

None.

### **6.3 Other Planning Matters**

The Chairman opened discussions regarding the process for the NHP2 being produced by the Advisory Group. There had been several email communications between Councillors prior to the meeting with several questions and queries. The discussions also included the remit for the NHP2 Advisory Groups role.

The Chairman answered the query regarding legal liability to reassure the Councillors that they cannot be in any way held liable.

Several suggestions were made for changes and asking that the NHP2 Advisory Group give more feedback on a regular basis, this point will be seriously considered by the Group.

The Chairman requested if the Council had confidence in the NHP2 Advisory Group and its Chairman to continue and Council unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Sudbury, thanked the Chairman for his excellent handling of the discussions.

## **7. Finance**

### **Payments Approved**

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
05/10/2017	HMRC	SO	£300.18	Sept Contributions
10/10/2017	Berinsfield Com Business	701	£1,436.16	Grass cuts September Dog Bins 1/7 to 30/9
10/10/2017	SODC	SODC	£100.46	
10/10/2017	D.J. Scott Electrical Services	703	£88.20	New light fitting
12/10/2017	Open Spaces Society Woodcote Conservation	DD	£45.00	Annual sub
12/10/2017	Grp	706	£300.00	Annual Grant
16/10/2017	CPRE	707	£36.00	Annual sub
19/10/2017	J. Welham	Transfer	£59.99	Microsoft renewal software
20/10/2017	K. Smallbone	704	£30.00	Oct War Memorial Gdn
26/10/2017	Woodcote Village Hall	Transfer	£52.00	Room Hire for NHP Mtgs
28/10/2017	L. Crockett	SO	£200.00	Litter picking October
28/10/2017	J. Welham	SO	£813.14	October Salary
		Total	£3,461.13	

Noted No Receipts.

### **7.1 Quotations/Grants** received for review/approval.

Blandy & Blandy quote for registration search £203.00 The PC agreed to proceed.

**9. Other Committee Reports**

Village Hall MC

The forecast income is down on previous year and the costs are higher than forecast. The VHMC are looking at various ways to market the hall to bring in further rental income.

SODC queried that the PC had agreed to the VHMC making the application for a grant for refurbishment, this has now been resolved.

Village Green

Some issues over the repainting of the village green benches, residents have objected to the yellow colour, some dislike it and some like it. The VGC have stopped the repainting and will gain feedback from residents regarding the preferred colour options.

Traffic Group

OCC have confirmed that the Woodcote Project along with one other is now at the top of their list. Their officers have been out to inspect the site and are looking checking the matter of the ditch along the edge of the VG being drainage, which the Traffic Group have queried as this is not a drainage ditch. Pricing will be sought when this is resolved. The lighting pricing has been requested.

Youth Club

The Monday night senior sessions have been stopped indefinitely due to very low attendance.

Primary School

OCC are sending a building inspector to the school 19<sup>th</sup> October to inspect the building as many areas require urgent repair and attention.

**10. Other Matters for Chairman**

None.

**11. Correspondence**

Email from a Mr. Harrison expressing concern over the number of Estate Agents boards along the Goring Road. Clerk to reply that the PC recommend that he write to the Estate Agents with his concerns.

**12. To note date of the next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 8th November 2017**

*Meeting closed 10.10 pm*

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