

# *WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL*

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

## **PRESENT**

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

## (1) **APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Diana Hadaway  
Mr Ken Ison

(2) **TO AUTHORISE** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) **REVIEW OF ACTIONS** Not considered.

## (4) **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Mr. and Mrs Blow attended and joined the discussion on the future of Mowforth House, minuted below.

## (5) **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Mrs. Fiona Preston reported her meeting with Bob Burgess of OCC Highways. Although Highways was responsible for clearing weeds around granite setts it was clear they were not going to do it. She recommended that an article be put in the Correspondent advising residents to spray these weeds at their own risk. **DH**

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Burgess to summarise the discussion concerning flooding and granite setts in the village. **CLERK**

Also the Clerk was asked to approach a gardening company to obtain a quotation for the spraying of granite setts. **CLERK**

**(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED** None

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

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED**

**P08/E0709** 63 Wayside Green  
Parish Council  
Recommendation  
No Strong Views

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED** None

**APPEALS**

The Clerk was asked to complain to the planning authorities at SODC about their failure to provide notice to the Parish Council of the date of the public hearing on 14 Bridle Path.  
**CLERK**

Mr. Peter Tyler agreed to speak on behalf of the Council to the adjourned hearing on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008.  
**PT**

(i) Mowforth House

Mrs. Fiona Preston and Mrs. Karen Woolley recounted their interviews with BBC Radio Oxford and BBC Television. They also reported their meeting with Graham Waters, Head of Strategic Housing. Their next meeting would be with Mr. Richard Peacock, Chief Executive of SOHA.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Mrs. Preston agreed to design an A5 insert for the Correspondent.  
**FP**

(ii) 14 Bridle Path

**(8) FINANCE**

**(i) Payments in August 2008**

The following payments were agreed:

2905	Mr. Giles	Aug '08 Pay	293.56
2906	Village Green Committee	Donation	1,900.00
2907	Community Centre	Donation	500.00
2908	HM Customs		36.82
2909	S. Dunning	Loft Refurbishment	598.08
DD	BT Direct Debit	Telephone Charge	22.00
DD	Thames Water		5.00
DD	AOL		17.99

SO	Mr. Jordan	Aug' 08 Pay	688.06
SO	Mr. Fordham	Aug' 08 Pay	601.03
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,662.54</b>

**(9) PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP**

Mrs. Preston allocated names expedite the nineteen action points in the Parish Plan (names recorded on the action sheets).

**(10) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

- (i) Village Hall Management Committee (Report from Mr. Ken Ison)

Hot Water boiler in kitchen defective, too expensive to repair, only used for teas will be replaced by portable electric urn. Toilets areas being renovated (w/c 11/8). Shower areas to be re plastered. Hall security now considered under adequate control. Woodcote Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> September, arrangements progressing satisfactory. Emergency escape sign in youth club area to be repaired, cost to be funded by WVHMC. Court case still not resolved, claimant has asked if case can now be resolved by exchange of letters, as he (Mr Godwin) is concerned about his legal costs. Refurbishment plans for Kitchen area being passed around users for comment. Position regarding cleaning problem explained. WHMC asked to be kept informed so that they can advertise for temporary help if required.

- (ii) Parish Plan. Remove from future agendas.

- (iii) Village Green Committee

Mr. Peter Tyler reported that the Village Green Committee was proposing to install a sign in the car park play area to request that youths older than 16 should not frequent the play area.

**(11) CRIME REDUCTION WORKING GROUP**

Mrs. Linda Richards, the local PCSO, attended the meeting to field a complaint from Mr. John Lynch regarding the issue of a parking ticket in West Chiltern. She advised the meeting that although she used discretion in such cases, this particular individual had been warned twice for obstructing the pavement and it was a complaint transmitted to OCC highways that was passed to her Area beat officer, Barbara Taylor that caused the ticket to be issued. It was agreed that an article needs to be put in the Correspondent concerning illegal parking in Woodcote. **DH**

**(12) APPLICATION TO REGISTER FOLLY FIELD AS A VILLAGE GREEN**

The Clerk reported that the application had been rejected on a technicality. The plan of

Folly Field need signatures from a solicitor and the applicant before it was acceptable.

**(13) CAR PARK GATES**

The Clerk to seek advice from OCC Highways and OALC about ways of locking the car park at nights. **CLERK**

**(14) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

**A.**

- Blandy and Blandy Sale of Land
- OCC Registration of Village Green
- OCC Electronic Consultation
- SODC Design Guide Adopted
- Griffiths Higgs Charity

The application for a donation was not accepted.

- NHS Trust Townlands Development

**B.** For information, Not Requiring Action

- The Chilterns – Guidance on Planning Systems
- The Chilterns – Annual Review
- NHS Trust AGM 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE