

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Pavilion Room, Village Hall, Woodcote 15 April 2009.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. Fiona Preston
Vice Chairman	Karen Woolley
	Mr Colin Edwards
	Mr. John Lynch
	Mr Peter Tyler
	Mr. Robin Peirce
	Mr. Peter Woods

(1) APOLOGIES

Mrs. Diana Hadaway
Mrs Marilyn Maddock
Mr Den Griffiths

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st April 2009

IT WAS RESOLVED that with the small correction asked for by Mr Peter Tyler, which has been made, the minutes be accepted and signed; proposed by Karen Woolley and seconded by Peter Woods..

(3) REVIEW OF ACTIONS

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk be asked to send letters to:-

3.1 Sam Peates thanking him for his efforts in cleaning away the graffiti.

CLERK - done

3.2 Langtree School specifically thanking the children for their hard work in cleaning away graffiti and the cleaning of grass areas at Wayside Green.

CLERK - done

3.3 Peter Tyler will speak to Mike Hill of Woodcote Garden Centre with regard to the cleaning of granite setts and will follow up with Henley Town Council.

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(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS .

4.1 Mrs. Fiona Preston reported that the sign at the Reading Road entrance to the village was missing. PCSO Mark Bell is aware of the situation and will search to see if it can be recovered. A new sign will not be purchased until all efforts to

recover the sign have failed. This item is to be left on the ACTION LIST.

- 4.2 The results of the judging for Village of the Year will be known at the end of the month when the Council will be debriefed. The article going into the Correspondent should emphasise the enormous support by the village on the day of judging, 2 April 2009.
- 4.3 The problem of the leylandii at The Rosary has been passed to the Council (it is not a SOHA responsibility). The Clerk will write back and refer them to the Arboricultural Officer at SODC. **CLERK**
- 4.4 There is to be a meeting in Dunsden regarding the 3rd Reading Bridge which Mr Robin Peirce should be attending. **RP**
- 4.5 Diana Hadaway will be submitting an article to the Correspondent regarding dog fouling in the village which will emphasise the possible harm to children that can result. Mrs Preston will forward an e-mail to Council regarding this matter. **FP/DH**
- 4.6 The consultation on the Primary School is to be referred to Diana Hadaway.

(5) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

- 5.1 PCSOs Mark Bell and Lisa Ward reported that they were working on discouraging the depositing of litter in the village; they have been reminding youngsters to take their litter home. A warning is given to the culprit who is asked to deposit their litter in the bin provided – if there is no compliance then a spot fine of £50 can be imposed. Mrs Karen Woolley will bring up this matter at the Youth Club. **KW**
- 5.2 Regarding the missing village sign, it cannot be found near the Reading Road entrance to the village but they will extend their search on the road into Checkendon before abandoning hope of recovery.
- 5.3 PCSO Mark Bell warned the Council that there have been several thefts from property in the Whitchurch, Goring areas – have not yet reached Woodcote.
- 5.4 There has been some complaints from residents of The Close and Whitehouse Road regarding quad bikes being raced up and down the roads. The PCSO has stopped one of them – but all was legal – he can only do something if they are caught speeding or doing ‘wheelies’. We are the only country in Europe where quad bikes are allowed on the public highway; they are classified as cars so there is no compulsion to wear a helmet, but they are not allowed to carry passengers.

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

One planning application, for a property in Bridle Path had just been received. It will be dealt with at the next meeting.

(8) FINANCE

- 8.1 There were no cheques to approve for payment
- 8.2 There was nothing to discuss regarding reserves.
- 8.2 Three New Standing Order Forms for payment of salaries to staff were signed.

(9) PATH OUTSIDE LONDIS

Investigations have shown that the footway available is the same as it has always been. The siting of the Bus Stop at this location is unfortunate and accentuates the narrowness of the footway, No action is to be taken.

(10) PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

To date, there is no report.

(11) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Village Hall Management Committee Following the visit of the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, the installation of a Multi-Point Electronic Fire Alarm is not mandatory. The Committee had received a 23 page document from ACRE “National Village Hall Survey 2009” which was in the process of being completed.

(ii) Village Green Committee The Committee has started putting in the bases for the new seats on the Village Green. Peter Tyler would draw Committee’s attention to the large amount of litter deposited during/after football matches and to the fact that many people have made comments recently on how good the grass is looking

(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A One letter had been received from the Woodcote Village Hall Management Committee, thanking the Council for its donation of £2,000.

B News from Chiltern Design Guide,
Chilterns Chalk and Trees April – Sep
Woodcote Crime Statistics (a copy of this was given to all those present)

Mrs Preston and Mrs Woolley will look at the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide Review 2009 and pass comments to the Clerk. **FP/KW**

All Council members are asked to do the same. All Council members are asked to look at the Chilterns Conservation Board web site and bring their comments to the next meeting on 6 May 2009. **ALL**

(13) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

13.1 There was some discussion regarding the profile of Chinnor – it would be interesting to find out the profile for Woodcote as comparison.

13.2 Mr. Colin Edwards had been to a meeting at the Planning Department at SODC and reported that the Department are considering employing a company (the present annual cost is approximately £10,000) to put the plans into digital format. The plans could then be projected onto a screen at Council meetings so that all Councillors could view at the same time. This can be achieved using a wireless

connection. A trial demo, in maybe June, would be a good idea. If the equipment is ordered from SODC a discount for bulk orders may be achieved. In the meantime, plans will continue to be sent out as a present.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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