

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall Woodcote Wednesday 19th October 2011, commencing 7.30pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>	Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
	Vice Chairman	Mr. G. Botting
		Mr. D. Booth
		Mr. K. Grady
		Mr. P. Tyler
		Mrs. S. Harrison
		Mr. A. Crockett
		Mr. D. Sexon OCC
	Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence

Mr. P. Stevenson, Mrs D. Hadaway

2. To Co-Opt New Parish Councillor onto the Parish Council.

Mr. A. Crockett was proposed by Vice Chairman Botting and seconded by Chairman Peirce, Council all agreed to co-opting Mr. A. Crockett as a Parish Councillor onto Woodcote Parish Council.

3. To receive declarations of interest

Councillor Grady declared interest in the Planning item 10.2.

4. Public Forum:

Mr. Ken Groom Village Green Committee and Daniel Ward U-Connect Electrical to speak on Agenda Item 8. Mr. C. Quinton Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee to speak on agenda Item 9.

5. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2011.

Approved.

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

Cllr. Grady advised that the first meeting of the Traffic Calming sub-committee will take place on Tuesday 22nd November 2011. Agenda with details of venue to follow.

7. Chairman's Address & Questions

The Chairman reported that Woodcote Library is celebrating the 20th birthday this Saturday 22nd October and that he had been invited to attend but was unavailable. The Clerk had also received a general invitation for Parish Councillors to attend, Cllr. Tyler is available and will attend.

Chairman also reported on the position with the Dean Woods footpath, the Parish Council had asked the Conservation Group to gather evidence statements regarding the route of the footpath. These have been collected and submitted to OCC on behalf of the Parish Council. The Conservation Group will continue to monitor this project on behalf of the Parish Council.

County Councillors Report

County Councillor Dave Sexon commented that in 2009 the Dean Wood footpath had been inspected and that it was evident the original designated route was not being used. OCC had at that time cut a new line for the footpath, there were also some Health and Safety issues.

The County Council have completed the Library consultations and they will go to Cabinet on 12th December. Cllr Sexon will give further updates of the outcome.

OCC are currently looking at bus subsidies, routes affected for Woodcote are No 142 and 145. Councillor Sexon urged the Parish Council to make a strong case in reply to the consultation as he believes that the subsidies will be cut. Chairman Peirce is dealing with this and will if available attend the meeting.

Councillor Sexon was pleased to be invited to join the Traffic Calming sub-committee and reported that he had been allocated from the Highways Stewardship limited funds for his 5 parishes of approximately £18K to prioritise on spending to improve highway and traffic issues. He detailed one of the priority accident black spot areas that he felt needed attention in Goring Heath. He suggested that Whitchurch Parish Council also be invited to send a representative to the meetings, Clerk to Action.

(Cllr Sexon left the meeting)

8. CCTV Camera's – Presentation of details to the PC.

Ken Groom presented the various options for installing CCTV cameras on the Village Hall and around the Village Hall car park to monitor these areas including the children's playground. Technical specifications for the system were given, however the costs will be driven by the groundwork to dig a trench for the cabling, approximate cost overall quoted at £11K. Various options for the installation were presented by Ken the option that did not involved digging a trench across the village hall car park being the favoured one. The Crime prevention officer had inspected the site and a written report had been handed round to the Councillors.

The discussion then continued regarding the effectiveness of CCTV cameras as a deterrent to vandalism and also if the cameras would be capable of identifying the perpetrators without further outside lighting or expensive infra red cameras. The cost of installation was raised versus the cost of repairing damaged caused by vandalism, also the ongoing monitoring and maintenance. Chairman Peirce agreed that a public consultation would need to be carried out to gain the views of the village, this had been proposed to be carried out using the Woodcote Correspondent, and be managed by the Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Tyler expressed that unless the Parish Council agreed in principle to the CCTV cameras further work on this project would be unnecessary, Mr. Quinton also expressed that the survey would involve a lot of work and felt that an agreement in principle was required before taking this further.

The Chairman asked the Parish Council if in principle they agreed or disagreed, it was resolved by 4 votes to 3 that the Parish Council did not agree to CCTV cameras for the village, so this project will now be closed.

9. Village Hall Wheelie Bins – options for enclosure to prevent further fire/vandalism.

Christopher Quinton reported that with the Crime Prevention officer he had looked at the best place to site the wheelie bins and the Officer had agreed that were they currently have been re sited is the best place. This is in the car park close to the hedge and will only slightly impede on the disabled parking space marked there. The Officer had recommended a welded mesh cage with top to encase the bins. The Parish Council supported this proposal. The Crime Prevention Officer had also commented that the hedge that abuts the Reading Road enclosing the car park is too high and should be cut down to a lower height. The Clerk to obtain quotations for this work.

10. Planning Applications:

P11/E1526 single storey rear extension to match materials. 4 Cuddesdon Close, Woodcote.
Recommend Approval.

P11/E1594 Demolition of existing rear extension. Proposed single storey side and rear extension. 4 Gap Way Woodcote RG8 0RU. Recommend No Strong Views.

P11/E1441 Single storey extension, change of bay window & chimney. Dormer window changed to pitched roof. 10 Oakdene Woodcote RG8 0RW. Recommend No Strong Views.

P11/E1647 Demolition of existing canopy and construction of new entrance Woodcote Primary School. Recommend Approval.

10.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P11/E1383 Construction of a conservatory to the rear of the existing property within its curtilage extending no further than 3 metres from existing rear wall, plus associated covering canopy to access garage (through its rear personnel door) 19 Folly Green Woodcote RG8 0ND.

10.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

P11/E1306 Demolition of dwelling and erection of two 2 storey 4 bedroom dwellings and construction of shared vehicular access. Rose Cottage Goring Rd Woodcote RG8 0SD. Chairman Peirce requested that The Clerk write a letter in response to this decision stating that the Parish Council fully agree with the decision and reasons but also to state that any future applications from the developer need to take account of the sensitive position this site has in the village and that the current building line and vehicular access remains the same. Clerk to Action.

10.3 Other Planning Matters

None.

11. Finance To approve payments. To note receipts.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>£ Total</u> <u>Amnt</u>
19/10/2011	Woodcote Youth Centre	£4,000
19/10/2011	SwiftClik	£59
19/10/2011	ML & SJ Higley Bros	£60
19/10/2011	Berinsfield Community Business	£1,190
19/10/2011	J. Welham	£697
	Total	6,006.47

Payments :

Approved

To Note Receipt

VAT refund £1707.47.

11.1 Quotations/Grants received for approval.

None.

The Clerk requested that the monthly salary be paid by Standing Order, Chairman Peirce supported this and Council agreed that from 28th November the Clerk's salary be paid by Standing Order from the Bank Account and on the 28th of each month thereafter.

12. Woodcote Rally Funds Nominate appropriate charities, groups or projects to receive some funds. Cllr. Booth had emailed a suggestion to the Councillors proposing a portable goal mouth and goal net unit. The football club do own one which had been regularly used but had now been re sited to Stoke Row and will remain there. The portable unit had been very well used when in Woodcote. It was resolved that Cllr Tyler will speak to the Village Green Committee to put in a proposal with the full backing of the Parish Council for funding to purchase two portable units, one for the Village Green and one for Folly field.

13. Committee Reports – Update & Reports from the various Village Committee's.

Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Booth reported that the only matter from the last meeting was the question of insurance and that multiple content policies exist, with Pre School, Wads, PC and the VHMC all having their own.

It was resolved that The Clerk to advise the VHMC of the dates the Parish Council insurance is up for renewal (next year) and that they should jointly work on looking at one overall policy. Clerk to Action.

Youth Club Committee

Cllr. Grady reported that the Club is still receiving a strong attendance, the Friday Night project will need someone to replace Mark Bell, the YC Committee are looking into this currently. A new girl is running the Monday night sessions and proving successful. The first half payment from the PC to the Youth Club has been approved, this will be well received.

Neighbourhood Steering Group

Vice Chairman Botting reported that the 2nd meeting had taken place and they are currently working on all the ideas put forward for a vision of Woodcote in 2027. Then 2 or 3 options will be put forward to the village for scrutiny so planning objectives can be defined from the option chosen or a mixture of the options. The next meeting of the Steering Group is 27th October.

Cllr. Booth reported that an SODC official had come to his house carrying out a survey on Woodcote village, Cllr. Grady also reported he had received a questionnaire but had yet to examine it. It was resolved that The Clerk to email SODC and ask what this survey involves and report back.

14. Matters for Council to Consider.

Footpath Lackmore Gardens/Ashlee Walk – consider if the stile should be removed.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would like the stiles to remain and be repaired and not removed.

Email received from resident Mrs. K. Woolley requesting that the Parish Council adopt the land/pond in Tidmore Lane as the Conservation Group wish to carry out restoration on the pond but the ownership needs to be established.

It was resolved to invite Mrs. Woolley to present the detail at a Parish Council meeting, Clerk to Action.

15. Correspondence

15.1 Matters for resolution

Letter from SODC inviting two Councillors to attend the Town and Parish Forum on 22nd November 2011. Chairman Peirce and Vice Chairman Botting to attend, Clerk to book their places.

15.2 Matters for information

None.

16. To note date of the next meeting: Wednesday 2nd November 2011.

Meeting closed at 10pm

Signed _____ Date/Chairman

