

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Committee Room, Village Hall Woodcote 15th September commencing 7.30pm

PRESENT

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

1.To Receive Apologies For Absence

None.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public Forum

No members of public present.

4. To Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 1st September 2010

Minutes of 1st September 2010, Approved.

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

Councillor Hadaway advised that the next allotment meeting date had not been included for entry into the Correspondent. It will be placed in the November issue, and efforts will be made to get a late entry into the October issue.

6. Chairman's Address

Chairman Edmonds advised that she had accepted the resignation from Councillor Griffiths tendered following the last Parish Council Meeting stating that his legacy will be the new wording for the website home page. Councillor Grady to give the new wording a final check, the Clerk to post on the website.

Chairman Edmonds advised Council that for the next meeting on 6th October the 2011/12 budgets will be an Agenda item for discussion and requirements for that year to be considered. Final submissions to SODC have to be in for January 2011. Clerk to prepare budget figures YTD and circulate prior to this meeting.

7. Council Tax Referendum's.

Chairman Edmonds advised Council of the ongoing referendum that may include Parish Council's. This is the first time that Parish Council's maybe included this represents a major policy change. The various local bodies OALC will be representing Parish Councils for Oxfordshire and their inputs/feedback will be passed to the overall National body NALC. Clerk has previously circulated the documents to Councillors pertaining to this referendum.

8. Community Centre

The use of the Community Centre for Parish Council meetings was discussed as there had been a miscommunication in regard to the previously advised costing. The booking charge is £4 per hour and not £4 per evening as originally advised. At a previous meeting Council had decided on changing the meeting venue to the Community Centre. Following discussion it was **it was resolved** to remain in the Village Hall Committee Room for Parish Council meetings.

9. Youth Centre Development

Councillor Edwards who had attended the YC meeting expressed concerns that the Youth Committee have a misguided view to the funding and believe that the Parish Council can “ring fence” certain budgeted funds. The amount of £7000 in this year’s budget allocated to Youth Worker will not be allocated as there is no Youth Worker and this amount was to match funding from the Chill Out Fund, which was not applied for by the Youth Committee as this fund has been withdrawn. The Youth Club is now poorly attended and the twice weekly club is now only once per week. Councillors agreed that the Youth Club Committee can make specific requests for funds for specific projects that they will be given due consideration, however they are to be informed that the fund is not “ring fenced”. Clerk to write to the Youth Committee explain the position.

Clerk advised that PCSO Mark Bell had advised who to make the payment to for the £250 donation from the Parish Council towards the new Youth Drop in Centre project, it is Langtree School.

10 Thames Travel

The letter from Thames Travel was read to the meeting. 2 areas had been addressed, Thames Valley Travel had agreed to write to their staff telling them that they must stop when the buses are hailed and that they will remove the notices regarding which bus stop to use for different directions. The notices have been removed. They also proposed that to avoid confusion the bus stop on the Goring Road opposite the bus shelter be removed.

Councillors agreed that both bus stops should remain, Clerk to write to Thames Valley travel.

11. Applications:

P10/E1149 Swevenings, Goring Rd, Woodcote RG8 0QE. Amendment Erection of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extensions to create annexe. Recommend Approval.

P10/E1296 40a Bridle Path Woodcote. Single storey extension to rear of bungalow. Recommend Approval.

P10/E1343/EX Deer House Beech Lane, Woodcote. Extension of time to P05/0906 Recommend Approval.

11.2 Applications Granted:

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

11.3 Applications Refused:

P10/E0929/RET Change of use of part airfield, part agricultural land, for extended grass main and crosswind runways, taxiways and apron landings, take offs, manoeuvring and parking of aircraft-Retrospective. Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Icknield Farm, Ipsden. Refused.

Further planning Matters

Clerk read further letter from Primary Care Agency regarding the application for a pharmacy in Wayside Green from Red Kite Ltd, also an email from the Doctor's surgery. Clerk to write to Primary Care again stating the strong objections.

Clerk advised of email and maps from SODC showing the positions and numbering of the new properties being built at the Olga Mowforth House development. Clerk to circulate to all Parish Councillors.

12.Finance

Cheques for Payment

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Cheque	Payee	Amount £)	Date	Reason
3192	Berinsfield August	976.26	15.9	August Grass Cuts
3193	Swiftclik	40.69	15.9	Stationery Annual Subscription
3194	Open Spaces Society	40.00	15.9	HELD
3195	J. Welham	678.04	15.9	Sept Salary
3196	HMRC	794.17	15.9	2nd Qtr payment
3197	SLCC	188.00	15.9	Clerks Course
3198	Langtree School	250.00	15.9	Youth Drop in Centre

APPROVED

Cheque 3194 for annual subscription to Open Spaces Society was held, as it was noted that the invoice stated that the subscription was to be taken by DIRECT DEBIT. Councillors to investigate what this Society offers.

RECEIPTS

Allotment Management Fee 1,740.00

NOTED

12.1 Quotations/Grants received for approval

None

12.2 Oxfordshire Stronger Communities New Grant Programme

Notification received regarding this new scheme for voluntary sector groups including Parish Councils will be open for applications from Monday 6th September. Parish Councillors to consider areas that may be eligible, Agenda item for future meeting. Closing date for applications is 11th January 2011.

13. Village Hall Management Committee Report

Minutes from the latest meeting where not available, Councillor Grady had attended and reported that there were not matters requiring the Parish Councils attention.

14. Village Green Report

Minutes from meeting on 27th July 2010 Noted.

15. Other Matters to be raised with Chairman

Councillor Lynch requested that the maps of the village recently circulated by the Chairman be reviewed and marked so each Councillor has an area of the village allocated. Agenda item for next meeting.

Councillor Lynch requested that the “pairings” of Councillors for Planning applications be continued and that Councillors where possible pair up according to time/geography.

Clerk reported that a resident from West Chiltern had reported about the rubbish being dumped in the over grown brambles at the entrance to West Chiltern just past the post office. Clerk to request quotation for these brambles to be cut back. Also the ownership of this strip of land needs to be established.

Councillor Tyler reported on the meeting of the Community Centre Committee he had attended, he stated that they have requested help and further funding with replacing the Facilities Manager to cover the areas now no longer being handled. The CC Committee have stated that previous funding of £1250 from the Parish Council is not enough. To be discussed at the next meeting under the Budget agenda.

16. Correspondence

Email from Church Warden in reply to query from the Clerk regarding the amount of space left in the Graveyard. The Warden stated that there are 320 spaces still to be used in the graveyard plus infills. Noted. Clerk to check if it is 320 spaces or plots.

Email from Michael Fulton regarding the area on the Corner of Goring Road/Bridle Path. There is a wooden planter that was placed there as a memorial to a young girl who died. This is in disrepair and he has requested that the Council replace this. The land is owned by Oxfordshire County Council and not the Cooperative Supermarket. Clerk to investigate.

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

17. To note date of the next meeting: Wednesday 6th October 2010.

Signed: _____ Chairman/Date _____

