

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall Woodcote 21st July commencing 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. M. Edmonds Mr. Robin Peirce Mr. Kevin Grady Mr. P. Stevenson Mr. A. Allen Mr. D. Griffiths Mr. P. Tyler
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1.To Receive Apologies For Absence

Mr. Colin Edwards, Mrs D. Hadaway. Mr. J. Lynch

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stevenson regarding Planning Amendment for property in Oakdene.

3. Public Forum

6 Members of public present for Planning Matters.

4. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 16nd June 2010

Minutes of 7th July 2010 Approved.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the Agenda Elsewhere

Councillor Grady raised comment that planning application P10/E0805/RET No Strong Views should have had condition stating not to be used as residence. Application comment had already been logged back with SODC.

6. Chairman's Address

Chairman gave report from Mark Bell PCSO who sent his apologies for not being able to attend.

Regarding the recent attack on the owner of the Woodcote Post Office, investigations continue. Also report on the graffiti that has appeared in the village in various locations, other villages have been targeted and it is felt that the culprits are not local to Woodcote. Investigations continue, but the Chair asked all present that if they do hear or see disturbances particularly in the night to report them immediately to the police. Chairman requested an update to be placed in the Woodcote Correspondent.

Chairman asked the Council for agreement to include an Emergency Agenda item to discuss the Pre School Funding agreement and letter of guarantee from Christopher Quinton. Council Agreed.

7. Village Hall Pre School Kitchen re-Vamp Funding Agreement/Letter of Guarantee

Hard Copy of the letter of Guarantee was circulated to Councillors. The letter did not cover circumstances if the writer should become bankrupt or if the guarantee would be covered by his estate should he pass away.

Questions raised whether the letter represented a legal contract, which was originally requested.

It was **RESOLVED NOT TO APPROVE** this letter.

Clerk to contact Pre School Chairman Louise Gordon and Christopher Quinton with decision. OCC to be contacted requesting what they would consider legal in regard to the Guarantee.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications

P10/E0929/RET Change of use of part airfield, part agricultural land, for extended grass main and crosswind runways, taxiways and apron landings, take offs, manoeuvring and parking of aircraft-Retrospective. Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Icknield Farm Ipsden.

Mr. Eric Grimes, member of public gave his view that the airfield was beneficial to the environment and wildlife, no chemicals or sprays are used and many species of wildlife thrive there. Lapwings have bred there in the past 2 years for the first time in the area in 10 years. Mr. Grimes requested that the Council vote in favour of approval.

Mr. & Mrs. Pearson owners of the Airfield were also present and confirmed that only members of the club can fly from there and that aerobatic flying is not carried out from the airfield, however Mr. Pearson could not guarantee that aerobatic flying could be totally stopped.

Resolved Approval.

(Mr & Mrs Pearson and Mr. Grimes left the meeting)

P10/E0957 Single storey rear extension. 40a Bridle Path Woodcote.

Resolved No Strong Views.

P10/E0660 Front & Side single/double storey Extension & car port. 10 Oakdene, Woodcote AMENDMENT No. 1. Dated 6/7/2010.

Letter of objection from Mr & Mrs. Slaney who were present, was read to Council, also letter of objection from Mr & Mrs Payne.

Councillors felt that the Amendment was still overdevelopment of site, extended roof ridge line on amendment was overbearing compared to dropped ridge roofline originally, garage was out of character with neighbouring properties.

Resolve Refuse stating these points.

(Mr & Mrs Slaney and other member of public left the meeting)

8.2 Applications Granted

P10/E0704/RET Change of use of unit 3 to motor repairs (Class 2B) Retrospective. Church Farm, Reading Rd. Woodcote. GRANTED.

P10/E0468 PV Panels on south facing roof between gables. Southridge Long Toll Woodcote. GRANTED

P10/E0803/EX Construction of double garage (Extension of time to P05/E0490/R) Fox Covert House, Goring Road, Goring Heath. GRANTED.

8.3 Applications Refused

None.

9. Finance

Cheques for Approval

Cheques for Payment PC Meeting 21st JULY 2010

		Amount		
Cheque	Payee	£)	Date	Reason
3172	Village Green C	1,900.00	21.7	Grant
3173	Volunteers	150.00	21.7	Grant
3174	J. Welham	633.33	21.7	July Salary/expenses
3175	Berinsfield	976.26	21.7	Grass cutting

APPROVED

RECEIPTS

NS&I	Interest	1.80	12.7	Bank interest
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NOTED

9.1 Quotations/Grants Received for Approval

Quotation from P. Jenks for further tree surgery to rear of Folly Green for 2 trees to remove to ground level and 1 tree to be reduce back by 30%. Total quotation value £265 + Vat (which is claimed back).

Resolved Approve.

It was discussed that a Parish Plan of the trees the PC are responsible for should be drawn up and held for future planning of tree surgery work in the village. Councillor Tyler agreed to take this action with the Clerk to present at a future meeting for approval.

10 Bonfires

Councillor Griffiths requested that comment be placed in the Correspondent and on the website encouraging people to consider their neighbours when they light bonfires. Action Clerk.

11. Litter Picker Vacancy

Previous interested applicant has withdrawn. Advert will be in the next Correspondent due out end of next week so it is hoped further applicants will come forward. Currently 2 applicants are interested, one is a student availability for 6months to 1 year. Hope to interview and make decision early August.

Clerk requested council approve the self employed rate of pay for the job. A figure of £150.00 per month for the job was discussed.

Resolved Approve.

12. Village Hall Management Report

Minutes from meeting held on 12th July circulated and noted.

Councillor Griffiths who is the PC representative at the VHMC meetings expressed some concerns in regard to how certain aspects of the Village Hall Management Committee conduct business. Copy of the Charity Commission Constitution Document to be passed to Councillor Griffiths and copy of his duties and responsibilities at the VHMC meetings. Action Clerk/Chairman.

13. Village Green Report

Councillor Tyler reported that he had spoken to Berinsfield regarding areas of grass cutting that had been missed this is now rectified.

14. Other Matters to be raised with Chairman

Councillor Grady asked re progress on spraying of Granite Setts weeds appear to be dying, spraying has been carried out. Clerk has requested update from Berinsfield.

Councillor Pierce reported that residents are still complaining about Thames Travel Buses, drivers being rude and not always responding to being hailed. Clerk to write to Thames Travel.

Ridge Tile is missing from Bus Shelter again. Clerk to get contractors to quote for repair.

Mural in bus shelter has been removed but will be reinstated and covered with Perspex to prevent damage from graffiti.

Councillors requested update on use of Community Centre for council meetings. Clerk to chase response.

15. Correspondence

Chairman read letter from Mark Bell PCSO regarding the set up of the Youth Drop in Centre, Mark is requesting some funding from the Parish Council, and volunteers to assist on Fridays. To be discussed as Agenda item at next PC Meeting. Chair declared meeting closed at 9.55pm

16. To Note date of Next meeting

Wednesday 4th August 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room.

Signed _____ Date/Chairman

