

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote 17th June 2009.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. Fiona Preston
Vice Chairman	Karen Woolley
	Mr Colin Edwards
	Mr Den Griffiths
	Mrs. Diana Hadaway (from 9:15 pm)
	Mr. John Lynch
	Mrs Marilyn Maddock
	Mr. Robin Peirce (from 8:15 pm)
	Mr. Peter Tyler
County Councillor	Mr. David Sexon

(1) **APOLOGIES** None

(2) **TO AUTHORISE** the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd June 2009

IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) **REVIEW OF ACTIONS** see Appendix.

(4) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Sandford representing the Woodcote Conservation Group raised the matter of the rerouting of Footpath WD 28 in Dean Wood without any consultation. Their report was presented to the meeting by Mrs. Karen Woolley. Mr. John Granger advised the meeting that the rerouted path had been pegged out at least a week earlier. The meeting accepted the report and the Clerk was asked to send it to the footpath department copies to the Chiltern Society, the local Ramblers Association, SODC's Dominic Lamb, CPRE and the Open Spaces Society. **CLERK -done**

Mrs. Fiona Preston and the Clerk volunteered to take Mr. David Sexon to the rerouted path the following morning. **FP/CLERK - done**

The Clerk was also asked to acquire the necessary pack from the footpath department to apply for another well established footpath to be officially registered. **CLERK**

(5) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS .

Mrs. Fiona Preston reported the meeting with Mrs. Karen Woolley and the Clerk concerning new administration procedures recommended by the Administration Working Group. She would call another meeting of the group in the near future to endorse a paper prepared by Mr. Karen Woolley. **FP**

Mr. Peter Tyler agreed to design a Logo for the Council which would head up the Council's regular report in the Correspondent. **PT - done**

(6) COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of responsibility of the councillors were agreed and are appended to these minutes.

(7) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P09//E0476 65 Wayside Green Woodcote Two-bedroom house and highway access.

IT WAS RESOLVED to Recommend Refusal for the following reasons:

The south side of this site has been identified by the County Tree Officer as providing an important visual amenity for the local area and with conservation value.

The density of the tree canopy would inevitably increase as trees mature. This would lead to any house on this site becoming almost totally shaded by the canopy, which would in turn put pressure on the TPO'd trees for their ultimate removal.

This plan would require the removal of 3 or 4 TPO'd trees.

Concern expressed about access to the development near to the dangerous corner of Wayside Green. Cars frequently parked along the roadside reduce visibility on this busy stretch adjacent to the entrance to the cul-de-sac.

Any property built on this site would be in deep shade for most of the day.

No. 65 would completely dominate the site and be visually overbearing and vice versa. A development on this site would significantly affect the visual amenity of 65.

Height of the property is nearly 1 mtr. higher than neighbouring properties.

No garage shown on site plan.

P09/E0454 Blenheim House Pot Kiln Lane Goring Heath Two Storey extension and alterations.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend No Strong Views.

The Clerk advised the meeting that Goring Heath Parish Council were objecting to the planning application P06/E0161, Whittles Farm. The Council agreed also to object to this plan on the grounds that it will lead to an increase in offensive overflying of microlights and other aircraft over the village.

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

		Parish Council Recommendation
P09/E0072	Woodpeckers Reading Road	Refusal
P09/E1323	Land Adj 4 Goring Road	Refusal
P09/E0198	Beech Hurst Beech Lane	Refusal

Further to the proposed development of Mowforth House, Mrs. Woolley asked Mr. Robin Peirce to press the planning department for their support prior to the public meeting that is set for 16th July 2009.

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(9) FINANCE

(i) Payments in June 2009

The following payments were agreed:

3039	Downend and Benning	Village sign	70.91
3040	Berinsfield	Grass Cutting	861.41
3041	Village Green Committee	Grant	1,900.00
3042	HM Revenue		280.17
DD	BT Direct Debit	Telephone Charge	22.00
DD	Thames Water		11.00
DD	AOL		17.99
SO	Mr. Jordan	June '09 Pay	740.30
SO	Mr. Fordham	June '09 Pay	633.40
SO	Mr. Giles	June '09 Pay	173.56
Total			£4,710.74

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept Berinsfield's quote of £325.00 to spray the weeds around the granite setts in the village. The Clerk would produce a schedule of streets for Berinsfield to process.

