

# WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

**PRESENT**      Chairman                      Mrs. Fiona Preston  
                         Vice-Chairman                      Mrs Diana Hadaway  
                                                              Mrs Maureen Edmonds  
                                                              Mr. Colin Edwards  
                                                              Mr. Den Griffiths  
                                                              Mr. Robin Peirce  
                                                              Mr. Peter Tyler  
                                                              Mr. John Lynch

(1) **APOLOGIES**

None

(2) **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

(3) **PUBLIC FORUM** On proposal of the Chairman it was agreed contributions from members of the public would be invited as the items of business in which each was interested arose.

(4) **TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed.

(5) **There were no matters arising.**

(6) **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

From the chair, Mrs. Fiona Preston reported following attendance at Youth Club meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010, that Hakawa will now cover the Tuesday night session as Ketlin is leaving.

*(Thanks to member of public for giving spelling of names)*

Mrs. Preston reported that Tom Wyatt had conducted the site visit on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 relating to planning application P09/E0991 Mowforth House & The Folly. Plans will go to planning committee meeting to be held 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Mrs. Preston asked the meeting for their emergency questions, inputs from Cllt. Edmonds and Cllr. Griffiths, details cover under agenda Item 11.

## **(7) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

### **7.1 Applications**

**P09/E1367** Conway, Reading Road, Woodcote. Erection of 2 storey three bedroom dwelling incorporating integral double garage and new vehicular access.

Cllr. Peirce is dealing with this application but had yet to arrive, Cllr. Preston suggested discussion begin awaiting his arrival. Cllr's. Edmonds, Preston & Edwards had conducted a site visit. Cllr Preston read the SODC Guideline Policy H4 on Back land development, and stated that the proposal does not meet the guidelines. Cllr. Edwards commented that this application had already been discussed with inputs from SODC planning and felt it would be acceptable.

*(Cllr. Robin Peirce arrived 7.55pm)* Cllr. Peirce reported on his conversation with Helen More SODC with respect to this application and had raised the issues. He commented that the site was larger than he expected and the access was wider than he had expected.

A member of the public **Mrs N. Lloyd** the joint applicant responded to the discussion regarding access and distributed a copy of the letter she had written in response to the letter sent by Mr. Richard Farmer.

A member of the public **Mrs. P. Booker** asked if existing dwelling **Conway** was in fact 2 dwellings, **Mrs. Lloyd** responded saying it was 1 dwelling with an annex. **Mrs. Booker** also expressed concern that this development could lead to other Back land developments around Woodcote to be requested.

Cllr. Peirce stated he felt that SODC had been involved with this application and that it did not have strong points for un-neighbourliness. After much discussion and further comments from *members of the public* it was **agreed** by 5 Cllr.'s that they had No Strong Objections, Carried.

### **7.2 Amendments**

#### **P09/E0991 Amended Major Amendment No. 6 dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.**

Olga Mowforth House Woodcote Construction of 12 older persons flats to replace Olga Mowforth House, construction of 12 houses and 4 flats with associated parking (as amended by drawings P08A accompanying Agent's letter dated 16 November 2009, drawing P02A accompanying Agent's email dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009, and drawings P01F, P10A and Woodcote-House1, House 2, House 3, and flat 4 received on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

Cllr. Peirce stated he had recently received this amendment so had not had a lot of time, however, the main significant change is the Private Land, which has changed from 10 flats to 3 detached 4 bedroom houses. There were no other significant changes from the previous amendment. The development will be phased consisting of 3 phases.

*Members of the public* commented, the major concern was the ridge line of the proposed 3 house would be 8.5 metres of which is higher than the 7.5 metres height of the houses in Wood Green and also felt the character of the proposed houses was not in keeping.

Concern expressed by several Cllr.'s that no response has been received from the previous conditions. Further public consultation was deemed unnecessary also the timeline is too short to take significant feedback.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Approval but only if the previous conditions are met and with the additional condition in respect of the ridge height of the proposed new houses. Cllr. Preston to write a letter.

**7.3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED**

None

Cllr. Preston advised that the application **P09/** Bonny Elm had been withdrawn.

**7.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED** None

**(8) FINANCE**

Payments as scheduled

Cheques for Payment				APPENDIX A
Cheque	Payee	Amount (£)	Date	Reason
3103	John Boler	£228.56	03/02/2010	Support as acting clerk Dec & Jan meetings
3104	SODC	£720.89	03/02/2010	Dog Bin emptying 31/4-31/12/09
3105	SG Creative	£105.00	03/02/2010	Web site maintenance
3106	Mr. K. Smallbone	£125.00	03/02/2010	Litter picking
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,179.45</b>		

APPROVED

To Note receipts – Cllr. Preston commented that there had been notification from SODC that the precept had been accepted and that there had been no increase in the Parish precept for the coming year.

**(9) TO RECEIVE/DISCUSS QUOTATIONS/ACTION ON CAR PARK BARRIER**

Cllr. Tyler has received 2 quotations both are approximately £500 each. Cllr. Tyler recommended we go ahead as unlikely to received a more competitive quotation. The quotations where not with the documents for the meeting therefore;

**IT WAS RESOLVED** To determine at the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**(10) CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence were noted.

**10.1** St Leonards Church have written to in respect of contribution towards upkeep of the churchyard. Letter requested a higher contribution than the £800 previously paid by the Parish Council. It was Agreed to contribute but at the previous year’s level of £800.

**10.2** SODC letter advising of the pending increased cost of the Dog Waste Bin collections. This will come into effect for 2011. Cllr. Preston noted this will need to be in the budget review.

**10.3** War Memorial Launch June 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. The PC have been asked purchase and to lay a wreath at the service, remaining funds from the Village of the Year could be utilised.

Cllr's felt that more information about the plans were required, Cllr Preston took the **Action**.

**10.4** SODC letter in respect of changes to Planning Application process. Cllr. Preston felt that these changes would diminish the role of Parish Councils and would lose influence in planning decisions and that the Parish Council should write a response. **Action**  
*(remaining members of public left 9.30pm)*

**10.5** ORCC Make the Connection planning Event. Cllr's who wish to attend need to book before 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**10.6** Chiltern Society. Letter passed to Cllr. Tyler to pass to the Conservation Society.

**10.7** Langtree School Tarmacing of shared drive, by the school, Community Centre & Community Library. Request for contribution of cost of £1400. Both centres are County Council, therefore not the Parish Council will not contribute. Email to be passed to Cllr. Peirce to respond.

**10.8** OPFA Letter. Passed to Cllr. Tyler to pass on.

**10.9** SODC Updated list of settlement categories.

**(11.) Emergency Questions**

**11.1** Cllr. Edmonds had reviewed letter regarding works to protected trees at 4 Dene Wood Close. As they are not being removed this was accepted.

**11.2** Cllr. Griffiths expressed concern at the length of time the contractors are taking to complete the pipeworks, (Goring Rd, Beech Lane). Cllr. Edmonds also expressed concern at the 2 green areas that had been ruined. Clerk to contact County Councillor, and Highways to request remedial action to restore the vision splays.

**11.3** Cllr. Griffiths commented regarding the large amount of pot holes in the road infrastructure following the bad weather. This is a problem for the entire County.

**11.4** Cllr's requested that the agenda is rearranged for subsequent meetings to take into account that Cllr. Peirce cannot arrive until 8pm. Agreed.

**(12.)Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. Noted.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

.....CHAIRMAN

.....DATE