

# *WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL*

**MINUTES** of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**PRESENT** Chairman Mrs. Fiona Preston  
Vice Chairman Mrs. Karen Woolley  
Mr. Colin Edwards  
Mrs Diana Hadaway  
Mr. Ken Ison  
Mrs. Marilyn Maddock (from 8.30 pm)  
Mr Peter Tyler  
Mr. Peter Woods

**(1) APOLOGIES**

Mr. John Lynch  
Mr. Robin Peirce

**(2) TO AUTHORISE** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

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

**(3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Mr. Steve Leech, Director of Development at SOHA gave a presentation of their proposal to build social housing on the site of the garages behind The Close adjacent to the Recreation Ground. SOHA expect to put in a formal planning application within 9 months. One of the options proposed indicated houses being built on the recreation ground and the Council pointed out that as a designated village green only the Secretary of State could grant permissions for development. The Council would consider these proposals at the next meeting.

**(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Referring to the Parish Plan, Mrs. Fiona Preston suggested that a councillor be represented on all the subgroup meetings that would be set up to expedite its recommendations.

The Council thanked Mrs. Rose Metcalf for taking the minutes at the last meeting and agreed to pay her £60.00.

**(5) COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Council agreed the councillors areas of interest as appended to these minutes.

**(6) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**P08/E0554** Former Queens Bus Depot Long Toll Woodcote Erection of 2 x 4 bed dwellings & 2 x 2 bed dwellings and new garage for Greenmore.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Refusal for the following reasons:  
Support for Local Plan. Loss of employment site.

The Clerk was asked to seek local employment statistics from the planning dept.  
**CLERK**

**P08/E0556** 8 Croft Way Woodcote Single Storey rear conservatory.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend Approval.

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

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**

Parish Council  
Recommendation

**P08/E0278** Hidden Glade

Refusal

**P08/E0304** 6 Wood Green

Approval

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED**

None

**(8) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Councillor John Farrow not present.

**(9) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** Councillor Robin Peirce not present.

**(10) FINANCE**

**(i) Payments in June 2008**

The following payments were agreed:

2883	Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2874	Chilton Waste	Skip	

164.50

**Total**

**£289.50**

**(ii) Receipts in May 2008**

28.05.08	Natwest Treasury A/c		213.73
26.05.08	VAT		975.12
27.05.08	RBS	Dividend	785.86
01.05.08	Com. Centre	Cleaning	326.04

**Total** 2,300.75

**(iii) Transfers in May 2007** None

**(iv) Request for Grants** None

**(11) YOUTH MATTERS**

Mrs. Woolley reported on the damage to the village hall roof by two youths who had been caught. The local PCSO's had reported to the Crime Reduction Working Group that they had agreed to clean off graffiti on the village walls and pay for the repair of a damaged light by way of compensation.

**(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

**A.**

- The Chilterns AONB Parishes Fund
- Benhams Solicitors Village Greens
- Mr. Buckland Seat on Folly Field

It was agreed to pass the relevant correspondence to the Zurich Insurance to deal with the claim. **CLERK**

- OCC Planning Application Consultation
- OCC Easement Agreement

Add to next meeting agenda.

- Mr. Melvyn Jones Grass Cutting
- Higleys Quotations for Bus Stop and Allotment Fence

The Council accepted the quotations for the repair of the bus stop roof and the replacement of the stile with a fence at the allotment site. Clerk to place orders for this work. **CLERK - done**

- ORCC Affordable Housing

**B. For Information, Not Requiring Action**

- Chiltern News June 2008
- OCC Minerals & Waste Newsletter May 2008

**(14) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN**

Councillors expressed their concern about the standard of grass cutting around the village. The Clerk to advise Berinsfield that all these failings must be remedied at the next cut. **CLERK - done**

Clerk to write to Mr. Melvyn Jones advising him of this action and thanking him for his litter picking activities. **CLERK - done**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE

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## *Representative for Committees and for Areas of Interest*

2008/09

Administration Working Group	Mrs Preston, Mr. Peirce, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Lynch
Allotments	Mrs. Preston, Mr. Peirce
Community Centre	Mrs. Hadaway, Mrs. Maddock
Crime Reduction Working Group	Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Edwards
Correspondent	t.b.a
Financial Audit	Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Woolley
Footpaths/Grass and Hedge Cutting/Trees	Mr. Tyler, Mr. Ison
Griffiths Higgs Charity	Mrs. Solomons (tel: 680746)
Langtree School Governor	Mr. Peirce
Lighting	Mr. Woods
Litter	All
New Age Travellers	All - contact Mr.M. Hatt (tel: 680280)
Parish Plan	All
Planning	All
Primary School Governor	Mrs. Hadaway
Public Transport Group	Mr. Pierce
Recreation Ground Committee	Mr. Tyler, Mr. Ison
Social Housing	Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Woolley
Third Bridge	Mr. Peirce
Toll Bridge	Mr. Woods, Mr. Peirce
Traffic Calming	Mr. Tyler, Mr. Peirce, Mr. Edwards
Village Directory	All
Village Hall	Mrs. Maddock, Mr. Ison
Village Website	Clerk
Woodcote Conservation Group	Mrs. Woolley
Youth Development Group	Mrs. Maddock, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Peirce