

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall Woodcote 2nd March 2011, commencing 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mrs. M. Edmonds
Vice Chairman	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. K. Grady
	Mr. R. Peirce
	Mr. P. Stevenson
	Mr. J. Lynch
	Mr. C. Edwards
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1.To Receive Apologies For Absence

Mr. P. Tyler, Mrs. S. Harrison

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

Mr. G. Botting and Mr. J Green spoke about the developer who had presented to the Parish Council a proposal for a housing development in the field that is between Behoes Lane and South Stoke Road. Mr. Botting advised Council that a meeting had been held with up to 50 people who will oppose any such development. Also there has been an action group formed with the purpose of preparing information and facts should a planning application be lodged. Mr. Green gave some background regarding development in Woodcote and referred to the Parish Plan that clearly marked potential development areas, this field not being one of them. Mr. Green referred to an older previous planning application that was refused, went to appeal and was subsequently dismissed.

Mr. D. Booth was present to observe as he is considering applying to become a Parish Councillor.

4. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 16th February 2011

Approved.

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

The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Councillor Allen who had recently resigned, and had thanked him for his contribution to the Parish Council during his time as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Stevenson asked if the paving slabs in the path behind the village hall had been repaired, the Clerk advised that the order had been placed to carry out the works.

The Clerk asked if the Youth Club Committee were fully aware of all the progress and good work that had been achieved over the last few months for the Youth Club. Fiona Preston a member of the Youth Club Committee had been on Radio Oxford and also on Television and the message was rather negative and seemed to contradict what had recently been put in place, and that the communication seemed disjointed.

Councillor Grady advised that the Youth Club Committee were up to date with all the progress, he agreed to follow up with them regarding this and report back to Council.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that she had seen PCSO Mark Bell and he had confirmed receipt of the letter sent regarding Traffic issues in the Village and the letter had been passed up to the next level. The Chairman also asked him about results of the survey taken in the Village many months back and Mark advised that the results are posted on "the website". It was not clear which website, however PCSO Mark Bell and Michael Rawnsley his colleague are attending the next meeting so will give a full update then.

The Chairman advised Council the steps and actions taken regarding the Council Elections, this was to clarify the process, and suggested that Councillors talk amongst themselves regarding who might like to take the Chairmanship once the result of the election was known.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

P11/E0227/LD (Lawful Development Certificate) Recreational flying of private aircraft and pilot training Chiltern Park Aerodrome Icknield Rd Ipsden.

P11/E0228/LD (Lawful Development Certificate) Hanger and workshop for recreational aircraft and pilot training. Chiltern Park Aerodrome Icknield Rd. Ipsden

Councillor Peirce advised that these were not actual planning applications but requests for Lawful Development Certificates. To obtain the certificates for the use proposed there has to be proof that the activity has been carried out for a period of 10 years or more. SODC are refuting this period of time. Some of the land is in the Parish of South Stoke, but the runways are in Woodcote Parish. Some history of the timescales to be checked, Clerk to look at past planning, also Councillor Peirce will contact local residents who have objections before we reply.

7.2 Applications Granted by SODC:

None

7.3 Applications Refused BY SODC:

App /Q3115/A/10/2139935 Old Water Reservoir Site, Greenmore Hill, Greenmore, Woodcote RG8 0RG.
The Appeal was dismissed.

7.4 Other Planning Matters.

Thames Valley Primary Care Trust application by Red Kite Shop Ltd for preliminary consent to provide NHS Pharmaceutical services from premises at Wayside Green, Woodcote, RG8 0PR.
PCT deemed it was neither necessary or expedient to grant this application.

8. Finance To approve payments. To note receipts

Cheques for Payment

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£)</u>	<u>Date</u>
3242	Cancelled	incorrectly written War Memorial	£0.00	2.3.11
3243	Keith Smallbone	maintenance	£25.00	
3244	Kevin Knight	Feb litter picking	£150.00	

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To Note Receipts

None.

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for approval

None

9. Review of Reserve Funds Review savings accounts and allocation items of Reserve fund amounts for FY2011/12.

The Clerk circulated the email from Lloyds TSB showing the deposit account options and the interest rates offered which are significantly higher than what is currently being attracted from NSI accounts where the Reserve funds currently are held. The Reserve fund figures were discussed and the amounts that could be placed on deposit. The Clerk to check what the penalties are if a withdrawal is required and providing it is subject to no more than 90 days the figure discussed was £80,000 into the Lloyds TSB 3year deposit account. Council **agreed** this amount with the balance to be placed into the existing Lloyds TSB deposit account. Lloyds TSB had also offered a no charge current account with them if we open a savings account, Council agreed this was a compelling reason to change as our current Bank National Westminster have started to make charges and have still not responded to the Clerk with an explanation. Clerk to email and report back.

10. Proposals to Introduce Community Right to Buy – review and discuss Council feedback.

The proposal document was very lengthy in total 68 pages. The response form was 15 pages long, it was discussed that it would be difficult to review this document as a full Council and give a meaningful response, therefore Council **agreed** not to respond.

11 District Councillor’s Report

Councillor Peirce reported that a Budget meeting had taken place and many areas had been scrutinized with a long list of activities that could be reduced, which did add up to significant savings. Also further savings will be made by further continuing to work more closely with The Vale of White Horse Council. There will be a small reduction in staff, vacancies that will not be filled. No major services are going to disappear this coming Financial Year, however there are still significant savings projected over the next 2/3 years that need to be found. The biggest impacts are at the County Council level.

Councillor Peirce also reported that the contractor who maintains local roundabouts had been reappointed as the planning process to agree advertising on the roundabouts had been passed, the advertising revenue covers the

cost of the maintenance.

12. Annual Meeting Dates Propose & Confirm Dates for The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman detailed the dates for the Council meetings in May. May 4th is normal Parish Council meeting, May 5th is election day. The first and Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be May 18th 2011. All agreed. Annual Parish meeting has to take place between March and June, it was agreed to hold the meeting on Tuesday 19th April if the hall was not booked already otherwise Tuesday 12th May. Clerk to confirm and then the meeting date and details to be published in the April Correspondent.

13. Other Matters for Chairman

Councillor Peirce reported that the bus shelter had been significantly vandalised again. The roof tiles to the back have been smashed and many are missing, and there is a pile of tiles on the ground behind the shelter. Some tiles to the front are also missing. Councillor Stevenson suggested if the tiles could be replaced with a sheet material to avoid the tiles being removed or damaged. Clerk to obtain quotes for the repair and potential replacement of the tiles with a form of sheet tiling.

14. Correspondence

1. Letter from Sue Sandford – Re environmental audit and posting in village of completed map. Council agreed, Clerk to write to Conservation Group.

2. Letter from OCC – Re revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy for Oxfordshire looking for views comments from Councils and residents. Clerk to circulate the email so Councillors can reply, also to post the details in the village, on the website and in the Correspondent so the residents can also reply.

15. To note date of the next meeting: Wednesday 16th March 2011.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Signed: _____ Chairman/Date _____