

# WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 21st April 2010, commencing 7.30pm

## **PRESENT**

Chairman	Mrs. F. Preston Mrs Maureen Edmonds Mr. Robin Peirce Mr. Colin Edwards Mr. John Lynch Mr. K. Grady
Parish Clerk PCSO	Ms. Jenny Welham Mr. Mark Bell

## **1.APOLOGIES**

Mr. D. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Hadaway

## **2. To received declarations of interests**

None

## **3. Public Forum**

No members of public present

## **4. To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on April 7th 2010.**

Approved

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

None

### **PCSO Mark Bell**

Reported to the meeting regarding his activities.

Mural for the Bus Shelter will be fitted on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the morning. At 2.30pm the press are invited, Councillors are requested to attend to show support.

A Drop in Surgery for Youth is to be started as a trial on Friday evenings on the Youth Area from 6.30 – 8pm, soft drinks, biscuits and toast will be provided. PCSO will be run this suggested name is Club 10 Woodcote. The trial will also take place in Goring. Local support for this initiative is good and funding has been pledged from Windmill Charity of £250. Connections have also pledged, amount to be confirmed. The Parish Council was formerly requested if any funding could be pledged, to be discussed at the next Meeting.

The Crime questionnaires that were distributed to the village households are being returned, the Police will attend a Parish Council meeting to report on response when finally collated.

Damage to green areas in and around the village has been noted and PCSO is looking for an old Red Nissan with a Grey bonnet which has been identified as the possible cause of this damage. Any sightings please report.

The OCC Road Safety unit will be in the village hall car park 10am until 2pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Councillors requested to go and view.

Email re possible child abduction in Watlington was read to the meeting, PCSO advised that the Police will be dealing with this and the School Liaison officer will notify neighbouring schools.

Chairman gave a vote of thanks to PCSO for his report and continued work and efforts within the village.

## **6. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Chairman reported on,

The Annual Parish Meeting being very poorly attended by members of the Parish Council, also the Public. Expressed that this yearly event needs to be attended by Council members to report on work that they have been carrying out over the year on behalf of the village. Solution to gain more public interest still proving difficult.

Youth Club Meeting, the general feeling is that the Committee for the Youth Club are getting despondent as they feel that their efforts are not creating a difference. Will be looking into the SOHA run project that takes teenagers for an activities weekend away.

Mowforth Folly final approved is not yet through, still legalities being processed. It was noted that development on the site appears to have begun on tree clearing and some earth moving. This has been reported but needs to be watched.

War Memorial committee have confirmed that the quotation for lettering on the memorial is the final amount, no further names need to be added.

Councillor's need to think about who is to be nominated as new chairman before the next meeting.

## **7. PLANNING**

### **7.1 Applications:**

**P10/E0369** Alterations including new shop front with automatic sliding door & new closed in staircase to first floor, plus covered area to side with new entrance gates. Co-op Supermarket, 2 Bridle Path.

**P10/E0370** Proposed installation of mechanical plant with acoustic screening. Co-op Supermarket 2 Bridle Path.

Councillor who had inspected the site reported that this is a reasonably complicated proposal and has spoken to SODC Planning and gained an extension. Request was made that other Councillors visit and inspect the site to report at the next meeting before any decision is made. Letter of complaint was read to the meeting from the resident of neighbouring property.

**P10/E0346** Proposed conversion of Old Pump House to dwelling with erection of double garage. Old Water Reservoir, Greenmore Hill, Greenmore Woodcote.  
Proposal rejected. E6 Retention of employment site.

**P10/E0428/0429** Addition of new porch to the Chapel to match adjacent existing porch.  
Oratory School Woodcote.  
Approved.

**OCC R3.0063/10** Additional Timber clad building at Woodcote Primary School  
Noted.

### **7.2 Applications Granted:**

**P10/E0172** Bonny Elm Loft Conversion – Granted

### **7.3 Applications refused:**

NONE

Letter from SODC in respect to changes in Planning process and the role of Parish Councils was read to the meeting. Noted.

**(8) FINANCE**

To Approve payments:

3136	M.L. & S.L. Higley	646.25	21.4	Bollards in carpark
3137	ORCC	30.00	21.4	Annual Membership
3138	Chilton Waste	186.00	21.4	Skip for Allotments
3139	J. Welham	15.61	21.4	Mileage
3140	Berinsfield	459.89	21.4	Grass Cutting
3141	OALC	52.88	21.4	Course
3142	Village Hall MC	2750.00	21.4	Office rental & Mtg room
3143	J. Welham	637.50	21.4	April Salary

**APPROVED**

To Note receipts:

NONE

**8.1 Bank Mandate**

Clerks Salary Review – Confidential Page attached

**9. Village Hall Minutes**

Noted

**10. Correspondence**

War Memorial quotation approved.

NHS Oxfordshire letter regarding meeting date for Townland Hospital – Noted.

ORCC invitation to their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Noted.

OCC Home 2 School Newsletter – Noted.

Open Spaces reminder for attendance at their meeting – Noted.

**11. Emergency Questions**

Stone obelisk is now in situ on the village green.

Village Green AGM was 19<sup>th</sup> April, minutes to be circulated when available.

Councillor reported that youths had been lighting a fire on the recreation ground which had caused damage to the grass, despite their assurance that they would leave no damage and clear up this was not the case. Advise from the PCSO is that notices will need to be displayed, the Village Green Committee are going to put a notice up possibly two.

**12 DATE of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

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

