

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Dr. G. Botting. Mr. A. Crockett Mr. M. Smith Mrs. S. McGurk Mr. B. Williams
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr. D. Booth. Mrs. D. Hadaway, 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 present.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th December 2017.

Correction to heading of minutes. Correction to paragraph two on page 64 should read tow Councillors.

Approved as a true record.

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

None.

6. Planning Applications

P17/S3057/HH (Householder) : Other **Amendment** : No. 1 - dated 24th November 2017 **Proposal** : Alterations and extension to include double storey side extension to north east end, new front portico, single storey extension to kitchen wing, alterations to landscape, including relocation of hedges, relocation of garage, relocation of tennis court. (As amended by plans received 2017_11_24 to omit proposed all development/work relating to the dwellinghouse). **Address** : Langtree House Red Lane Woodcote RG8 0PA.

Parish Council recommend Approval.

P17/S4153/FUL (Full Application) Other **Proposal:** Existing small Pool House be replaced with a larger structure with the same alignment, similar in appearance, but enlarged to provide a more useful structure. The replacement building is to set centrally on axis with the pool (as existing). A gymnasium/Studio Room, with associated WC and Changing Room, has been added to the rear.

Address: Langtree House Red Lane Woodcote RG8 0PA.

Parish Council recommend Approval subject to the usual constraints for development within the AONB.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P17/S3716/HH Application proposal, including any amendments : First floor front and two storey side extension.

(As amended by plan received 2017_11_14 to reduce mass of extension to demonstrate visual subservience). Site Location : **35 Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA**

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Chairman and Cllr. Smith updated the Council regarding the meeting they had held with the Bursar of the Oratory School regarding their development of Chiltern Rise. The Oratory School have now appointed a Developer and talks are ongoing with the owner of the Garden Centre site regarding details of the two planning applications.

The Chairman also had a meeting with the owner of the Garden Centre site and he confirmed that he was in discussions with the Oratory School's appointed Developer.

7. Finance

The following payments were Approved.

11 Dec K. Isaaks £145.00 Speed Stickers for wheelie bins
11 Dec Berinsfield £181.08 Alleyway clearance x 7
11 Dec OALC £48.00 Payment for course for Clerk Feb 2018
11 Dec K. Smallbone £30.00 payment for maintenance of War Memorial Garden
12 Dec Citizens Advice Bureau £1000.00 Annual Grant from PC
14 Dec D.J. Scott Electrical £750.78 5yr fixed wiring inspection Village Hall
19 Dec R. Peirce £122.00 Chairman's annual expenses
20 Dec Blandy & Blandy £796.00 Legal Fees for transfer of Woodland rear of Long Toll
28 Dec L. Crockett £200.00 Litter picking for December
28 Dec J. Welham £813.14 December salary

Noted no receipts.

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

A resident of the Long Toll development had sent an email and photograph of a broken tree in the woodland the Pc now own overhanging his rear garden fence.

The Clerk had instructed the Tree Surgeon to inspect and he verbally quoted £280.00 plus Vat to deal with the tree and deposit the tree debris in the bottom of the gully. The Parish Council agreed the quotation.

8. Other Village Committees & Groups Reports

Village Hall Committee – Their last meeting had confirmed that they will have an operating deficit at the end of the financial year 28th Feb 2018. This is partly due to the rental increased not being in force for a full year. Further forecasting will be carried out and a small increase may be necessary. Marketing ideas welcome to increase the hire of the hall.

Traffic Advisory Group

The Clerk had chased OCC for the costing for the Zebra Crossing and OCC confirmed they are working on them. It is hoped these will be received early in the new year.

Youth Club – next meeting is 4th January 2018.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Crockett had been asked by a resident if the Parish Council would be looking into providing salt bins following the recent snow. The PC had visited this issue some years ago and the decision was not to go ahead due to several logistical and cost issues.

The Clerk confirmed that the Co-op stores had emailed advising that they had reordered a notice board to replace the one that was broken when they carried out the building work. The Chairman asked the Clerk to check that the replacement would be like for like and of good construction and quality.

10. Correspondence

Letter from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind requesting funds. The PC requested the Clerk to reply with their policy that they cannot donate to every charity.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed Date.....

