

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 6th February 2008.

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

(1) APOLOGIES

Mrs Diana Hadaway
Mr. Peter Woods

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th January 2008.

IT WAS RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

None present

(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS None

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P06/E1656 2 and 6 Wood Green, Woodcote Change of use from dry cleaners (A1) to centre for complimentary and alternative therapies (D1).

Mrs. Maddock declared an interest and retired from the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval with the following comments:
If approved and business fails then decision should be reconsidered, parking problem in residential area. Those in favour, Mr. Colin Edwards, Mr. John Lynch, Mr. Ken Ison, Mr. Peter Tyler, those against Mr. Robin Peirce, Mrs. Fiona Preston, Mrs. Karen Woolley.

The Clerk to inform Mr. Tom Wyatt of SODC Planning Dept. that should an appeal arise then the Council would request an informal hearing.

Clerk - done

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Parish Council
Recommendation

P07/E1373 Summit House Greenmore
P07/E1443 11 Grimmer Way

Refusal
Approval

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

None

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor John Farrow reported that the recommendation of the cabinet for next years rate increase was 3.8%. He also reported that Wallingford hospital would be reopened as an A & E Unit.

Clerk to contact Dr. Richards to advise him to insert a note in the Correspondent.

CLERK - done

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Robin Peirce anticipated that the budget increase for the District Council would increase by about 3.5%. He reported that Sir Brian Briscow had been appointed to have an independent look at Reading's traffic problems and the proposal for a third bridge across the Thames. The District Council have already said that South Oxfordshire's road network was unable to take the threatened increase in traffic.

(9) FINANCE

(i) Payments in February 2008

The following payments were agreed:

2835	Mr. Jordan	SLCC 2008 Subs	129.00
2836	Active Risk Management	Equipment Inspection	240.00
2837	Community Centre	Room Hire	54.00
2838	Mr. Jordan	Village Green Fee	11.00
2839	Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2840	Mr. Jordan	Core Strategy Leaflet	58.75
2841	Mr. Jordan	Postage Stamps	34.00
2842	Mr. Jordan	Post surcharge	2.26
2843	Mr. Jordan	Stationery	12.89
2844	Henley Standard	Advert	91.06
	SG Creative	Web Site	
2845	Solutions	Management	74.00
2846	Mr. Fordham	Mobile telephone	45.16
2847	Mr. Fordham	Phone Charges Topup	49.95
2848	Petty Cash		93.74
		Total	£1,020.81

(ii) Receipts in January 2008

02.01.08	Mr. Craven-Todd	517.00
25.01.08	Natwest Treasury A/c	227.46
15.01.08	Woodcote Football	210.00
15.01.08	Comm Cntr.	225.72

Total **£1,180.18**

(iii) Transfers in December 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants None

- (i) Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers No funds granted

(10) GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

IT WAS RESOLVED to agree and sign the new grass cutting contract with Berinsfield Community Business (Approximate annual cost of £7,000). Mrs. Fiona Preston then signed both copies of the contract.

(11) YOUTH MATTERS

Mrs. Woolley reported that the new youth support worker had started well. There was still a problem however, with recruiting part time support staff.

(12) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The APM was set for 13th May 2008. The agenda would be discussed at the next council meeting.

(13) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- Acknowledgement from Adrian Duffield
- Communities and Local Govt. Consultation
- Lyons Davidson – Flooding in Whitehouse Road

It was agreed that the Insurance Company's claim from OCC Highways Dept. was nothing to do with the Parish or District Council's. The Clerk to write to OCC Highways to ask if they are satisfied with the current remedy for flooding in Whitehouse Road at the Post Office.

CLERK - done

- Dr. Al-Dibouni – Oriel, Beech Lane (2 letters)

Clerk to respond that the Council had reviewed their decision on planning application P07/E1415 and stand by their original comments.

CLERK - done

- MI and SJ Higley – Footpath at Folly Green
- Woodcote Conservation Group – Core Strategy
- OCC Footpaths Gates across Bridleway 19
- Police Road Closure
- Audit Commission
- Paul Lawson Quote for Village Directory

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept this quotation. Clerk to place the order for the printing of the Village Directory. **CLERK – done**

The Clerk to thank Mrs. Frances Cork for her work on the Village Directory and the preparation of the Core Strategy flyer..

CLERK - done

- ORCC The Challenge of Community Change
- SODC Home Choice
- Traffic Survey Results

Mr. Tyler agreed to put together a summary of the traffic survey. **PT**

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Oxfordshire Public Transfer Guide
- Charity Commission News

(14) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Council had not yet delivered its response to the Planning Core Strategy. Mrs. Fiona Preston and the Clerk agreed to put this together and send.

FP/CLERK

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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DATE