

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall Woodcote Wednesday 17th August 2011, commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chairman	Mr. G. Botting
	Mr. D. Booth
	Mr. P. Stevenson
	Mr. K. Grady
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence

Mrs. S. Harrison, Mr. P. Tyler, Mrs D. Hadaway, Mr. D. Sexon Oxfordshire County Councillor.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None

3. Public Forum:

No members of the public present.

PCSO Michael Rawnsley gave his report, Traffic Management is ongoing and the speed indication display has been repaired. PCSO J. Smith from Nettlebed will be setting up and operating the system, details of where and when have been agreed for Woodcote so in the next few weeks she will further monitor traffic speeds in the village.

On Friday 5th August two cars were wheel spinning and speeding on the Reading Rd. The cars were found in Ashlee Walk, both drivers were issued with a Section 59, another section 59 will mean their vehicles will be possessed.

Further Section 59's have been issued to two youths riding mini moto's in Eastfield Lane. Any further sightings please report.

Three youths have been asked to sign Acceptable Behaviour Contracts due to many incidents of Anti-Social behaviour around the area.

4. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2011.

Approved.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the Agenda Elsewhere

None

6. Chairman's Address & Questions

Chairman Peirce had no specific report for this meeting.

7. County Councillor's Report

No report as Councillor Sexon was at a library meeting so could not attend.

8. Woodcote Festival – to review PC program for the day.

Councillor Botting suggested that the theme should be “Why be a Parish Councillor”, this was agreed. Photographs of the Councillors to be displayed, Councillor Stevenson to arrange this. Some headline questions to be displayed on the boards, all Councillors to send in suggestions. The Clerk has various leaflets and documents to hand out. It was decided not to serve wine. Chairman Peirce and Vice Chairman Botting will not be available that weekend. All detail to be finalised at the next Parish Meeting.

9. Committee Reports – Update & Reports from the various Village Committee's.

Councillor Stevenson had attended the Village Hall Committee meeting and had nothing specific to report.

No other Committee reports.

10. Planning Applications:

P11/E1227/LD Langtree School Reading Rd Existing building used for pre-school activity with detached storage unit and part covered play area.

It was agreed that the existing building has been there in excess of 10 years. 2 statements have already been sent. Chairman Peirce agreed to give his name and address to verify this.

P/11/1205/O Outline application for development of site for residential purposes (up to 115 dwellings) together with leisure facilities and new vehicular access, landscaping and provision of 40% affordable housing. Land bounded by Behoes Lane and South Stoke Road Woodcote RG8
This application was not discussed in detail as a special Parish Council meeting will be held on 5th September in the Village Hall to discuss this and gain the views of Woodcote residents. Councillor Stevenson and Grady apologised as they are not able to attend the meeting. Chairman Peirce will be contacting Margaret Reed of SODC Legal Department to gain special dispensation for himself and Councillor Botting as they have an interest as they both live adjacent to the land to be developed. The Council will deliver a flyer advertising this meeting around the village, the agenda will be posted on the website and also the press advised.

10.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P11/E0918 Single and half storey extensions to north side of house. Shervell Cottage, Shervells Hill, Goring Heath RG8 7SP.

10.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None

10.3 Other Planning Matters

Enforcement Notice served on all persons interested in land at Goats Gambol, Beech Lane Woodcote. An enforcement notice was served on (5th August 2011) on all those persons known by the district council to have an interest in land at Goats Gambol, Beech Lane, Woodcote, RG8 0PY. The breach of planning control alleged in the enforcement notice is *"without planning permission the change of use of land for the stationing and use of a mobile home as a separate unit of residential occupation"*. The enforcement notice requires that the use of the land for the stationing and use of a caravan/mobile home for occupation as a separate unit of residential accommodation cease; all services be disconnected and removed from the mobile home; and the caravan/mobile home be removed from the land together with any debris caused by that removal. The enforcement notice will take effect on 5 September 2011 with a twelve month compliance period, unless an appeal is lodged before that date, in which event compliance with the notice will be suspended pending an outcome of the appeal.

P11/E1022 Demolition of the existing stables and replacement with a new storage/barn outbuilding. Horns Farm Tidmore Lane Woodcote RG8 0PH. Application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

11. Finance To approve payments. To note receipts.

Cheque	Payee	inc VAT	Date	Reason
41	Berinsfield	1,004.70	17.8	July Grass Cutting
42	SODC	81.62		Dog bins April - June
43	Petty Cash	50.00		Float for Petty Cash
		See		
44	J. Welham	request		Aug Salary + backpay

RECEIPTS None

APPROVED

11.1 Quotations/Grants received for approval.

Two quotes have been received for the improvement of the Parish office door to make it fit better and exclude draughts. These were for £75 and £105, a third quote is awaited. Council agreed to the £75 quote, but the Clerk to investigate with the Village Hall Manager if a Fire Door is a requirement for Health and Safety before going ahead.

11.2 Budget Review

A budget report year to date had already been circulated to Councillors. There were no outstanding items or questions. Chairman Peirce commented that a further review should take place in October so Council can start planning next year's budgets. This was agreed.

12. Community Workers – Supervision of jobs for Parish Council

The Clerk had the list of jobs that the workers could potentially carry out around the village. They will need to be supervised and also the Clerk pointed out that there will be an issue with removing the waste materials, such as weeds, trimmings etc. It was agreed that there were many points still to be clarified before this goes ahead. Clerk to question and report at next meeting.

13. Urgent Matters for Council to Consider

None

14. Correspondence

14.1 Matters for resolution

Letter from Berks, Bucks & Oxon Farming & Wild Life Advisory Group asking for Financial contribution. Noted but agreed that the Council will not make a donation.

Letter from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind re Future Vision project asking for financial contribution.

Noted but agreed that the Council will not make a donation.

Letter from Royal Horticultural Society – re RHS Britain in Bloom.

Noted, pass copies to the Conservation Group and Allotment Stewardship Group.

Email from Rex Hora – Re repainting of rural phone boxes.

Clerk to check the one phone box in the village, if it is the type that needs paint, then re-painting to be requested.

14.2 Matters for information

Letter from Community Centre thanking the PC for the £1000 grant. – Noted.

15. To note date of the next meeting:

Special Meeting Monday 5th September 2011

Wednesday 7th September 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed _____ Date/Chairman

