

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote 20th February 2008.

PRESENT

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

(1) APOLOGIES

Mr. Robin Peirce
Mr. Peter Woods

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

(3) REVIEW OF ACTIONS

See Appendix.

(4) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

(5) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Preston advised the meeting about various changes at Church Farm following a telephone call from Mrs. Booker.

(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P08/E0029 Greenmore Hill Farm Woodcote Alteration and extension of Granary Cottage and Greenmore Hill Farm house to form one dwelling.
Conversion of existing garage/games room to ancillary dwelling as replacement for the loss of Granary Cottage includes the removal of steel clad storage building. New double garage, swimming pool and relocation of previously approved tennis court.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval with the following comment: Changes to the garage should not lead to the building becoming a dwelling.

Jonathan Ede of Jonathan Ede Ltd. gave a presentation of the company's draft proposals for development on land behind the Folly and fielded a number of questions from the councillors. The Clerk agreed to send copies of the plans to Mr. Robin Peirce.

CLERK - done

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED None

(8) FINANCE

(i) Payments in February 2008

The following Payments were agreed:

2849 Mr. Giles	Feb '08 Pay	629.35
2850 HM Customs & Revenue		511.23
	Total	£1,140.58

(9) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Village Hall Management Committee

The village hall would be holding a "swap shop" on 8th March 2008. A "small business day" on 26th April 2008. Clerk to book a table for the Council. **CLERK**

(ii) Parish Plan

It was reported that the Parish Plan draft was available and it was expected to be published next month.

IT WAS RESOLVED to enter into a contract with SODC for the provision of Ordnance Survey maps for the Parish Plan.

(iii) Village Green Committee

Clerk to contact Mr. Jean Wenger for advice on playground inspection. **CLERK**

(10) CRIME REDUCTION WORKING GROUP No report

(11) BUS SHELTER Postponed to next meeting

(12) LITTER PICKING

Date set for 11.00 am on 20th April 2008 meet in the car park. Mrs. Marilyn Maddock to put a notice in the Correspondent.

MM

Clerk to acquire 6 litter pickers clear sacks and gloves.

CLERK

Mr. Peter Tyler to design a poster.

PT

Clerk to invite the three schools to take part.

CLERK

(13) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date set for 13th May 2008 with the same agenda as last year. Invite PCSO Mark Bell and PCSO Barbara Taylor.

CLERK

(14) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- SODC Code of Conduct Training
- SODC Adrian Duffield – Summit House
- OCC Parking @ Ashley Walk
- OCC Registration of Folly Field as a Village Green
- Parish Plan request

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

None

(15) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

None

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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DATE

OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST – 20th February 2008

Reports from Committees – Page 77

Mr. Peirce agreed to complete the Strategic Objective questionnaire on behalf of the Council following any comments from the other councillors to be provided within a week. **RP**

The Clerk to request this document from SODC. **CLERK**

Request sent.

Chairmans Address – Page 122

Mrs. Preston told the meeting of the profitable meeting they had had with SOHA on the future of Mowforth House. A follow up meeting was required in about six months time.

CLERK

Reply received. Chasing letter sent.

Correspondence Received – Page 59

- Proposal from Mrs. Jill Sugar on Wayside Green

It was agreed that the trees in the centre of Wayside Green should have their lower branches removed and the other overgrowing vegetation should be cut back. Also potholes and bad paths should be reported to the OCC for repair.

CLERK

Letter written to Mrs. Sugar. Tom Cottrell contacted. No reply.
Chasing letter sent

Footpath Folly Green to Wayside – Page 75

The Clerk reported that he had requested a quotation from the Higley brothers to this work. The Clerk was asked to check if there were any problems with planning and the use of the land. **CLERK**

Letter sent to the Footpaths Department who have passed it onto the Highways Department for action.

Planning Matters – Page 81

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**

Email sent to Paula Fox, planning. No reply.

Sale of Allotment Land – Page 95

The Clerk reported that the Valuation Office had recommended a value of £20,000 for the allotment land at 16 Gap Way (sometimes referred to as Allotment Plot 34). The Council agreed to sending the report to Mr. Craven-Todd the new resident at 16 Gap Way. Mr. Robin Peirce advised that local government practice constrained the Council from offering a different price for this piece of land. The Clerk was asked to write to the Charity Commission with regard to the proposed transaction. **CLERK**

Letter sent.