

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 5th December 2007.

PRESENT Chairman Mrs. Fiona Preston
Vice Chairman Mrs. Karen Woolley
Mr. Colin Edwards
Mr. Ken Ison
Mr. John Lynch
Mrs. Marilyn Maddock
Mr Peter Tyler

(1) APOLOGIES

Mrs Diana Hadaway
Mr. Robin Peirce
Mr. Peter Woods

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 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

Mrs. Fiona Preston told the meeting that she had sent a letter to Mr. Chris Quinton, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the impending legal action. She also reported that she and a number of councillors had attended the presentation at the Village Hall by the police Neighbourhood Action Group which was not that well attended.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P07/E1373/RET Summit House Greenmore Hill Woodcote Insertion of roof lights to three existing terraced dwellings (retrospective) and Formation of three additional parking spaces.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Refusal: The original plan was for 3 bedroom houses. A visit to the site has revealed that the attic has been built as a fourth bedroom thus bypassing the proper planning procedures.

P07/E1485 Strings Cottage Green Lane Woodcote First floor extension above existing single storey.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

P07/E1443 11 Grimmer Way Woodcote Proposed cloakroom,
extension to hall & kitchen

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Parish Council
Recommendation

P07/E1289 17 Bensgrove Close
P07/E1283/T Woodcote Radio Tower

Approval
Approval

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

P07/E1129 51 Whitehouse Road No strong views

It was reported that Castle Flooring of Church Farm was illuminating their company sign at night. Clerk to check whether planning permission is required.

CLERK

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor John Farrow not present

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Robin Peirce not present.

(9) FINANCE

(i) Payments in December 2007

The following payments were agreed:

2815	CAB	Donation	1,000.00
2816	Pay Adjustment 'Nov '07	Mr. Jordan	17.74
2817	Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2818	Zurich Municipal	Gen. Insurance	1,571.26
2819	Woodcote Correspondent	Flyer	80.00
2820	SODC	Dog Hygiene	214.31
2821	Petty Cash		93.55
	Berinsfield Comm		
2821	Bus	Hedge Cutting	1304.25
		Total	£4,406.11

(ii) Receipts in November 2007

27.11.07	Interest - Natwest Treasury A/c	256.98
19.11.07	Comm. Centre Cleaning	326.04
28.11.07	Woodcote Cricket Club	190.00

Total **£773.02**

(iii) Transfers in December 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants

- (i) Parish Plan**
IT WAS RESOLVED to donate £500.00 towards printing costs.
- (ii) WPCC**
IT WAS RESOLVED to donate £800.00 towards grass cutting costs.
- (iii) Volunteers**
IT WAS RESOLVED to donate £150.00.

(v) Budget for 2008/09

Following a long discussion it was agreed to reduce the expenditure budget by £2,795 to £87,202 and **IT WAS RESOLVED** to reduce the Traffic Calming Reserve to £20,000. This effectively reduced the Precept requirement to £55,090, a 10% increase on last year.

As part of the this expenditure reduction exercise the cost of the proposed Grass Cutting contract had to be drastically cut. Mr. Ken Ison presented the proposed new contract which was agreed. Mr. Ken Ison agreed to email the new contract to the Clerk.

KI - done

Mr. John Lynch also presented a plan for cutting grass on the allotments. He was asked to reduce the area of grass to be cut by the contractors to the main paths only. The allotment holders would be asked to cut the grass around their own plots. Mr. John Lynch was asked to email the revised plan to the Clerk.

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(10) YOUTH MATTERS

Mrs. Woolley advised the Council that £5,492, left over from the previous year would need to be spent this financial year to pay for the new Youth Support Worker.

(11) THAMES WATER AGREEMENT

Mrs. Woolley advised the meeting that Thames water had agreed to allow the conservation group to manage part of the wood at Greenmore Ponds.

(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- Oxfordshire Community Land Trusts
- OALC County Circular – Standing Orders
- SODC Core Strategy – Issues and Options
- Zurich Insurance

The Clerk advised the meeting that the new Play Equipment was not insured under the current Insurance Agreement. Personal Liability was already covered but damage and theft was not. He was awaiting advice from Mr. Roger Davies of ORCC before advising the Council how to proceed.

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Chiltern News December 2007
- Chiltern Woodlands – News of the Woods

(13) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Caretaker/Cleaner Mr. Ian Giles had recovered well from his recent illness and that Mr. Giles was hopeful of returning to work before Christmas.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE