

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 1st June 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chairman Mr. G. Botting
Mr. M. Smith
Mrs. S. McGurk
Mr. A. Crockett
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. R. Lewin
Mrs. D. Hadaway

Parish Clerk Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Dr. P. Sudbury, Mr. D. Booth, District Councillor Mr. D. Nimmo-Smith.

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.

Mrs. Pat Booker to speak on the two planning application for Church Farm.

Mr. K. Groom. Mr. K. Ison to speak on Item 7.

4. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2016.

Corrections required:

6.3 Other Planning Matters – change 2nd revision to read 1st Revision.

9. Other Committee Reports – change Cllr Williams for Police not Cllr Smith. Add Traffic Advisory Group.

Then minutes Approved.

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

The Chairman advised that since agreeing the review of the Clerk's salary updated National Pay Scales 2016 to 2018 had been received. Therefore, the Clerk will still move to Grade SP32 as agreed but on the new pay scale rate as per the updated pay scales.

6. District Councillors Report.

No report apologies for absence

7. Village Green Proposals – review feedback, agree locations.

Ken Groom and Ken Ison joined the meeting to update the PC on the two consultations from the Village Green Committee. The second consultation was held in the Library and was attended by a different demographic. The VGC now wish to take the proposal for an Outdoor Table Tennis Table and enlarging the existing Basketball area on Folly Field, install a second hoop the other end and also enlarge the tarmac area so it can be used for five aside football.

This was discussed, the Clerk to check if planning permission is required for the work on Folly Field.

Estimates are required to be sent to the Clerk for the Basket Ball court so Section 106 Funds can be applied for, funds for the Table Tennis Table have already been sought. Some debate regarding the type of outdoor table and base. The VGC will be visiting an installation to look at one of the concrete tables, they have a quote for a stainless steel table the same as used at Langtree School so they have seen this type of table.

Siting of the table needs to be carefully considered as the Main Village Green is under the overall charity and there are clauses regarding how much of the green can be enclosed or structures being put on the green rather than being left an open greenspace, this would need to be checked.

Cllr Lewin expressed his objection to the scheme and questioned how often it would be used. He has concerns that the open green space will be eroded.

The decision was reached and agreed to begin the overall project for the two areas (Village Green, Folly Field) by starting on Folly Field with the installation of the Outdoor Table Tennis Table and enlarging the Basketball area.

A statement of intent to be published in the July Correspondent to allow all residents to be informed and give their feedback.

8. Planning Applications

P16/S1510/AG Proposal: Steel frame agricultural building for secure storage and bulk feed storage. Location: Church Farm Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.
The Pc agreed that this was within Permitted Development.

P16/S1440/HH (Householder) Proposal: Single storey extension to pool/leisure building. Address: Church Farm Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX
Recommend Approval.

P16/S1550/HH Proposal: Extensions and alterations and a new garage. Address: Rodlynter Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PY.

The proposed development would make the appearance of the property more attractive, however the size of the development is substantial and will remove a high proportion of the garden. Although not unneighbourly to other properties the Parish Council draw SODC Planning Officers attention to the size and recommend refusal as overdevelopment of this plot.

8.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S1041/HH Kitchen & Entrance Extension 5 Lackmore Gardens Woodcote RG8
P16/S0625/FUL Two temporary mobile homes (as amended by plans 16 82 P01 and 16 82 to demonstrate visibility, car parking area and passing place on side access).
Land currently known as The Conifers Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PY.

8.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

8.3 Other Planning Matters

The Clerk advised that SODC Planning Officer is awaiting the amendments to the Garden Centre application. Cllr. Botting stated that once these are received he will invite the Bursar from the Oratory School to join the PC meeting.

The Chairman and Councillors Smith and Williams had attended a meeting at SODC on 31st May regarding their Local Plan 2032.

All the larger villages had sent representatives. There will be a public consultation starting 27th June which will run for 8 weeks, SODC are working towards adopting the new Local Plan by the end of 2017.

9. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
30/05/2016	British Telecom	DD	£86.95	Monthly BB & Line
31/05/2016	J. Welham	SO	£813.14	May Salary
01/06/2016	Blandy & blandy	552	£270.00	Letter re Tidmore pool
01/06/2016	Cash	553	£50.00	Cash for Petty Cash

PAYMENTS APPROVED.

Noted no receipts.

9.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

None.

10. Internal Audit - review report and effectiveness of Internal Audit.

The Clerk had circulated the Auditors report to Council. There were few matters arising. It was agreed that to increase the Fidelity insurance to cover a further £5000 was unnecessary as the PC will be spending funds on various projects this year. The PC agreed that the internal audit had covered all the necessary areas there were no major areas of concern raised and the report was clear.

11. OCC & SODC proposals Unitary options – review PC response.

This item deferred to a later meeting as Councillors attending the various meetings throughout June.

12. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – meeting 13th June.

Village Green Committee – Updated given under Item 7.

Traffic Advisory Group – Plans being sent to OCC on the speed humps on Goring Road to assess the lighting.

No other updates.

13. Other Matters for the Chairman

The Clerk had circulated the reply to the Letter that Blandy & Blandy had sent re the site adjacent to Tidmore Pool. It was agreed to update Blandy & Blandy with the progress the Clerk is making on ownership of the land, further correspondence to be held pending results of these enquiries.

The Clerk advised that OCC road licensing had agreed with Millgate Homes to make adjustments to the kerbs and drains on Long Toll to allow amphibians better access. OCC will sign off the alterations this week so work can commence.

The PC to put details in the July Correspondent regarding the progress they are making with the Post Office in regard to Woodcote Post Office taking the undelivered mail so residents do not have to travel to Pangbourne Post Office.

14. Correspondence

None.

15. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th June 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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