CLERK

(10) PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

Mr. John Lynch announced that he had still not received any progress reports from the councillors. Mrs. Preston agreed to contact all councillors and press for resolution of these actions.

FP - done

(11) COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Postponed to next meeting. Clerk to put notice of the vacancy on the website.

CLERK - done

(12) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Village Hall Management Committee

(ii) Village Green Committee

Mr. Peter Tyler reported that the Village Green Committee was very pleased with the work that Berinsfield were doing in cutting the grass on the recreation ground.

(14) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A.

- Jonathan Ede Ltd
- SOHA Mowforth House
- Thank you from Community Centre
- NHS Trust Pharmaceutical Services

The Council asked the Clerk to write to Dr. Stephen Richards at the Goring and Woodcote Medical Practice advising him that it would support their attempts to resist the creation of an additional pharmaceutical business in Woodcote.

CLERK - done

- SODC Tree Preservation Order
- SODC Site Allocation of land @ the Folly
- Road Closure - Pot Kiln Lane Put on Website **CLERK - done**
- Allum Signs Quotation Put on next agenda. **CLERK - done**

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Health News
- Open Spaces Summer 2009
- Copy of letter to Chilterns Conservation – re stiles
- Govt Office – Review of Travellers

(15) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Following a question raised by Mr. Peter Tyler the Clerk was asked to put the removal of the clothes bank on next meeting agenda. **CLERK - done**

The meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE
OUTSTANDING ACTION LIST – 17th June 2009

Chairmans Address - Page 2

Also the Clerk was asked to approach a gardening company to obtain a quotation for the spraying of granite setts. **CLERK**

Request for a list of licensed companies made to Highways Dept. Awaiting reply.
Further chasing phone call on 11th Dec. Chasing email sent 23rd February 2009.
Unhelpful reply. Quotation now received from Berinsfield.

Other Planning Matter – Page 122

Following a request from Mr. Peter Tyler it was agreed that £62.00 + VAT would be spent on replacing the Woodcote Best Village sign that had been removed. **PT**
Completed

Parish Plan Steering Group – Page 127

No progress reported. Mr. John Lynch offered to contact councillors and update the report sheets. **JL**
Completed

Emergency Questions – Page 128

The Clerk agreed to get a quotation for posting signs on the front of the Village Hall to stop cars parking and obstructing the footpath. **CLERK**
Request for Quotation sent. Quotation received

The Clerk agreed to chase up the Highways Authority to refurbish the footpath along the Reading Road. **CLERK**
Chasing letter sent. Telephone message from Bob Burgess OCC to look at strip in front of village hall only but no promises.

Following a very low attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting the Council considered ways of promoting the meeting next year. It was reported that Mr. Peter Tyler had a contact that could supply banners that could be used to advertise the meeting. **PT**

Following the retirement of Councillor Peter Woods it was suggested that Mrs. Mary Hulbert be invited to do a profile for the Correspondent. **CLERK**
Completed

Mr. Robin Peirce requested that the land behind The Folly, including Mowforth House, should be submitted as land allocated for future development. Clerk to investigate how this should be done and to inform the landowners, SOHA and Jonathan Ede accordingly. **CLERK**

Completed. Land now registered.

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Representative for Committees and for Areas of Interest 2009/10

Administration Working Group	Mrs. Preston, Mr. Peirce, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Lynch
Allotments	Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Peirce
Community Centre	Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Maddock
Correspondent	Mrs. Hadaway
Financial Audit	Mr. Lynch, Mr. Peirce
Footpaths/Grass and Hedge Cutting/Trees	Mr. Tyler, Mr. Griffiths
Griffiths Higgs Charity	Mrs. Solomons (tel: 680746)
Langtree School Governor	Mr. Peirce
Lighting	All
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
Social Housing	Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Woolley
Third Bridge	Mr. Peirce
Toll Bridge	Mr. Peirce, Mr. Lynch
Traffic Calming	Mr. Tyler, Mr. Peirce, Mr. Edwards
Village Directory	All
Village Hall	Mrs. Maddock, Mr. Griffiths
Village Website	Clerk
Woodcote Conservation Group	Mrs. Woolley
Youth Matters	Mrs. Maddock, Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Peirce