

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 7th April 2010, commencing 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. F. Preston
Vice Chairman	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mrs Maureen Edmonds
	Mr. Robin Peirce
	Mr. Colin Edwards
	Mr. John Lynch
	Mr. Den Griffiths
	Mr. K. Grady
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1.APOLOGIES

Mr. Peter Tyler

2. To received declarations of interests

None

3. Public Forum

3 members of public present wish to address the Meeting re planning application P10/E0237

4. To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on March 17th 2010.

Approved

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

Proposed and Seconded Mr. Kevin Grady to join as a Councillor.

Minutes approved.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

From the chair, reported on discussions with our PCO Mark Bell, recently 7 burglaries in the area so be security aware. Also please be alert to look out for an old red Nissan Micra with a grey bonnet, and if seen please report to Mark Bell, suspected is responsible for the current incidents of driving on the recreation ground and other green areas.

Number of youths congregating in and around the bus shelter in the evenings has been noted, suggestion is to try and run a drop in centre for the youths on Friday evenings, Mark Bell to run this with help possible location in the Youth Area of Village Hall. Chairman attended Youth Club meeting reported that SOHA/Police run a scheme for youth to have weekends away in boot camp, agreed to take action to investigate re funding.

Mural is ready to be placed on the rear of the bus shelter, Mark Bell organising and will involve local press. There is some tile damage to front roof tiles of the bus shelter, these need repair.

Planning issue with 4 Goring Rd, velux windows have been installed in the roof plus window on gable end is larger than plan. Clerk to write to planning and copy enforcement team.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications:

P10/E0237 7 Bridle Path – Amendment to previous plans erection of single storey rear extension & roof extension to convert front & rear hip slopes into gable ends to create first floor accommodation as amended drawings no. 09-P018-05 Rev B & 09-P018-01 RevB.

Cllr had inspected the amended plan, noted the changes and corrections to boundaries.

The applicant who was present at the meeting spoke, the planning office had visited the site on 18th March and visited the neighbours.

Neighbour from number 5 was also present at the meeting and stated had no objections to the planning.

No Strong objections.

Public left the meeting

P10/E0303 Woodside Pot Kiln Lane Goring Heath Extension to existing detached garage to form enlarged garage and games room above.

Cllr. Had inspected the site is a reapplication of previous one in 2007 with altered plan. Previous application was refused, applicant appealed and won appeal.

Recommended Approval with Condition that the games room above garage should not be residential.

P10/E0280 3 Wood Green Goring Rd. Change of use of 2 rooms on 1st floor B1 to A1 (hair & beauty rooms).

Cllr had inspected, 3 concerns, uncertain whether B1 use has been granted, feels is still residential. The rooms are totally separate from the existing ground floor premises, therefore could possibly be set up as a separate business. Parking is an issue.

Refusal

P10/E0324 Bouchier Fencing Site. Goring Rd Woodcote. Change of use area of land rear of “Sonsbeck” from Garden to timber storage and erection of new timber store for kiln dried timber.

Cllr had inspected – Approve with condition that the store remains a store and does not become a processing area.

7.2 Applications Granted:

NONE

7.3 Applications refused:

NONE

(8) FINANCE

To Approve payments:

Cheque	Payee	Amount £)	Date	Reason
3126	Cancelled cheque			
3127	Tom Cottrell	199.75	7.4.10	Tree Surgery Lackmore Gardens
3128	Purdy Gates	669.75	7.4.10	Fencing and gates crash barrier to Playground & Car Park
3129	Goring Press	58.00	7.4.10	Banner
3130	OALC	452.13	7.4.10	Annual membership
3131	A.Fordham	52.04	7.4.10	Overtime (owed from mispayment 17.3.10)
3132	VHMC	2,000.00	7.4.10	Match funding 2010/11 contribution Dog bin collections 1 April 09 - 31 Dec
3133	SODC	311.70	7.4.10	09
3134	K Smallbone	125.00	7.4.10	Litter Picking
3135	Jenks Oxford Ltd	663.88	7.4.10	Tree Surgery

APPROVED

To Note receipts:

NONE

8.1 Bank Mandate

Allotment Bank Account Mandate was signed by the Chairman.

9. District Councillors Report

Cllr gave feedback on an SODC report, with points of interest on planning, future applications may have further options for councillors, not just Approved, No Strong Views and Refused, felt this was a good step. Also the Enforcement office are working on improving communication to advise on progress and updating outcomes of cases. Last year this office had approximately 90% success rate. Following the budget there will be less funding into capital grants scheme than last year, reduced to maximum of £15K for small grant and £100K for large grant.

SODC overall planning decisions for the South have now been deferred until after the General Election.

10. County Councillors Report

County Councillor not present

11. Correspondence

War Memorial Quote for maintenance. Noted, felt work should be carried out in conjunction with adding additional names as one job, before council can commit to funding. Action to check with war memorial committee re this.

Oxford CC Local Transport plan 3. Noted.

SODC Community Investment Fund CIF – Noted. Action Clerk to circulate to relevant village committees.

Woodcote Short Mat Bowls Club. letter requesting trophy cabinet in VH main hall. Clerk to pass to Village Hall Committee.

Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. Survey noted. Clerk to Pass to P Tyler.

Zurich Risk Management. Letter inviting applicants to various seminars. Noted. Clerk to pass to interested Cllr’s.

Sustainability Tool Kit. Letter noted. Clerk to forward to other village committees.

12. Emergency Questions

Cllr requested Information for next Correspondence, confirming 10am start time for Spring Litter clean up on 15/16th May. Also include announcement that new councillor has joined.

Letter to Enforcement office requesting feedback on 2 specific applications, these being The Paddocks Behoes Lane and Church Farm. Clerk.

Roadworks in the village have been in progress for a year, areas of concern with poor surfaces and damage to kerbs and vision splays. Clerk to write letter to highways.

Planning applications. Change to process currently used requested, all Cllr’s to be notified by email who has been allocated an application. Clerk to instigate.

Thames Travel buses. New notices appeared in timetables, and residents complaining that the buses do not stop when hailed. Thames Travel website states this also which is contrary to the letter received by the parish council. Clerk to write letter.

Hedge at the rear of Church Farm. Cuttings and overhang into the lane. Clerk to write letter to OCC Highways.

Chairman reminded Cllr’s of Annual Parish Meeting next Tuesday 13th April 2010. Apologies from Mr. D. Griffiths, Mr. J. Lynch, Mrs. D. Hadaway, Mr. C. Edwards

13 DATE of Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2010, 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

.....CHAIRMAN.....Date