

# *WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL*

**MINUTES** of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

**PRESENT** Chairman Mrs. Fiona Preston  
Vice Chairman Mrs. Karen Woolley  
Mr. Ken Ison  
Mr. John Lynch  
Mr. Robin Peirce  
Mr Peter Tyler  
Mr. Peter Woods

**(1) APOLOGIES**

Mr. Colin Edwards  
Mrs Diana Hadaway  
Mrs. Marilyn Maddock

**(2) TO AUTHORISE** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that these minutes be accepted and signed.

**(3) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING** to allow members of the public to address the Chairman.

**(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS** No report

**(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**P07/E0635** 89 - 91 Whitehouse Road and land to the rear formerly waterboard land, Woodcote. Erection of 1 no. 4 bed detached and 1 no.2 bed chalet style house, amended drive access and boundaries to nos 89 and 91 Whitehouse Road. (as amended by drawing number 07 WHW SP 7A and 07 WHW P20A ACC and Agents Letter dated 27th July 2007)

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Refusal for the following reasons: Contrary to Planning Policy H4 (ii) and (v). Overbearing on neighbouring properties due to topography. Close proximity to other properties is unneighbourly. One of the properties proposed is only 1.2 m away from the boundary of property in Whitehouse Road. Loss of privacy to adjoining properties due to close proximity of access. Loss of amenity to No.89. No. 89 Whitehouse Road is overwhelmingly dominated by this development. Properties 1& 2 Nightingales and properties in Oakdene are also badly overlooked. The effect of two 4 bedroom houses will generate a lot of traffic

through the narrow access road proposed. The possibility of flooding of the lower houses and the stability of the land needs to be checked.

**P07/E0772** Behoes Cottage, Behoes Lane, Woodcote Ground Floor Extension to front and west side.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend No Strong Views.

**P07/E0664** 45 Goring Road, Woodcote Amendment to previous planning application P02/S1019 (Demolish attached garage, construct single storey extension to side and attached garage). Reposition garage and change roof structure of garage.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Approval.

**P07/E0926** Dean Farmhouse, Woodcote Retention of roof structure, alterations & extension to existing garage removal of concrete panels from adjoining timber framed barn and replacement boarding & windows.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Approval.

**P07/E0927/LB** Dean Farmhouse, Woodcote Retention of roof structure, alterations & additions to existing garage removal of concrete panels, replacements boarding, studs & windows to flank wall of adjoining timber framed barn.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Approval.

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

Parish Council  
Recommendation

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**

**P07/E0675** 91 Wayside Green Approval

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

None

The Clerk was asked to write to SOHA with regard to the triangle of land adjacent to 6 Nightingales to recommend that it be added to the property as part of its garden.  
**CLERK - done**

## **(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr John Farrow reported that the B471 would be closed for four weeks from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 for the repair of a dangerous wall. Mr. Robin Peirce complained that the period of notice given was too short. Cllr. Farrow also referred to an experimental speed limit of 40 mph being installed along the A4074 from Deadmans Lane to Mapledurham.

## **(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr. Robin Peirce reported a new draft housing strategy was under discussion by the Scrutiny Committee. He also told the meeting that planning meetings would occur every three weeks instead of every two. A new waste management contract was being considered for Oct/Nov time.

## **(9) FINANCE**

### **Payments in July 2007**

The following payments were agreed:

2779	Mr. Smallbone Berinsfield Comm	Litter Clearance	125.00
2780	Bus	Grass Cutting	930.24
2781	RJS (IA) Ltd	Audit	383.70
2782	SG Creative Solns	Website Charge	48.00
2783	Petty Cash		84.21
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,571.15</b>

### **(ii) Receipts in July 2007**

23.07.07	Interest - Natwest Treasury A/c	203.64
02.07.07	Scottish and Southern Energy	30.45
05.07.07	COIF Deposit	66.22
12.07.07	Comm. Centre Cleaning	326.04

**Total** **£626.35**

### **(iii) Transfers in July 2007** None

**(iv) Request for Grants**          None

**(10) YOUTH MATTERS**

Mrs. Karen Woolley reported that the interview date for the youth support worker would be 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

**(11) PUBLICITY FOR THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that he had received six profiles to date.

**(12) GREENMORE PONDS**

Following the recommendations of the Environmental agency report **IT WAS RESOLVED** not to stock fish in either of the Greenmore Ponds.

It was proposed that a note to the effect that stocking the ponds with fish would be illegal be put in the Correspondent. **MM**

All councillors were called upon to look for alternative sites in the area for a fishing facility.

**ALL**

**(13) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

**A.**

- SODC Free Tree Scheme
- OCC Langtree School Security Fencing

Mrs. Fiona Preston and Mrs. Karen Woolley agreed to meet with Julie Wheeler of Thames Valley Police to recommend that if it was deemed necessary to build a fence along the footpath at Langtree School, the path should be widened to twice the proposed size for security and safety reasons. **FP/KW**

They also agreed to write an article for the Correspondent with regard to the proposed fencing around the school. **FP/KW**

Mrs. Karen Woolley requested that the Clerk add creation of a crime reduction working group to the next agenda. **CLERK - done**

It was suggested that the Head Teacher at Whitchurch Primary School be invited to a future meeting of the Council to discuss security issues.

- SODC Review of Primary School Provision
- OCC Thames Travel Service 142
- Environment Agency Greenmore Ponds
- Invite to Millennium Oxfordshire
- SODC Polling Places

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- OCC News July 2007

**(13) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Robin Peirce asked if the Clerk could get the OCC Highways department to investigate and remedy the failure of the ditch alongside the Reading Road Car Park to drain away excessive water.

**CLERK**

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE