

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 2nd January 2008.

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

(1) APOLOGIES

Mrs Diana Hadaway
Mrs. Marilyn Maddock
Mr. Peter Woods
Mr Peter Tyler

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2007.

IT WAS RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS None

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P06/E1361 Hedges, South Stoke Road, Woodcote Erection of new dwelling and garage for Hedges (as amended by tree report received 16 March 2007).

IT WAS RESOLVED No Observations.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Parish Council
Recommendation

P07/E1374/RET Deer House, Beech Lane Refusal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED None

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor John Farrow not present

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR No Report

(9) FINANCE

(i) Payments in January 2008

The following payments were agreed:

2831 Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
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(ii) Receipts in December 2007

27.12.07 Bank Interest - Natwest Treasury A/c		236.96
11.12.07 VAT		2,410.12
01.12.07 COIF Fixed Dividend		199.35
19.12.07 VHMC	July - Sep 2007	2,244.52
Total		£ 5,090.95

(iii) Transfers in December 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants None

(v) Budget and Precept for 2008/09

Following the new costings from Berinsfield the budget for grass and hedge cutting was reduced by £1000. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to apply for a precept for 2008/09 of £54,840.

Following a question from Mrs. Karen Woolley the Clerk advised the meeting that the current value of the shares owned was approximately £22,000. This appeared in the Year End Balance Sheet at the share values quoted at 31st March each year. It was referred to as an Asset Replacement Reserve and he agreed to add this value to the other reserves in all future budget documents.

(vi) Quarterly Review of Expenditure against budget

The Clerk presented his year end (end March 2008) estimate of expenditure against budget. The councillors received a total analysis by cost centre. In summary, the predicted expenditure of £79,413 against a budget of £111,079 appeared to show and underspend but in fact two major items, expenditure on Traffic Calming (£20,000) and Car Park repair (£20,000) would not now occur in the year, so effectively there was a predicted overspend of about £8,000 on other things. Almost all of this overspend was due to a repayment of a grant of £10,770 to the County Council for youth work. As this amount was recorded in the previous year's accounts as a creditor it would be taken out of this year's final accounts.

(10) YOUTH MATTERS Nothing to report.

(11) SALE OF ALLOTMENT LAND AT 16 GAP WAY

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

(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- Mr. Craven-Todd Allotment Land
- ORCC Post Office Network

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

(13) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Caretaker/Cleaner Mr. Ian Giles was not able to work his full hours due to recovery from illness. He proposed to pay his normal monthly salary for January 2008 and report again to the Council in February 2008.

Mr. Ken Ison referred the meeting to the latest submissions to the court concerned with the recent litigation involving the Village Hall management

committee. The Council asked Mr. Ken Ison to convey to the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee the Council's anxiety over the matter and hoped the outcome would be favourable to the Management Committee.

Mr. Ken Ison asked about the local bus services and was advised that only the X40 service now ran through the village.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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