

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall Woodcote Wednesday 7th September 2011, commencing 7.30pm.

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

2. To receive declarations of interest

Chairman Peirce declared interest in Planning application P11/E1205 as his property backs onto this development.

Vice Chairman Botting declared interest in Planning Application P11/E1205 as his property is in Behoes Lane.

Councillor Grady declared interest in Planning application P11/E1306 as he lives next door to this development.

3. Public Forum:

No members of the public present.

4. To approve Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2011.

Approved.

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

None.

6. Chairman's Address & Questions

Chairman Peirce reported that the Special Parish Council meeting held on 5th September had been very well attended by the residents 268 actually signed in and it is believed that there were approximately 300 people as some did not sign in. The meeting had been very well run and the presentations given were clear and well detailed.

7. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Sexon reported that he had held a meeting with the relevant parties to discuss the traffic impacts when Whitchurch Bridge is closed. He stated that the developers traffic survey was inadequate. Oxfordshire County Council has conducted a survey but the results are not yet available. Cllr. Sexon stated that OCC have agreed to carry out a further survey with West Berkshire Council at the toll bridge if their results are also inadequate in the view of the Parishes affected. He stated that in his view he felt that the planning application would not be accepted and reported that West Berkshire Council have not accepted the application.

He reported that he is in meetings and ongoing discussions about the library closures and funding and will report when he has further news.

Regarding the delivery of 1 ton of salt for winter weather, Cllr. Sexon stated that he was not surprised that OCC would not agree to use storing the salt at the Long Toll depot. A potential site is still being looked for.

8. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Christopher Quinton reported on the Special Parish Councillor Meeting on the 5th September, stating that he felt it had been a very successful meeting well attended and well run. He will remain involved and keep in contact regarding the P11/E1205 Hilltop Field Planning Application.

9. Planning Applications:

P/11/1205/O Outline application for development of site for residential purposes (up to 115 dwellings) together with leisure facilities and new vehicular access, landscaping and provision of 40% affordable housing. Land bounded by Behoes Lane and South Stoke Road Woodcote RG8
It was agreed to take this item at the end of the meeting as Chairman Peirce and Vice Chairman Botting has expressed interest.

P11/E1322 Construction of new two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement enclosed single storey entrance porch. Waverley Cottage Goring Rd Woodcote RG8 0QE
Recommend Approval.

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 OSD.
Councillor Grady left the meeting for this application as he had expressed and interest.
Recommend refusal, list of objections will be sent to SODC Planning.

P11/E0743 Amended Details Reconstruction of bridge involving partial demolition of Listed Building Whitchurch Bridge.
This is outside of Woodcote Parish, the Parish Council agreed to support whatever decision Whitchurch Parish Council put forward.

9.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

None

9.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

None

9.3 Other Planning Matters

Letter From Planning Services inviting Councillors to a workshop on 20th September to review the services they offer to customers. Cllr. Hadaway and the Clerk expressed interest in attending, Noted. Vice Chairman Botting reported on the telephone conversation he had with member of Cholsey Parish Council regarding further gravel extraction proposals in Cholsey. The Clerk confirmed that an email had also been received. No Councillors were available on the date to attend the meeting regarding this, the Clerk to reply to the email and ask that Woodcote PC be kept informed of the position.

10. Finance To approve payments. To note receipts.

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>inc VAT</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Reason</u>
3	Allum Signs	90.00	7.9.11	Allotment Signs
45	K. Knight	156.00		August Litter
46	K. Smallbone	25.00		Aug War Memorial
47	Swiftclik	29.66		Cartridges & Paper

RECEIPTS None
APPROVED

10.1 Quotations/Grants received for approval.

The Clerk had received the quotation for renewal of the Parish Council Insurance it was £1211.18. The Council had some questions regarding the levels of cover. The Clerk to investigate and report to the next meeting. It was also noted that the Village Hall insurance and Playground Equipment insurance do not seem to be included, Councillors to check if the VHMC committee have insurance and the Village Green committee have insurance and report back at the next meeting.

11. Woodcote Festival – to review PC program for the day.

It was agreed that Councillor's Grady, Stevenson, Harrison, Booth and Tyler and the Clerk would be involved on the day to run the stand. Cllr. Tyler will erect the stand on the site then the other Councillors will attend for the afternoon, times and details to be discussed between them. Start time is 2pm until approx 5pm. Cllr. Stevenson took photographs of all the Councillors and the Clerk for the Festival.

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

None for this meeting.

13. Community Workers – Supervision of jobs for Parish Council

Clerk to check with the management if the jobs the Parish Council have are with the parameters and guidelines for the Community Workers, as there are restriction regarding working alongside highways, also disposal of the garden waste material if they carry out weeding etc. Clerk to report to next meeting.

14. Urgent Matters for Council to Consider

Winter Snow and Salt bag delivery – review where Parish can store the salt.

The Clerk to check with OCC if we can store the salt bag on their vision splay on the corner of Bridle Path and Goring Road. Other suggested sites were the end of the Village Hall Car Park.

15. Correspondence

15.1 Matters for resolution

None.

15.2 Matters for information

Invitation to the Chiltern Conservation Board Planning Meeting. Cllr. Tyler expressed interest, Clerk to send him the details.

Invitation to ORCC networking event. – Noted.

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Chairman Peirce and Vice Chairman Botting expressed that they would now leave the meeting, Chairman Peirce proposed that Councillor Hadaway take over the Chair of the meeting for this item, the Council seconded this proposal.

Councillor Hadaway reported on the Special Parish meeting on 5th September stating that the resolution from that meeting by the residents was to oppose this application.

The list of objections that had been previously circulated by the Clerk were reviewed, item 10. was removed in regard to the school capacity as it was inaccurate.

Council voted to Refuse this application and agreed the list of objections.

16. To note date of the next meeting: Wednesday 21st September 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

