

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 20th July 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To receive apologies for absence.

None.

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.
3 residents present to speak on planning applications. Estate Manager from Oratory School.

4. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July 2016.

Correction to 6.3 Other Planning Matters add application details for the 2 appeals.

Approved as a true record.

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

Clerk advised that SODC had reported the dumped car at Wittenham Close to Biffa. Will advise if it is moved.

6. Planning Applications

P16/S0375/FUL (Full Application) **Amendment** : No. 1 - dated 27th June 2016

Proposal : Demolition of existing garden centre structures and erection of 9 new dwellings (As amended by plans and additional information accompanying Agents email dated 27/06/16). Address : Woodcote Garden Centre Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

The Chairman asked the residents present to speak;

Sandy & Liam have an issue with the Design of the houses and the timber cladding which is out of character for the village and referred to NHP policy D1. The PC will mention the design in their response.

The owner of Horns Farm asked if there was a start date known for the Chiltern Rise development?

The Chairman advised that the Oratory are discussing this and their Estates Manager who was at the meeting advised that no final decision has been made and further meetings are planned.

Cllr. Booth and Williams would like to see the agreed footpath shown in more detail on the plans.

Several of the councillors also do not like the design with the timber cladding.
All the points will be made in the PC response to SODC for this application. The PC support the application subject to these points.

P15/S2685/FUL (Full Application) **Amendment** : No. 1 - dated 30th June 2016
Proposal : Erection of 20 new dwellings and formation of new access, driveway and parking.(as amended to include the demolition of the pump house and a revised layout and clarified through the submission of a geo-environmental report).
Address : Old Reservoir Site Greenmore Hill Greenmore Woodcote

Cllr. Smith had reviewed this application and had several concerns regarding the geological survey referring to further tests on the ground need to be carried out to check water contamination. There are issues with how the foundations as the sub soil is not stable enough for standard foundations The underground reservoir is a concern as cannot be damaged during building works.
The parking allocated does not meet the NHP policy and is short by 11 spaces, although originally the parking spaces had been correctly allocated.
Japanese Knotweed has been found on the site will need to be eradicated prior to building starting. Currently the amended plan does not conform to NHP policies so the PC cannot recommend it be approved until all the points are met.

All the points to be raised in the PC response to SODC.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S1534/HH Single storey side and rear extension to include garage.
Site Location : 1 Ashlee Walk Woodcote RG8 0SF.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Chairman gave an update regarding the SODC consultation due in Woodcote on 21st July. Several Councillors had attended the one at Benson and the PC now had a better idea of what will be presented. The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for distributing the PC's flyer to the entire village to advise residents of the forthcoming consultation. He thanked Cllr. Smith for preparing the documents for the PC display on the day. The majority of the Councillors will be available on the day to attend the consultation and take residents questions.

7. Finance

Payments for Approval.

ABA construction Ltd.	£477.90	New Mechanism for Aerial Runway and installation.
K. Smallbone	£ 30.00	War Memorial Garden July.
Berinsfield	£1567.20	Grass cutting for July.
SODC	£100.46	Dog waste bin collection 1 April to 30 th June 2016.
J. Welham	£813.14	Salary July.
L. Crockett	£200.00	July Litter Picking.

Payments Approved.

Noted no receipts.

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

None.

8. OCC Unitary Proposal – Agreed defer to next meeting.

OCC had issued an email statement regarding their position stating that due to Brexit and the changes in government, their final report will be held for the time being. PC to re visit this when OCC issue a final report of findings and proposals.

9. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – The meeting on 11 July the architect presented the layout/ plan of the hall. The plan shows suggestions on how to achieve the ability to use/access all the rooms independently, increasing availability/income and areas to store the tables and chairs currently stored in the “open” in the main hall.

The committee in principle agree to the proposed plan, further detail needs to be worked on such as size of changing rooms, kitchen layout etc. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Village Green Committee – Meeting next week.

Traffic Advisory Group – There was agreement to go ahead with the first pedestrian crossing and to engage the consultant to start the design plan, Clerk to advise.

The speed cushions and second crossing will need more discussions regarding positioning following OCC’s advice re the lighting.

Police – Cllr. Williams is still awaiting information from PCSO with the contacts for all the Neighbourhood Watch representatives in Woodcote.

The Police will be at the Festival and will have a stand.

10. Other Matters for the Chairman

The Clerk had a copy of a letter delivered to the office from two residents of Greenmore who have started an action group regarding the parking along Greenmore outside Wards Farm. The PC asked the Clerk to write to them advising what actions the PC had already been taken.

11. Correspondence

Email from a resident in Bensgrove Close re the trees at the back of their garden fence. These trees are not owned by the Parish Council, the resident wants to get them cut back. Await report from the tree surgeon who has been engaged.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd August 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

