

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 7th December 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Dr. G. Botting.
	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. A. Crockett
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mr. B.. Williams
	Dr. P. Sudbury (arrived later)
	Mr. R. Lewin
	Mr. D. Booth
	Mrs. S. McGurk
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.
Two residents from Bridle Path P16/S3907/HH.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2016.
Approved as true record.

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

6. Reports from County Councillor/District Councillor.

District Cllr. David Nimmo-Smith reported;

Two new officers have been appointed at SODC to work on Neighbourhood Planning.

SODC are still mapping out their Core Strategy and looking at housing numbers, there are issues regarding where housing will be developed.

Budget setting at SODC is underway for the next financial year. An increase in Council Tax is not planned, however OCC will be increasing by 2%, which means there will be some increase to the Council Tax in the District.

Next year there will be a small £5K budget for small capital projects that Cllr. Nimmo-Smith will administer, current details and conditions are not yet known, he will advise the PC when he has detail.

Several Towns in the District are now offering Free Car Parking on certain days for Christmas shopping.

7. Planning Applications

P16/S3646/FUL (Full Application) Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing barns and stables and erection of two detached dwelling houses with associated parking and amenity space provision Address: Chambers Place Goring Road Goring Heath RG8 7SJ.

Cllr. Botting and Cllr. Smith had visited the site and had some comments regarding mistakes in the accuracy of detail in the application. The proposal makes poor use of the available site and land. The PC recommend Refusal

P16/S3907/HH Proposal: Front, Side and Rear extensions. Address: 28 Bridle Path, Woodcote. RG8 0SE.

The Chairman invited the two residents from Bridle Path to speak, one of them was resident in the neighbouring property No26. She has concerns and objects to the proposed extension in particular the rear extension. The new pitched roof line will overshadow her property and is very close to the boundary.

The PC Recommend Refusal.

P16/S3698/HH (Householder) Proposal: Front extension to kitchen and addition of toilet to hallway. Knocking down of existing rear conservatory and replacement with single storey extension. Address: 6 Folly Green Woodcote RG8 0ND.

This application had already been approved in 2012, but had not been erected and the 3 year period has expired. The applicant has submitted this new application but all the details are the same as the application that was passed in 2012.

PC recommend Approval.

P16/S3863/HH (Householder) Proposal: Proposed single storey extension .

Address: Shirvell Cottage Shirvells Hill Goring Heath RG8 7SP.

This property is in Goring Heath parish. The site had been visited and the extension does not overlook any neighbouring properties and is set within a large site.

PC Recommend Approval.

P16/S3901/FUL (Full Application) Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on P16/S2432/FUL to add dormers to front above garages and submission of amended plan. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two 3-bedroom semi detached houses and a detached 2-bedroom chalet bungalow.

Address: Casa Mia Greenmore Woodcote RG8 0RN.

PC Recommend Approval.

7.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S3043/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments : Removal of condition 5 - Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes on application ref. P14/S2378 /FUL (appeal ref APP/Q3115/A/14/2228795) Erection of a new 3 bedroom dwelling. New dormer Bungalow, The Conifers, Beech Lane, Woodcote.

7.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

7.3 Other Planning Matters

The Chairman reported on the Planning Meeting he had attended to speak on Planning Application P16/S2 Goats Gambol.

He had attended and spoken in support Mr & Mrs Parsons of the neighbouring property Hawthorne Cottage and gave the reasons the PC had recommended refusal. SODC Planning committee voted to Recommend Refusal.

Cllr. Crockett reported detail of the conversation he had with SODC Enforcement Officer re the floodlights being erected around the ménage to the rear of Bridle Path. The Officer had asked for timings when the lights were used as the owner stated that they are only used at certain times.

Cllr. Crockett report when he had seen them in use. SODC Enforcement will probably request a retrospective planning application and should SODC approve such application they will add a condition restricting the times the lights can be used.

8. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

APPROVED

Noted no receipts

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quotation from Glanville who are working with the Traffic Advisory Group. The quotations was for the preliminary design of the speed cushions, plus lighting design and other ancillary items relating to this project.

At the last TAG meeting the position regarding the speed cushions has not been finalised so hold this quotation for the time being until final decision is made re the speed cushions position and how many.

9. Budget review for 2017/2018

The Clerk had circulate Third Draft Budget report to Councillors for review prior to the meeting. The Precept and some receipts had been increased by 5%.

The Payments exceeded receipts, the Clerk had reduced the amount of grant to the Neighbourhood Plan. The PC needed to decide if they wish this to remain or adjust the figures for other grants. The PC agreed to reduce the annual grant to the Youth Club from £8K to £7K this allows the £2K grant to the NHP to remain as funds will be required for the revision of the NHP.

The YC is still important to the Parish but currently they have some reserves and the PC have reserve funds should the YC need the £1K reduction to their grant late in the new financial year.

The Precept amount of £68871.00 was agreed by the PC and the Chairman signed the request form from SODC. The Clerk to return this Form to SODC Finance.

10. Other Committee Reports

Primary School – Cllr. Hadaway reported that she had attended the Governors meeting and had facilitated a meeting between the Head and Cllr. Lewin Education Group. He reported that the meeting had been constructive, however the school building is in bad repair and needs maintenance. The Head had advised that they can cope until 2020, thereafter they will need a new building. This matter will be form part of the revision of the NHP.

Village Hall MC

Cllr. Booth reported they meet next Monday. The Architect has finalised the internal alterations which will be reviewed at the meeting.

Village Green

Cllr. Crockett reported that requests for 3 new waste bins with lids had been requested. Sam Peates had provided type and cots from supplier Glasdon. The PC asked the Clerk to source pricing to present tot he PC.

Police

Cllr. Williams had met with the two PCSO's. They names of the Neighbourhood Watch representatives are now available and they will pass them to Cllr. Williams. PCSO Mark Bell has issued several warnings to people parking and he is also writing £60 tickets, he has recently issued 6 on the parents evening held at the school.

Youths have been confronted and moved on for lottering in t e Bus Shelter on Goring Road. Mark Bell recommends that the seat is removed, this will help not to encourage youths to linger in the shelter.

Youth Club

No new matters.

Traffic Advisory Group

Cllr. Smith advised that at the last meeting 1 Dec, some changes may now be needed to the proposed amount and position of the speed cushions on Goring Road.

The preliminary design plan for parking spaces outside the Library was reviewed. Before this can progress detail of what land around the Library is included in the lease from OCC is required. This information has been requested.

Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Group

Cllr. Botting reported, at the second meeting the survey to the village was discussed.

The group had written an article for the Woodcote Correspondent requesting volunteers to help distribute the survey, 3 people had come forward. The next meeting is 14 December.

11. Other Matters for Chairman

Transfer of Woodland from Millgate Homes to PC title document had been returned to the Clerk from Blandy & Blandy as the Plan of the Area within the Title document had not been signed previously. The Clerk and Cllr. Smith confirmed that the plan of the area to be transferred was correct the Chairman signed the Plan. Clerk to return to Blandy &Blandy.

The Chairman advised that the meeting on the 21st would be a short meeting to cover any urgent matters and any planning items. He hoped all could attend and then join him for a Christmas get together afterwards.

12. Correspondence

None.

13. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 21st December 2016.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

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

