

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Community Centre Woodcote 16th June commencing 7.30pm

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. M. Edmonds
Vice chairman	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. Robin Peirce
	Mr. Colin Edwards
	Mr. Kevin Grady
	Mr. J. Lynch
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To Receive Apologies For Absence

Mr. D. Griffiths, Mr. P. Tyler

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

7 Members of public present for Planning Matters.

Two applicants for current councillor vacancies present as invited guests.

4. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd June 2010

Minutes of 2nd June 2010 Approved.

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

None.

6. Chairman's Address

Chairman asked if any councillors could attend the Planning Meeting at SODC on 23rd June to comment on the development P09/E0934 33 Whitehouse Road Woodcote, as we had refused this application. Chair agreed to attend to speak. 2 other Councillors agreed to attend to support.

Requested councillors advise clerk of their holidays, this is to avoid planning consultations being allocated to councillors who are on holiday, as has recently occurred.

Chairman requested that council think about the current reserve funds and asked for ideas, proposals for projects in the village that would benefit the community, these to be discussed as an agenda item at future meetings. Advise Clerk.

Councillor Edwards gave an update on behalf of PCSO Mark Bell who apologised but could not attend. The OCC Safety Team had visited Reading Rd, Woodcote and they recommended;

All 3 schools need to form a group and work together to improve safety. The schools have agreed to this and are proposing a bus be used to drop children off at school to reduce traffic.

The Highway is marked with a keep clear sign at the entrance to the VH Car Park. Proposed that this Keep Clear area be extended up to and incorporating the area opposite the exit to Church Farm, to avoid traffic causing blockages when exiting Church Farm when vehicles are parked opposite. Council had no objections.

Proposed that parking lines be marked in the VH Car Park. This has been proposed before, question of insurance liability. Clerk to check.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

P10/E0704/RET Change of use to unit 3 to motor repairs (Class B2) Retrospective. Church Farm Village Workshops, Reading Rd Woodcote. Recommend Approval.

P10/E0660 Front & Side single/double storey Extension & car port. 10 Oakdene, Woodcote.

This would be over development of the site and the overall design is not in keeping with the style of the house or the neighbouring properties. Car port would not be neighbourly as is very close to boundary. Several letters from neighbours voicing their objections were read to the meeting. Members of the public, who were neighbours attended the meeting to voice objections. Recommend Refusal.

P10/E0768 Erection of one detached house and access Land at West Chiltern, Woodcote.

Noted that on the plan the red area marked shows no access using land in the Developers ownership. Developer proposes access via West Chiltern. Developer does not own the land up to the boundary of the highway, no proof of ownership provided therefore the development proposal cannot be approved. Access point is close to sharp bend in West Chiltern which is a busy road, traffic accidents have already occurred on this part of West Chiltern and also has current parking space problems. Infill of garden at rear of No 4 Goring Rd, developer has already built a detached house on this plot and reduced the garden size. With new Government policy change on garden land question if this development is viable. Neighbour advised Developer has already approached owner of No 3 Goring Road to purchase part of the garden. Plans state the development is NOT in an area of ONB, Woodcote village is clearly designated to be in an area of ONB. Members of the public who are neighbours attended the meeting to voice their very vocal and strong objections, also letters of objection from neighbours were read to the meeting. Recommend Refusal.

P10/E0803/EX Construction of double garage. (Ext of time to P05/E490/R) Fox Covert House, Goring Rd, Goring Heath.

This is an extension to timing as previous planning which was approved had expired. Recommend Approval.

P10/E0721 Alterations to shop front with automatic sliding door and new closed in staircase to first floor, plus covered are to side with new entrance gates. Co-op Supermarket, 2 Bridle Path Woodcote.

The revised plans show no significant change from the previous application. The staircase has been moved further back on the rear of the property, but would still intrude on the neighbouring property with noise and disturbance. The staircase could be re-sited to the front of the building. Recommend Refusal.

8.2 Applications Granted

None

8.3 Applications Refused

P10/E0346 Conversion of Old Pump House into a two storey three bedroom dwelling and erection of a detached double garage. Old Water Reservoir, Greenmore Hill, Greenmore, Woodcote. **Refused.**

P10/E0551/A Display of 2 externally illuminated fascia signs & 2 x non illuminated wall mounted signs. Co-op Store 2 Bridle Path Woodcote. **Withdrawn**

8. Finance

To Approve payments

Cheque	Payee	Amount £)	Date	Reason
3161	Chiltern Society	25.00	16.6	Annual memberships
3162	RJS (IA) Ltd	688.84	16.6	Internal Audit
3163	HMRC Qtr 1	1,077.32	16.6	Tax/Ni Contributions
3164	J. Welham	694.53	16.6	June Salary

APPROVED

To Note Receipts

None

8.1 Quotations received for approval

Quotations from

Berinsfield for the weed spraying of Granite Sets £325.00 Approved.

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents playground inspection £63 Approved.

Community Centre request for building maintenance Grant. Funds allocated in budget £500 Approved.

Councillors requested that meetings be held in the Community Centre in future, suggested that we negotiate the facilities FOC in return for the grant. Clerk to action.

9. Village Hall Minutes

Minutes for 24th May 2010 noted. Most items in these minutes had already been discussed.

Minutes from meeting held on 14th June 2010, not yet available. Councillor Lynch advised that his wife Vanessa Lynch had been appointed the new Village Hall Manager.

10. Village Green Update

Councillor Tyler absent so no update available.

11. Litter Clearance

Letter from K. Smallbone resigning was read to the meeting. Councillors agreed Keith had always done a very good job, and agreed that as he had requested to continue looking after the area around the war memorial that we continue with this arrangement. Councillor Grady felt that splitting the duties could create difficulties, was overruled. Clerk to Action.

Advertisement in the Correspondent to be published for a replacement.

12. Other Matters to be raised with Chairman

Councillor Grady requested if any report had been received from PCSO Mark Bell regarding the village security survey. This had been expected by the end of May. Clerk to chase.

Chair welcomed the two applicants to the meeting and asked them if they wished to proceed to join the Parish Council as councillors. All agreed and approved. Clerk requested they forward address details. Agenda item for meeting on 7th July to declare them members and sign paperwork.

13. Correspondence

Letter from Thames Valley Primary Care Agency showing application for preliminary consent to provide NHS Pharmaceutical services from premises in the vicinity of the Health Centre Wayside Green, Woodcote. This applicant has been presented before, Woodcote has been deemed as rural village so therefore the Health Centre can dispense their own prescriptions. Council objects to this application. Clerk to follow up.

Letter from disabled lady in the village having difficulties with access on her mobility scooter. Clerk to reply to and to pass letter to County Councillor to ask if Highways can investigate and change kerb levels.

Chair declared meeting closed at 9.20pm

14. To Note date of Next meeting

Wednesday 7th July 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room.

Signed _____ Date/Chairman