

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote 16th April 2008.

PRESENT

Vice Chairman	Mrs. Karen Woolley
	Mr. Colin Edwards
	Mr. John Lynch
	Mrs. Diana Hadaway
	Mr. Ken Ison
	Mr. Peter Tyler (to 9.10pm)
	Mr. Peter Woods

(1) APOLOGIES

Chairman	Mrs. Fiona Preston
	Mrs. Marilyn Maddock
	Mr. Robin Peirce

In the absence of Mrs. Fiona Preston, Mrs. Karen Woolley took the Chair.

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd April 2008. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) REVIEW OF ACTIONS

See Appendix.

(4) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

One member present to discuss planning application.

(5) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Karen Woolley raised the issue of tree wardens. Mr. Peter Tyler agreed to attend the upcoming meeting as the Council's tree warden. **PT**

(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P08/E0304 6 Wood Green Woodcote Conversion of part of ground floor shop into 2-bedroom residential flat.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval with the comment: Insist on camper van being moved to make way for additional car parking space.

P08/E0273 42 West Chiltern Woodcote First floor rear extension and provision of a

front facing dormer.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Refusal for the following reasons:
Overdevelopment of site. Overbearing. Unneighbourly, loss of light to neighbour.

P08/E0225 Hedges, South Stoke Road, Woodcote Erection od Garage.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval with the following comment: The access must be as shown in the application. The Council would not support an additional access.

P08/E0278 Hidden Glade Whitehouse Road Woodcote Demolition of Garage erection of two bed detached bungalow and double garage.**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Refusal for the following reasons: Backland Development. Increased level of noise and disturbance to 61 Whitehouse Road. Outside local plan (H4 applies). Tarmac Path only goes 4 metres.

(7) PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED, REFUSED AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED

Parish Council
Recommendation

P08/E0217 9 Grimmer Way

No Strong Views

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED None

It was reported that a conservatory had been built at 8 Croft Way. Clerk to contact the Planning Dept. to ascertain if planning permission was granted. **CLERK - done**

(8) FINANCE

(i) Payments in April 2008

The following Payments were agreed:

2864	Canon	Copier Charge	29.28
2865	Mr. Jordan	Litter Pickers	65.70
2866	OPFA	Roadshow	40.00
2867	Woodcote Conservation Group	Donation	300.00
2868	Petty Cash		87.77
2869	HM Revenue		550.95
DD	BT Direct Debit	Telephone Charge	22.00
DD	Thames Water		5.00
DD	AOL		17.99
SO	Mr. Jordan	Apr '08 Pay	688.06
SO	Mr. Fordham	Apr '08 Pay	601.03
SO	Mr. Giles	Apr '08 Pay	630.25
Total			£3,038.03

(9) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Village Hall Management Committee

Mr. Ken Ison reported that the insurance company had agreed to pay for the repair of the damaged windows in the village hall. He also reported that the next court hearing regarding the action being taken by the architect would be 28th April 2008.

(ii) Parish Plan

Public Presentation of the Parish Plan was set for 22nd April 2008. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council for all the work done.

CLERK - done

(iii) Village Green Committee

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to all those involved in the preparation of the Parish Plan.

CLERK - done

(10) CRIME REDUCTION WORKING GROUP

Next Meeting 3rd May 2008.

(11) LITTER PICKING

The Clerk reported that he had delivered litter pickers, bags and gloves to Mrs. Marilyn Maddock to assist the Litter Picking Day on Sunday.

(12) SALE OF ALLOTMENT LAND

IT WAS RESOLVED to sell the allotment land adjacent to the Thatched Cottage (Plot 34) for the best price in accordance with the Rules of the Charity Commission.

(18) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- Email Hazel and Jefferies

The Council agreed to send the information requested. **CLERK - done**

- The Chiltern Society - Post Office Closures
- Zurich Life Insurance
- SODC Planning Proposals
- OCC Review of Bus Services

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Woodcote Crime statistics
- South East England Housing Strategy

(15) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 9. 30 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE

OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST – 16th April 2008

Reports from Committees – Page 77

Mr. Peirce agreed to complete the Strategic Objective questionnaire on behalf of the Council following any comments from the other councillors to be provided within a week. **RP**

The Clerk to request this document from SODC. **CLERK**

Request sent. Reply: cannot find the document but other input from Woodcote will suffice. Delete Action.

Footpath Folly Green to Wayside – Page 75

The Clerk reported that he had requested a quotation from the Higley brothers to this work. The Clerk was asked to check if there were any problems with planning and the use of the land. **CLERK**

Letter sent to the Footpaths Department who have passed it onto the Highways Department for action. Highways have replied stating they require a stop notice to close part of the footpath.

The Council asked the Clerk to write to Mr. Allen to advise that it would not pay for this work and ask him if he would find the money to cover the legal and construction costs. **CLERK - done**

Reports from Committees – Page 88

Mrs. Karen Woolley requested that a proper agreement between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee needs to be written to set down the responsibilities of the parties with regard to the cleaning and caretaking of the Village Hall. **CLERK**

Copy of draft contract emailed to KW for approval.

Annual Parish meeting – Page 112

Date set for 13th May 2008 with the same agenda as last year. Invite PCSO Mark Bell and PCSO Barbara Taylor. **CLERK**

Bus Shelter – Page 120

The Clerk was to request a quotation from the Higley Brothers for repair to the roof of the bus shelter. **CLERK**

He was also asked to install another litter bin next to the Bus Shelter. **CLERK**
Under Consideration by SODC.

Other Planning Matters - Page 122

Mrs. Karen Woolley agreed to look at the possibility of including the area around The Folly as a conservation area. **KW**

Crime Reduction Working Group – Page 123

The Clerk was asked to write to highways requesting that the Crossing Patrol at the memorial cross roads should be reinstated. **CLERK**

Correspondence – Page 124

- Langtree School Invitation to Consultation Meeting

Mrs. Fiona Preston and Mrs. Karen Woolley reported on their meeting with the headteacher and the chairman of governors of Langtree with regard to the fencing proposal. They agreed to draft a written response to Mr. Rick Holroyd.

FP/KW

Action completed.