

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 2nd March 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chairman Mr. G. Botting
Mr. M. Smith
Mr. A. Crockett.
Mr. D. Booth
Dr. P. Sudbury
Mr. B. Williams
Mr. R. Lewin

Parish Clerk Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Mrs. S. McGurk, 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 17th February 2016 and the Minutes of Allotment Trustees Meeting 17th February 2016. Approved.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
The timing for the next Allotment Trustees meeting was discussed Cllr. Booth suggested that it should be in May as then the year end accounts will be available, Council agreed.

6. Planning Applications

P16/S0457/HH (Householder) Demolition of attached garage and erection of single storey side and front extension, rear dormer window and reconstruction of rear conservatory.

Address: 73 Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA.

Council recommend Approval.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P15/S3998/HH Two-storey rear extension and loft conversion.

Site Location : 43 Bridle Path Woodcote RG8 0SE

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Email received from SODC Planning advising that an application P16/S0625/FUL has been registered for planning to site two mobile homes on the site Conifers, Beech Lane. Clerk has not yet received the paperwork.

Cllr. Botting had received an email from Beth Elkin SODC, advising that the CIL funding is likely to be in place by April of this year, this replaces Section 106 funds.

P15/S1009/FUL Section 106 Funds of £15K for two bus shelters has been awarded. The Clerk circulated the brochures detailing pricing for rural shelters. The Chairman requested that the Clerk circulate electronically so Councillors can state their preferences bearing in mind the type of construction and possible vandalism, and maintenance of the shelters. It was agreed that the Traffic Advisory Group to review the feedback and recommend which model. Clerk to check the cost impact on PC insurance of adding two new shelters.

Bus Stops on the A4074, this matter was requested to be held by the PC, they had agreed that the safety aspects of siting bus stops on the busy A4074 that is unlit and has no footpaths was too dangerous. Checkendon PC also agreed as they had the same concerns.

The OCC department dealing with this initially had continued and had engaged a contractor under instruction from OCC Transport Member David Nimmo-Smith. Following this being stopped, Cllr. Nimmo-Smith had circulated the following email;

"I apologise for any inconvenience, but I would like to give the PC 2 months to come to an arrangement with the bus operator. If no agreement has been reached by then, I will assume that none will be forthcoming. That will have given the 2 parties over 6 months to sort it out, which is long enough."

The PC agreed that the project should not go ahead, Clerk to email Cllr. Nimmo-Smith again stating that the bus stops are not required.

Blandy and Blandy had now received all the Deeds regarding Tidmore Pool/Lane. Unfortunately they did not shed any further information on ownership. The PC agreed that a letter should be written by Blandy and Blandy for the PC to agree and then sent to Messrs Ralley and Baston regarding their fencing intruding outside of their site plan. Clerk to action.

The Chairman gave a summary of the Garden Centre development planning application to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting. He said that it complied with all the policies in the NHP. The one outstanding point was that the provision of a footpath through the remainder of the site to the Reading Road by Londis was not clear.

The draft flyer for distribution was discussed and agreed after a few changes. To be circulated to properties in the vicinity of the Garden Centre site next week.

7. Finance.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
02/03/2016	Came & Company	524	£25.00	Insurance
02/03/2016	Berinsfield Community Business	525	£177.00	Alleyway clearing
02/03/2016	Mrs. C.H. Tanner	526	£379.00	New Kitchen Door in VH.
02/03/2016	Blandy & Blandy	527	£924.00	Professional chrgs tidmore pool
02/03/2016	SwiftClik	528	£44.18	Stationery/Cartridges
			£1,549.18	

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Receipts Noted Dividend on Investment £1215.

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quotations received;

Rod d' Ayala Ecological Consultant Survey and Management Plan for Woodland behind former Bus Depot now owned by PC. £600 plus expenses. PC agreed.

Rapier Fencing – Replace rotted gate closure post and post and rail fencing at Allotment Site Gap Way £540. PC agreed.

Secure-a-Field – replace chain link fencing to rear of allotments with high weld mesh fence. £3687. PC agreed.

Clerk to action.

8. Other Matters for Chairman

Oxfordshire Together Highway Services – review.

Email received from OCC Corporate Services relating to more engagement with Town and Parish Councils to take on delivery of some highway services that OCC will no longer deliver.

There is currently discussion about unitary of District and County Councils so this may need more discussion following the results of this. Clerk to request more information.

The Chairman felt that this matter needed to also be covered at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. Clerk to invite MP John Howell. Also an article for the April Correspondent to be drafted, regarding the public consultation on improvements to the village and also the Annual Parish Meeting Cllr. Botting agreed to do this.

9. Other Committee Reports

Traffic Advisory Group

Cllr's Botting and Smith had met with OCC Highways Mark Francis to discuss the pedestrian crossings on the Goring Rd. They had received 2 quotations from Consultants for the design and detail. Mark Francis recommended which one to use. The Chairman suggested that two of the crossing should be installed as this could give some economy on costs, it was agreed that this would be looked into. The next step is to carry out pedestrian counts. The detail will be shown at the public consultation on 16th April.

The council agreed to engage the Consultant and ask them to carry out the work for 2 crossing up to a maximum cost of £4500.

Village Hall Management Committee
Meeting 14th March.

Village Green Committee

The VGC will re mark the white lines on the Green to show the siting for the footpath and table tennis table, prior to the public consultation.

The Clerk advised that Higley's had been in touch regarding the siting of the memorial bench for Christopher Quinton on the green opposite the Red Lion public house. PC agreed this was appropriate, and that one of the old benches need not be removed.

Education

The report is awaited.

Police

No new report.

Youth Club
No new report.

Woodcote Festival

Cllr Smith who represents the PC on the committee reported that the Festival Committee had requested the deadline for entries be nearer to the Festival date. The PC agreed to make it 4 calendar weeks prior to the date.

Cllr. Smith will also be the Safety Officer for the Festival.

10. Other Matters for Chairman

The Chairman asked the Clerk if SOHA had responded regarding resurfacing the 2nd half of Folly Orchard Rd, and OCC adoption.

Clerk had circulated an email regarding this, but will check on progress and report

11. Correspondence

None.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting:

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2016.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

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