

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 7th May 2008.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chairman	Mrs. Fiona Preston
	Vice Chairman	Mrs. Karen Woolley
		Mr. Colin Edwards
		Mrs Diana Hadaway
		Mr. Ken Ison
		Mr. John Lynch
		Mrs. Marilyn Maddock
		Mr. Robin Peirce (from 7.45 pm)
		Mr Peter Tyler (from 8.00 pm)

(1) APOLOGIES

Mr. Peter Woods

(2) TO AUTHORISE the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2008.

IT WAS RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted and signed.

The Clerk confirmed that the additional access created at Hedges in South Stoke Road was not shown on any permitted plans. He agreed to inform the Planning Authorities. **CLERK - done**

(3) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ADDRESS THE MEETING

Mrs. Pat Booker advised the meeting that youths were causing a noise nuisance on the Village Hall Car Park by driving remote controlled cars. The Council accepted that the fuel used for these cars would be dangerous and agreed to inform the local police office that such recreation should not be permitted.

CLERK

Mrs. Cynthia Knapper made a presentation on behalf of the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Group. She praised the Council for having implemented already a number of their recommendations. She advised the meeting to take advantage of the new NERC legislation which required builders and developers to provide a conservation statement in their plans.

(4) CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mrs. Fiona Preston thanked Mrs. Karen Woolley for taking the chair at the previous meeting. She advised the meeting that the Administration Group meeting was set for 8th May 2008.

(5) PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

P08/E0410 5 Oakdene Woodcote Single Storey extension to rear of property.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

It was also agreed, to save the SODC Planning Meeting's time, to recommend that the Council had No Strong Views on Plan **P08/E0278**, Hidden Glade, Whitehouse Road. Clerk to advise the Planning Department.

CLERK - done

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

None

Parish Council
Recommendation
Refusal

P08/E0273 42 West Chiltern

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

None

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor John Farrow reported that the X39 bus service was not subsidised by the County and therefore it had no influence over the route chosen by Thames Travel.

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Robin Peirce expressed disappointment that Grundons waste collection service had been reduced from a weekly visit on a Wednesday to four weekly visit on a Friday. It appeared that this decision was taken without consultation with the Parish Council nor indeed with the 48 elected District Councillors. Clerk to write a letter of complaint. **CLERK - done**

Cllr. Robin Peirce reported that he had delivered the Parih Plan

(9) FINANCE

(i) Payments in May 2008

The following payments were agreed:

2870	Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2871	SG Creative Solutions	Web Site	207.00
2872	ORCC	Subscription 2008/09	20.00
2873	OALC	Subscription 2008/09	429.94
2874	Chitern Waste	Skip	164.50
2875	Associated Asphalt	Car Park Resurfacing	14,211.63
Total			£15,158.07

(ii) Receipts in April 2008

28.04.08	Interest - Natwest Treasury A/c	233.53
07.04.08	Precept	27,420.00
04.04.08	COIF Deposit	69.69

Total **£27,723.22**

(iii) Transfers in March 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants None

(v) To accept the Interim Final Accounts for 2007/08.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the Interim Accounts for publication at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr. John Lynch reported that the budget of £3,000 set down for Youth Support in 2008/09 was not consistent with the amount of money spent in last year. Mrs. Karen Woolley advised the meeting that the budget should have included an additional £3,230 which was available from last year from the County's CHILL Fund. She requested that the fund be ringfenced in future to help keep track of the complicated funding arrangement with the County Council and Sonning Common Parish Council who with Woodcote were jointly funding future Youth Support.

IT WAS RESOLVED to set aside £6,230 in the reserves for Youth Support.

Mr. John Lynch was also concerned that small tranches of expenditure, for example, the printing and distribution of the Village Directory, were being agreed by the Council without a budget provision. The Council advised the Clerk to set such expenditure against the Budget contingency of £3,000.

Mr. Lynch also reported that the Parish Office would not pass the Health and

Safety legislation for many reasons including insufficient and proper shelving, cabling, paper stored adjacent to a heater. The Council referred the issue to the upcoming administration meeting for recommendations.

ADMIN MEETING

(10) YOUTH MATTERS

Mrs. Woolley reported that a new Youth Centre Management Committee was being formed to replace the Youth Development Committee.

(11) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

The Council accepted changes to the agenda proposed by Mrs. Fiona Preston and Mrs. Karen Woolley and added agenda items - Practice Patients Group and Village Green Committee. Clerk to ensure all speakers were invited.

CLERK - done

(12) CARETAKING/CLEANING AGREEMENT

Mrs. Woolley presented the proposed contract for the Cleaning/Caretaking service provided by the Council to the Village Hall. It was agreed by the Council. Clerk to send to the VHMC for comments.

CLERK - done

(13) NATS PROPOSALS

Mr. John Lynch brought to the attention of the Council the proposed changes to aircraft movement which would affect the village.

(14) PAINTING OF TRAFFIC CALMING GATES

Mr. Adie Fordham, the Facilities Manager agreed to clean and paint the traffic calming gates.

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(15) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

- SOHA Community Development Fund
- SODC Planning Applications
- Hazel & Jefferies – Car Park resurfacing
- Thank you from Woodcote Conservation Group
- OCC Consultation on Bus Strategy
- RBS Rights Issue
- Blandy and Blandy - Sale of Allotment Land
- Land Registry

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- Chilterns – Chalk and Trees
- NALC Conference
- Open Spaces Society
- OPFA – The Playing Field
- Oxfordshire NHS Trust Meeting 13th May 2008
- Standards Committee Agenda 29th April 2008

(14) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ken Ison reported that he had submitted the forms to enter the Best Kept Village competition.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

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