

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, 7th November 2007.

<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 8.25 pm)
		Mr Peter Tyler
		Mr. Peter Woods
	County Councillor	Mr. John Farrow (to 8.30 pm)

(1) **APOLOGIES** None

(2) **TO AUTHORISE** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2007.

IT WAS RESOLVED that these minutes be accepted and signed.

(3) **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING** to allow members of the public to address the Chairman.

Mr. Allan of 154 Wayside Green requested a rerouting of the footpath between Folly Green and Wayside Green following a second robbery at his home. He offered to pay for any new fencing work involved. Clerk to put on next agenda.

CLERK - done

(4) **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS**

Mrs. Fiona Preston advised the meeting that Mark Bell, our local PCSO, would be returning to the locality in January '08. The Council agreed to pay the cost of the hire of the main hall in the Village Hall and the teas for a police clinic on 4th December 2007. Mrs. Fiona Preston also reported that the paperwork for the proposed fireworks display on the recreation ground was satisfactory and the Council agreed that the event should go ahead on 10th November 2007.

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

P07/E1046 89,91 Whitehouse Road, Woodcote Part single garage/porch and part 1st floor bathroom extension to no.89. Demolition of

existing single storey extensions to 91 and erection of part single and part 2 storey extensions comprising; garage, utility, breakfast, living and room and 2 bedrooms. (As amended by drawing numbers 07 WHW P1B and 07 WHW SP8A accompanying letter from agent dated 15 October 2007).

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Refusal for the following reasons: The flat roof on the second storey extension is unacceptable.

P07/E1358 67 Whitehouse Road, Woodcote Ground & first floor extension, orangery and other alterations & additions.

IT WAS RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

		Parish Council Recommendation
P07/E1093	Mallorns, South Stoke Road	Refusal
P07/E1145	Woodcote Garden Centre	Approval

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

P07/E0858	Land adjacent to 12 Gap Way	Refusal
P07/E0635	89-91 Whitehouse Road	Refusal
P07/E1174/RET	14 Bensgrove Close	Approval

(7) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr John Farrow advised that Reading Borough had applied to implement traffic congestion charging with the installation of a park and ride facility along the A4074 close to Woodcote. He agreed to chase up the installation of the replacement sign post at the memorial cross roads. **JF - done**

(8) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Robin Peirce described the workings of the new South Oxfordshire planning committee. He reported that the meeting took nearly 5 hours and some councillors left the meeting part way through. He commented that those plans that were considered towards the end of the meeting inevitably received less scrutiny than those at the beginning. He expressed his concern that a task group currently considering the constitution and procedures might lead to changes in the planning procedures that may well diminish the role of the Parish Councils.

A new consultation document on “Core Strategy” was about to be sent out for comment by Jan ’08. He also reported that the Scrutiny Committee had recommended no change to the arrangements for concessionary fares.

(9) FINANCE

Payments in November 2007

The following payments were agreed:

2801 Berinsfield Comm Bus	Grass Cutting	925.54
2802 SG Creative Solns.	Website Charge	94.00
2803 Mr. Smallbone	Litter Clearance	125.00
2804 Chilton Waste Services	Skip	146.88
2805 Norman Cox	Memorial Repair	168.26
2806 DAC Fencing	Memorial Repair	230.00
2807 Petty Cash		98.20
2808 Mr. Smallbone	Memorial Repair	40.00
	Total	£1,827.88

(ii) Receipts in October 2007

25.10.07	Interest - Natwest Treasury A/c	236.58
08.10.07	RBS Dividend	343.60
04.10.07	COIF Deposit	71.28
25.10.07	VHMC Apr - June 2007	2,244.52
	Total	£2,895.98

(iii) Transfers in October 2007 None

(iv) Request for Grants

(i) CAB

It was agreed to donate £1,000.

(ii) Pond Conservation

It was agreed to donate £100

(v) Budget for 2008/09 and Review of Expenditure to end October 2007

The Clerk presented the budget document which showed expenditure in 2007/08 to date against budget, forecast for the year end and first draft of the 2008/09 Budget. The Council noted that the expenditure to date and the forecast to the year end were satisfactory and well within budget. A number of changes were proposed to the 2008/09 budget proposals and the Clerk was asked to republish the adjusted budget for the next meeting.

CLERK - done

(10) YOUTH MATTERS

Mrs. Karen Woolley reported that the new youth support worker had now joined. She was thanked by the meeting for this achievement.

(11) CAR PARK REFURBISHMENT

It was agreed that the Clerk should send out tenders for the refurbishment of the car park requesting separate quotations for the installation of bollards and the resurfacing of the area currently hosting the bottle and clothes banks. This work to be scheduled for the School Easter holiday in 2008.

CLERK

(12) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following Correspondence was noted except where specifically annotated.

A.

- OCC Subsidised Bus Services
- Reply from SOHA
- SMP Maintenance
- OCC Acknowledgement on Traffic Calming
- Langtree School

The Clerk to reply advising Mr. Rick Holroyd that it is the Council's duty to keep the residents informed of the proposals for the Langtree School fence.

CLERK

- Letter from Ken Groom on Lackmore Gardens
- ORCC Changes to Post Office Network in Oxfordshire
- OALC/ORCC Review of Provision of Primary Education
- SODC Tree Warden Scheme

B. For Information, Not Requiring Action

- SODC Standards Committee Minutes 18th September 2007

- OALC Winter General Meeting 26th November 2007
- CPRE Bulletin Autumn 2007
- Clerks Direct magazine November 2007

(14) EMERGENCY QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Following a question from Mr. Tyler the Clerk reported that the ballast and sand piled behind the bottle bank had been removed by SMP.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

..... CHAIRMAN

..... DATE