

# WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 commencing 7.30pm.

**PRESENT**

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Mr. G. Botting
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mrs. S. McGurk
	Mr. B. Williams
	Mr. D. Booth
	Dr. P. Sudbury
	Mr. A. Crockett.

Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham
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1. To receive apologies for absence.  
Mr. B. Lewin, Mrs. D. Hadaway.

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 Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015.  
Typing Correction to Item 6 second paragraph.  
Correction to formatting of Item 11.  
Then Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.  
Cllr. Smith reported that he had met with the tree specialist together with Cllr. Botting at the Bus Depot site. Some trees will need to be felled due to their poor condition, these trees are mostly on the Long Toll side with some alongside the Bridlepath.

The screening that Mr. & Mrs. Burgess had concerns about will not be removed. During the inspection it was noted that some new Leylandii trees had been planted in the woodland area that is to be gifted to the PC. These are not native to the area and are invasive as a species, the PC objected to such planting.

Cllr. Smith to visit Mr. & Mrs. Burgess to advise them of the trees that will need to be removed and discuss the planting of new trees. A formal letter to be sent following this visit.

**6. District Councillors Report**

Cllr Quinton reported,

SODC have now signed a 3 year lease on premises in Milton Park Didcot. The terms of the lease include the option to extend a further year to 4 years. The premises will accommodate all of the SODC staff currently. No decision is yet reached regarding the old premises.

## **7. Planning**

P15/S0613/HH (Householder) Proposal: Side/rear extension to bungalow.  
Address: 19 Croft Way Woodcote RG8 0RS.  
Parish Council recommend Approval.

### **7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:**

P15/S0065/HH Application proposal, including any amendments : Erection of a front porch. Site  
Location : Wayside House South Stoke Road Woodcote RG8 0PL.

### **7.2 Applications Refused by SODC:**

None.

### **7.3 Other Planning Matters**

Draft response to SODC G Housing allocations to 2031 – review.  
Cllr Botting had circulated a draft response to all. This draft was discussed and some points added with some alterations made. Following this the PC agreed to the response and Cllr. Botting to finalise and send off to SODC.

Section 106 process test form – review.

Cllr Botting will review the template form and input some responses, then circulate to Council.  
Replies required by 8<sup>th</sup> April, following this Cllr. Botting will reply to Ged Cassell SODC with the completed form.

Cllr. Crockett reported that Langtree School had opened up the access point to their land off Greenmore. He had spoken to the contractor and a temporary road has been laid to accommodate access for the building of the new Multi Games area. Cllr. Crockett asked if this could become a permanent fixture to alleviate parking on the Reading Road at certain times of the day and also if a parking area could be made.

The Chairman advised that full planning would need to be sought for such a fixture and also all the issues would need to be discussed by the School and the Parish Council before an application was submitted. The School are looking at other areas for additional parking within their grounds.

## **8. Finance**

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Transaction Detail Paid</u>
30/03/2015	British Telecom	SO	41.47 Line rental & BB
30/03/2015	SODC	437	200.93 Dog Bins 1/10/14-31/3/15
		<b>Total Payments</b>	£242.40

## **APPROVED**

**Receipts** – Clerk advised that the first half precept funds would be paid into the account on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**8.1 Quotations/Grants** received for review/approval.

Quotation from DJ Scott electrical for 4 new sockets at high level in the Village Hall to accommodate the new Wi Fi boxes £160.00.

PC agreed, Clerk to instruct the work to go ahead asap.

## **9. Budget Review for FY End 2014/15**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to highlight if there were any concerns.

The Clerk reported that the funds in the operating bank account at the end of the financial year were Equal to approximately half the precept amount and recommended that the PC consider investing some more funds to accrue interest.

The Clerk commented that the capital amount spent on the Village Hall was rising year on year and suggested that at some point the PC need to consider the investment in an old building and whether to look at a project for major refurbishment or to consider a new building entirely.

The process for first registration of the VH is progressing with the solicitors.

Cllr. Smith had a query against items coded to Woodland Recreation Project, as nothing had been spent against this on FY2014/15. Clerk to investigate and report via email to Council.

## **10. Other committee Reports**

Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr booth reported,

No current issues.

Village Green Committee

Cllr Booth reported,

The VGC are in agreement to a footpath for access to the Schools as proposed by the Traffic Group. They also mentioned a footpath along the hedge that surrounds the allotments.

Education Group

Cllr. Williams reported,

Paul Van Walwyk was welcomed to the group. Paul is the Head of a Primary School in Hampshire.

Some 15 organisations have been identified as possible sources of information which would be helpful to the group as it develops its proposals for submission to the PC and prior to consultations with Woodcote residents.

In addition local business will be contacted to establish what they view to be educational priorities and subject to agreement with the relevant authorities a similar survey of current pupil attitudes may be undertaken.

A draft letter to be handed to the above organisations explaining WAGE's objectives etc. was agreed.

At the next WAGE meeting working groups will be established and be tasked with approaching the organisations noted above and accessing other relevant data (population data etc.).

Traffic Advisory Group

Cllr. Smith reported,

Issues have been identified, potential interventions being reviewed. The next stage is the public consultation. Community Speed watch is taking place, the PCSO's will be issuing 15 warning letters and the police are aware and supporting this initiative also.

Police Report

Cllr. Williams reported,

PCSOs (Petar/Mark) will progress Neighbourhood Speed Watch training for Councillors Botting/Crockett (Petar indicated that their recent speed measurement on the Goring Road gave them sufficient concern to cause them to request PC support so speeding tickets could be issued).

No other major issues but concern remains regarding continuing outbuilding/shed burglary in the area.

Youth Club

Nothing to report.

Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan Group  
Cllr. Botting reported,  
Nothing new at the moment.

**11. Other Matters for Chairman**

The Clerk reminded all that she is on holiday next week.

No other matters.

**12. Correspondence**

None.

**13. To note date of the next PC meeting: Wednesday 15th April 2015**

*Meeting closed at 9.20pm*

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