

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 4th July 2007.

PRESENT Chairman Mrs. Fiona Preston
 Vice Chairman Mrs. Karen Woolley
 Mr. Colin Edwards
 Mrs Diana Hadaway
 Mr. John Lynch
 Mrs. Marilyn Maddock
 Mr. Robin Peirce
 Mr. Peter Woods

(1) APOLOGIES

Mr. Ken Ison
Mr Peter Tyler

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 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 reminded councillors that a meeting to discuss bus stops would take place on the A4074 on 12th July 2007. **RP/JL/PW/DH/FP**

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P07/E0741/RET Land Church Farm, Reading Road, Woodcote Change of use from farm track to general car park (retrospective).

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval subject to the following: The Council expressed concern over the term “general car park”. While the Council has been concerned about pressure of parking due to businesses in Church Farm they are also concerned that these businesses have no permission for retail sales. This means that the parking allocated needs to be confined to employed staff and delivery vehicles only. The car parking must only extend to authorised businesses and should be allocated to each company in a similar fashion to Wards Farm industrial area in green more Woodcote.

P07/E0703/T Land adjacent to Rushmoor Lane, Woodcote (in the parish of

Checkendon) The installation of a 20m high monopole mast complete with three antennas associated radio equipment cabinets, means of enclosure and access.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Refusal for the following reasons: The Council expressed concern over the addition of a second mast close to an existing mast in an area of AONB. It is requested that the current used for 2G be replaced with a mast that shares the T - Mobile 3G requirement.

Those in favour: Mrs. Fiona Preston, Mrs. Karen Woolley, Mr. Colin Edwards, Mrs Diana Hadaway, Mrs. Marilyn Maddock, Mr. Robin Peirce, Mr. Peter Woods. Mr. John Lynch abstained.

With regard to the Planning Application P07/E0544, Little Acre, Beech Lane, the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Fettiplace to seek the necessary assurances on Mr. MacAdden's undertakings. **CLERK - done**

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

Parish Council
Recommendation

P07/E0489 50 Whitehouse Road Approval

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED None

The Council expressed great concern over the proposal to erect a security fence around Langtree School and the Primary School. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Education department (copies to the Headteachers and the Chairman of Governors) deploring the lack of consultation on the issue and complaining that the fence would have an adverse effect on the Library and the Community Centre exacerbating the road parking problem and be unacceptable around a village school. **CLERK - done**

A meeting with the head teachers to be called urgently for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss the issues. **FP/CLERK - done**

The Clerk was asked to write to 1 and 2 Gorse Cottages Greenmore to request they cut back their hedge which was blocking the pathway. **CLERK - done**

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY CONCILLOR

Cllr John Farrow not present.

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Robin Peirce reported that an extensive survey regarding recycling and waste collection had revealed a majority in favour of wheeled bins, although this did not reflect his experience in Woodcote.

(9) FINANCE

Payments in July 2007

The following payments were agreed:

2771	Inland Revenue		495.80
2772	Woodcote Village Green	Donation	1,000.00
2773	VHMC	Donation	50.00
2774	Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2775	Canon	Copier Charge	34.78
2776	Berinsfield Comm Bus.	Grass Cutting	1,033.05
		Total	£2,738.63

(ii) Receipts in June 2007

25.06.07	Natwest Treasury A/c	227.10
12.06.07	RBS Dividend	752.98
13.06.07	Allotment (Mr. Topham)	12.00
27.06.07	Witan Trust Dividend	37.38
01.06.07	COIF Fixed Dividend	199.35
29.06.07	Interest Reserve Account	204.40

Total **£1,433.21**

(iii) Transfers in July 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants None

(10) YOUTH MATTERS

Mrs. Karen Woolley reported that the CHILLOUT fund had agreed to donate £5000 towards funding a permanent post for the remainder of this year for a youth worker to be shared with Sonning Common.

(11) PUBLICITY FOR THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that he had received input from Cllrs. Robin Peirce and John Lynch.

(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- OCC Highways Overhanging Vegetation
- Langtree School

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Open Spaces Annual Report 2006
- CPRE Voice Summer 2007

(13) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Karen Woolley reported an emailed request to allow fishing in the Greenmore Ponds. She reported that the pond had insufficient oxygen to support fish and having sought advice from the Environment Agency she would publish a statement to this effect in the Correspondent.

Mrs. Fiona Preston and Mrs. Karen Woolley reported their meeting with the Recreation Ground Committee to agree their constitution. The Clerk was asked to check whether a name change for the committee would be acceptable under Charity Commission rules. **CLERK**

Mrs. Karen Woolley would distribute the constitution to all in preparation for agreement by the Council at the next meeting. **KW**

Mrs. Marilyn Maddock reported a second road accident at the memorial cross roads. The Clerk to seek a meeting with the Highways Department to request Stop Signs be applied to this junction. **CLERK**

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE

