

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To receive apologies for absence
Dr. P. Sudbury

2. Co-opt Joanna Farmer to the Parish Council.

The Chairman confirmed that Mrs. D. Hadway had tendered her resignation as a Parish Councillor at the end of the last PC meeting. The Chairman offered thanks to Diana for all of her work on the Parish Council for the last twelve years, she will continue as a Governor of the Primary School. The Chairman proposed that Joanne Farmer be co-opt onto the Parish Council effective immediately, seconded by Cllr. Smith. Joanna completed the declaration.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest
None.

4. **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.
Five residents present.

Amanda Stewart resident Beech Lane asked formerly for the criteria that the WNPAG had used to score the proposed sites put forward for the NHP 2. She thanked the group for publishing the 40 point plan but wished to have more detail of the criteria to award to the sites.

The Chairman replied that the PC did not have that information and that the WNPAG group had yet to present the detail to the PC.

Cllr. Botting advised that following a meeting with SODC the position has changed as SODC have decided to produce a new local plan as the current plan will fail as 3000 houses planned at Chalgrove are no longer in the current plan. This will be at least 6 months away and likely to be longer. This means that the WNHP2 is on hold as without an SODC Local Plan there are no criteria to work against and the new SODC plan is likely to change, including numbers expected, all current sites for NHP2 are on hold. Also the Leader of SODC resigned, until a new Council Leader is elected nothing will move forward.

Amanda Stewart said she still had no explanation for the criteria for scoring of the sites and asked if anyone can be on the WNPAG group, Cllr. Botting replied yes the group is open to all volunteers, to join she needs to contact the WNPAG to join.

5. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2017.
Approved as a true record.

6. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
None.

7. Planning Applications

P17/S4464/HH Amendment 1. - dated 15th March 2018

Proposal : Two storey front extension with two and single storey to rear.

Address : 1 Beckley Close Woodcote RG8 0SZ.

Cllr. McGurk had visited the site and expressed concerned at the size of the proposed extensions, they had reduced the front extension which will impact less on neighbouring property, however the rear extension was very overbearing on the neighbouring property. The proposed extension significantly increased the size which is overdevelopment of the small property.

The Chairman advised that SODC Planning Dept will make the ultimate decision, he was concerned about the size of the extensions and the small gardens of neighbouring properties and is overbearing and that this was gross overdevelopment. Cllr. Williams disagreed and said he did not like the term gross over development.

The applicants spoke and stressed that they wish to remain in Woodcote and have made compromises at the front due to the neighbours and had space in the front garden and that the rear extension was reasonable as they were extending out only by 3 metres.

The Council took a vote and the majority recommended Refusal for reasons of overdevelopment and impact on the neighbouring properties being overbearing and they lose amenity.

P18/S0525/FUL (Full Application) Minor. Proposal: Demolition of garage, erection of two bed detached bungalow and double garage, renewal of ref P14/S4097/FUL.

Address: Hidden Glade 63 Whitehouse Road Woodcote RG8 0SA

Cllr. Crockett had reviewed this application, there is a planning history of this site with 3 previous applications all approved. This was purely a renewal of elapsed planning that SODC had approved. Nothing had changed from the previous lapsed application.

PC have no objections.

7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

None.

7.2 Applications Refused by SODC

The application for land south of Bridle Path for 45 house had been refused, however the refusal notice had arrived after the Agenda was issued. Full review of this Refusal will be on the Agenda for the next PC meeting. The Chairman stated that the main reason was that the site was not in the current NHP.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Clerk had an email from a resident asking for advice regarding a possible planning application they are considering making. The Chairman read the email and the PC advised that the Clerk reply stating that the resident seek pre planning advise from SODC and that the PC are involved in pre planning with SODC provided that the application gives permission.

Letter from SODC re Preliminary enquiry of NHP2 following complaints from residents. The letter had been circulated to Councillors. The PC noted receipts but are not invited to comment, SODC will be in further contact by 12th April.

8. Finance

Date	Payee Name	Ref	Amount	Transaction Detail
Paid				
27/03/2018	SODC	748	£100.46	DOG BINS 1/1/18-31/3/18
29/03/2018	British Telecom	DD	£115.00	Monthly Line & BB
29/03/2018	M. Lilleywhite	749	£153.69	Expenses NHP consultation
			£369.15	
Date Paid	Payee Name	Ref	Amount	Transaction Detail
03/04/2018	Peter Cox Ltd	750	£1,181.40	Final Payment Damp course
03/04/2018	OALC	751	£459.97	Annual membership
03/04/2018	SLCC	752	£147.00	Annual membership
03/04/2018	OPFA	753	£53.00	Annual subscription
04-Apr	MsOchocinska	754	£252.00	Data entry NHP consultation
		Total	£2,093.37	

Approved

Noted no receipts

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quotation from the Village Green Committee for a play wall to be installed on Folly Field. The PC had not seen the detail of this and felt that the specification in wood would deteriorate. The sighting of the play wall needs to be agreed. It was felt that Planning Permission would be required. Clerk to investigate and report back.

9. Reports from Other Village Groups

Village Hall Committee – Meeting Monday 9th April .

Village Green – AGM 30th April in the Function Room.

Traffic Advisory Group

No further news from OCC regarding the costing for the proposed Zebra Crossing. Cllr. Smith had drafted a letter to escalate the situation to HEAD of OCC Ian Hudspeth. The chairman thanked him for his work and the PC agreed the content. Clerk to send the letter out on email and hard copy to all necessary officers at OCC and also to John Howell MP.

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group – SODC Local plan withdrawn, a new plan to be made. This means a 6 month delay likely to be longer. The WNHP is now on hold as it will need to be reviewed against the emerging SODC Core Strategy.

The Head on Langtree School has resigned to move to a school in Wantage. Replacement is likely to start for the new Term September 2018.

10. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Crockett had noted that a property in Bridle Path was having foundations dug and he questioned if it was under permitted development or if they had an approved planning application. He will check and report back.

The Annual Parish (Village) Meeting date was agreed as Tuesday 15th May 2018.

12. Correspondence

None.

12. To note date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 18th April 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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