

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 4th February 2015 commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To receive apologies for absence.
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. Maddock to speak about the Youth Centre. The stair lift to the YC is not working and to her knowledge has over the last 12/13 years she can only recall the stair lift operating once. If disabled youth could get to the top floor there are no toilet facilities. There is also the issue of looking at exits should the stairwell be blocked.

Mrs. Maddock stated that the YC can operate on the two levels with the pool table on the ground floor and disabled people could still be included on this level.

The Chairman recommended that this be looked at as a project by the PC to investigate and feedback to the PC potential solutions and recommendations. Councillors Williams and Smith will look at this project.

4. To approve Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2015.

Corrections to the following Item 6.3

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1st paragraph

Line 4 change to: Tidmore Lane is classified as a restricted by way,

Line 5 add the word "such" before "white roads"

2nd paragraph

Line 3 change to do not comply with policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

3rd paragraph

Line 1 removed word "reviewed", to read "should be at the very end of Tidmore Lane/Reading Road."

Line 5 removed word "proximity", should read corner of Reading Road at the Tidmore Lane junction.

Following these corrections Approved as a true record.

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

None.

6. District Councillors Report

Cllr. Quinton reported,

Following the fire at SODC offices he advised that a remarkable job had been done on the disaster recovery, staff have been accommodated in office sin Abingdon and many are working from home. The IT systems are back up and running, with most services now recovered. It is unlikely that SODC will be back in the building at Crowmarsh before 2017. They are looking at alternatives on Milton Park being the only place offering large enough space.

Cllr. Quinton asked if the PC had a disaster recovery plan, The Chairman advised that the Pc is backed up to an external storage drive that the Clerk removes and takes home. The paperwork files in the Parish Office do not have any back up, but it is deemed that the majority of the PC business is recoverable from the PC.

Cllr. Botting proposed that the PC write a letter of congratulations to SODC praising them on the excellent job they have made of the recovery, all agreed.

7. Planning

No new applications.

7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P14/S3532/HH Ground and first floor side extension. 15 Wayside Green Woodcote RG8 0PR.

P14/S3619/HH Two storey side extension, partial conversion of attic into bed room, ensuite and storage cupboard. 18 Croft Way Woodcote RG8 0RS

7.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None.

7.3 Other Planning Matters

The Chairman updated the PC on the Planning Committee meeting next week that will have before it the application for the development of the old Bus Depot Long Toll.

Cllr. Crockett wished it to be noted that Millgate Homes had already started work on the site, demolishing the buildings and starting work such as laying hardcore for the car park. He was concerned about the contamination.

The Chairman responded advising that Millgate could carry out such work prior to the application being granted and that all proper inspections would be carried out and no doubt be made conditions of the application being granted.

An email had been received from a Darren Marcham, representing Mrs. Butcher owner of the site in the NHP at the bottom of Wood Lane. The email requested information regarding building one dwelling and if this could be done before development of the whole site. The Clerk to write to Mrs. Butcher and Mr. Marcham requesting a meeting.

Email received from Mr. T. Corbishley who owns a property in Whitehouse Road with his two sisters, they wish to demolish this and rebuild. He is requesting the sequence of events now that the PC have the Neighbourhood Plan in place. Clerk to reply requesting informal discussions.

Planning Appeal Goats Gambol review draft statement of evidence from PC.

Cllr. Botting had circulated a first draft, the Chairman and PC thanked him for the work he had already done on this statement. The chairman asked that the ownership of the land as stated in the draft be checked. The Chairman will look at a previous proof of evidence that the PC had presented for a previous Appeal to use as a model.

The consultation documents from SODC need to be obtained, and Cllr. Botting is still waiting for contact from their consultant.

The final version of POE needs to be ready to present to the PC for the first meeting in March.

Chiltern Court Development – review updates from Lytle Associates.

A revised plan had been submitted to The Chairman and Cllr. Botting, which shows a change to the junction discussed as a roundabout. They also state that they had been working on various solutions, but only this one solution had been shown. Another meeting will be required to discuss all the options.

8. Finance To approve payments. To note receipts.

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
28/01/2015	J. Welham	SO	£782.00	Jan Salary
30/01/2015	British Telecom	SO	£55.30	Monthly BB & Line
Total Payments			£837.30	

Note receipts - £897.02 interest from the PC investment with CCLA.

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quote for fencing the pool £1450.

Quote for re-siting the fence erected by owner on adjacent land and removing log pile £440.

The Chairman gave an update on the meeting he had at Tidmore Pool with two members of the conservation group, Mr. Woolley and Mr. Farmer.

The owner of the land adjacent to the pool has removed his old fence and re-fenced but has extended the new fence beyond his boundary onto land not in ownership of the plot. This stops access to the pool.

The Clerk needs to write to Mr. Ralley requesting that he move his fence back to its original boundary, and all correspondence so far sent to be collated.

No action can be taken on fencing the pool until Mr. Ralley has removed his fence.

Cllr. Smith raised the point that this project would need to go to appropriate consultation on fencing the pool at such time that it can progress, PC agreed.

Quotation for Wi Fi connectivity in the Village Hall.

This will need to be revisited as the Youth Club had not been accessed and connectivity in the Function Room fluctuated, with some power sockets not working.

Cllr. Smith and Booth to investigate the electrical system in the VH. Clerk to request a revisit to test in the YC and Function room again.

9. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall Management Committee

No new meeting.

Village Green Committee

Minutes circulated.

There is the continuing issue of dog mess on the playing areas. Cllr. Sudbury confirmed that he had seen several places with dog mess and felt that no dogs should be allowed on the areas where sports are played. This topic has been discussed in the past, requested this be an agenda item for the next PC meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan Group

No new report.

Traffic Advisory Group

The issues have been collated and given ratings, next steps is for the group to assign priorities.

The police have been contacted regarding community speed watch. Next meeting is 5th February 2015

Youth Club

No new report.

Police

Cllr. Williams reported,

Our new PCSO is Petar Stoyanov, as noted before Mark Bell will support Petar during his introduction period.

Sgt Paul Hewett has offered to support our Traffic Group initiative, dates for a meeting are being sought.

The Neighbourhood Policing team has asked for any witnesses to the recent burglary at the Co-Op to come forward.

Education Group

Cllr. Lewin reported,

He had received interest from approximately 8 volunteers, the group will begin in the near future.

10. Other Matters for Chairman

The Clerk had an email from SODC detailing the bands for payment of Election Costs should there be a contested election. The Chairman advised that these costs would have to be met in the case of a contested election and that this would be a positive step for the PC, should more than the 10 existing councillors stand. The Clerk advised that the Henley Standard had made contact re these costs and she had advised them that the PC had not discussed the matter at the time of contact.

Cllr. Crocket advised he had been contacted by the Henley Standard re the break in at the Co-op Store, they had asked if the PC would replace the bench. However the bench is not PC owned it was a memorial bench, so the replacement is unconfirmed.

The Chairman suggested speaking to the Co-op store about this to discuss their view on this, Cllr. Crockett to follow up.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Wednesday 18th February 2015

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