

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote Wednesday 4th May 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To Elect chairman and Vice Chairman

Nominations for The Chairman, Robin Peirce received from Cllr. Crockett seconded by Cllr. Botting, the Chairman was duly elected, Robin Peirce.

Nominations for Vice Chairman, Robin Peirce nominated Cllr., Botting seconded by Cllr. Lewin, Vice Chairman duly elected Geoff Botting.

2. To receive apologies for absence.

Mrs. S. McGurk, Dr. P. Sudbury arrived late 9.0pm

3. To Receive declarations of interest.

Cllr. Crockett expressed interest in Planning application P16/S0625/FUL.

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.

None.

5. To approve Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2016. – Approved.

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

The Clerk raised the matter of the Draft letter received from Blandy and Blandy replying to a letter from the owner of the site beside Tidmore Pool. The Chairman proposed a small wording change to the last sentence, Council agreed. Clerk to advise Blandy and Blandy of the change and ask them to send the letter.

7. Planning Applications

P16/S1289/AG (Agricultural Notification) Location: Birchen Copse Long Toll Woodcote RG8 0RR.

Proposal: The existing woodland tracks need to be improved and extended in order to facilitate easier timber extraction.

The Parish Council reviewed this and have concerns about the impact of the roadway to the woodland landscape. Clerk to reply with the Parish Councils comments.

P16/S1078/FUL (Full Application) Proposal: Installation of 2 screened dipole antennas, a 600mm diameter dish antenna, an equipment cabin and ancillary works including 2 GPS antennas, overhead cable gantry and support poles. Address: Woodcote NER Nightingales Woodcote RG8 0RD.

Recommend Approval - request that the mast does not impact on the Reservoir NHP site.

P16/S1041/HH (Householder) Proposal: Kitchen & Entrance Extension
Address: 5 Lackmore Gardens Woodcote RG8 0SL.
Recommend Approval.

P16/S1177/FUL Change of use of land to equestrian. Rebuild existing timber clad stable block. Construct all weather manege. 48 Bridle Path, Woodcote, RG8 0SE.
The Parish Council wish for assurances that the facility will be used for private use only by the owners and not for any commercial use. Request this be a condition on the application and also that no floodlights are to be erected around the manege. Request that the County Council Footpath Officer also be consulted.

7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S0538/HH Application proposal, including any amendments :
Garage extension and minor internal alterations. Site Location : Woodend South Stoke Road Woodcote RG8 0PL.

7.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

7.3 Other Planning Matters

Email from SODC Planning Officer Ref P16/S0625/FUL.
The Parish Council reviewed the comments from SODC Planning Officer. Clerk to reply requesting more information about the lawful access and if any planning permission was granted for the various outbuildings used as hobby/vehicle repair, concern that this could be commercial.

8. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
04/05/2016	Our Woodcote Library	542	£1,800.00	Annual grant
04/05/2016	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	543	£135.60	Annual Maintenance Single user
04/05/2016	Community Heartbeat Trust Ltd	544	£2,424.00	Defib & cabinet
04/05/2016	M. Smith	545	£41.00	expenses for public consult
04/05/2016	SwiftClik	546	£135.83	Stationary & Toner
			£4,536.43	

Payments Approved.

Receipts – Grant for Queens Birthday Celebration activities £1027. Was applied for to contribute to the Woodcote Festival which will have a Royal theme to celebrate the Queen’s Birthday.

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

None.

9. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – AGM is Monday 9th May all welcome.

Village Green – The VGC will be presenting in Woodcote Library Saturday 7th May the same presentation they made at the public consultation on 16th April. They wish to obtain more replies from the youth in the village. They will also be presenting at Langtree School, date tbc.

Cllr Crockett expressed concerns that two bins on the VG had been moved he requested that such matters are communicated in future by the VGC. The Clerk was also unaware of these moves. He also mentioned the article in the Henley Standard about the proposed changes and improvements to the VG which he felt presented a view that this was already an agreed plan. The Chairman felt that the reported from the Henley Standard had over interpreted the situation.

Traffic Group – Cllr. Smith to speak to Glanville re the pedestrian crossing and design of speed cushions. Also need to contact OCC Highways regarding the lighting for the speed cushions.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Botting reported that he and The Chairman are meeting with the new Bursar at the Oratory School.

Education – report being drafted.

Youth Club – no new updates.

10. Other Matters for the Chairman

Cllr. Botting referred to the Section 106 funds being allocated for Art. He suggested a local competition to engage the community and award a prize. Also to use the Art funds towards some type of decoration for the Village Hall.

The Chairman referred to his previous suggestion that this fund could also be used to award a resident each year for best design within Woodcote. This could be any type of design, such as an extension, garden improvement etc.

Cllr. Smith proposed that the Pc look into more detail of the “Oxfordshire Together” project being proposed by OCC which involves town and parish councils taking on certain services from OCC and possibly being awarded some funding. He felt that the PC needed to get engaged with this and look into it with more detail. The link to the website for information is detailed in the email that the Clerk had circulated to the Councillors. Agreed that the Councillors should look into the detail so this matter can be an agenda item at a meeting in the near future.

The Footpath to the rear of Langtree School on the Village Green is in very poor repair, the Pc need to look into getting this improved. Clerk to check with OCC if there is anything they are prepared to do and report back.

Cllr. Lewin asked if the PC have a view on the future of the District and County Councils Unitary position? The Chairman asked the Council if they felt the PC need to make comment.

It was agreed that the Councillors look at the various proposals that are being circulated currently to see how this will impact Woodcote and how it “fits”. The Council debate a comment/response in approximately a month’s time.

11. Correspondence

Email from K. Woolley suggestion the PC join “Walkers Welcome” organisation on behalf of the village. The Clerk had looked into the cost of annual subscription which was £40 per year, and their website and had emailed some details to the Council. The PC agreed that they had several subscriptions to other societies that promoted the walks and the Chiltern area of AONB.

This organisation was more to promote tourism to a town or village to generate business for hotels, pubs, shops etc. The Council felt Woodcote did not really fit the profile and all agreed this was not an organisation that would benefit the village so voted not to join.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Wednesday 18th May 2016. To start at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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