

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 4th January 2017 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Dr. G. Botting.
	Mr. A. Crockett
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mr. B. Williams
	Dr. P. Sudbury (arrived at 8.35)
	Mr. R. Lewin
	Mrs. D. Hadaway
	Mr. D. Booth

Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham
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1. To receive apologies for absence.
Mrs. S. McGurk.

2. To Receive declarations of interest.
None.

3. Public Forum: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise, with the permission of the Chairman.
None present.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st December 2016.
Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
Cllr. Crockett referred to P16/3955/LDP, this will require a full application as the site has a permitted development restriction preventing development within the curtilage of the dwelling without planning permission. The Clerk had circulated an email from SODC Planning Officer with this information.

6. Planning Applications

P16/S4087/HH (Householder) Proposal: Proposed garage building

Address: 5 Wood Lane Woodcote RG8 0PU.

The Parish Council have reviewed the plans and visited the site and note that a garage already exists with this dwelling. The Parish Council make the following comments.

The positioning of the proposed garage is well forward of the existing building line within Wood Lane, also where it is positioned it will be very difficult to drive a vehicle into the garage, it would necessitate a 90 degree turn which looks unachievable.

There is no detail of how the building will be set into the very steep slope that already exists, this will require significant earth works to achieve a level building.

The building shows 3 windows to one side and the doors are at the minimum width to accommodate a vehicle, therefore the Parish Council question whether this building will be used as a “garage” and if its intended use will cause noise or disturbance to neighbours? Therefore the Parish Council recommend Refusal.

P16/S3646/FUL Amendment 1.

Proposal: Demolition of existing barns and stables and erection of two detached dwelling houses with associated parking and amenity space provision.

Address: Chambers Place, Goring Road, Woodcote RG8 7SJ.

The Amendment has made some alterations to the vision sprints in response to the OCC Highways remarks. It does not address any of the issues the Parish Council raised in their response dated 8th December. The Parish Council recommend refusal.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

None.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Clerk had circulated an email showing plans from the Co-operative Stores Estates Manager regarding the proposed extension to the Co-op in Bridlepath. The Parish Council had several questions, it was agreed to request a meeting with the Estates Manager, Clerk to action for the next PC meeting or an alternative date.

District Councillors

David Nimmo-Smith reported that the 3rd Reading Bridge is being pushed by Reading and the project is still current. Modelling has been done and results are expected in February or March.

SODC will collect old Christmas Trees if left beside the brown garden waste bins. If residents do not have a brown bin they can take the trees to Oakley Wood who will accept them.

SODC have signed a 4 year agreement with Citizens Advice Bureau which will guarantee this valuable service for the next four years.

SODC together with other District Councils and OCC City & County Councils have bid to government for funds to help tackle homelessness. The funds will help be used for this area specifically.

SODC Go Active campaign has been launched for over 60's. Details can be found on the website.

Charles Bailey – District Councillor

Reported several contacts had been made to him from residents of Woodcote one on 24th December and a meeting has been arranged and set up.

Also a homeless person who previously had lived in Woodcote had been in contact and Charles was advising this person.

He advised that applicants seeking pre planning application advice can continue to do so, but the process has changed and any pre planning advice sought will become public with any subsequent planning application that is made.

The Chairman asked David Nimmo-Smith to call in Planning Application P16/S3646/Ful to full planning committee. Clerk to send confirmation email to him.

Both District Councillors then left the meeting

7. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

4 Jan Berinsfield 2nd HedgeCut £2528.40
Time Assured Ltd Repair to Clock and new cover. £1536.00
Woodcote Parochial Church Graveyard Maintenance £850.00
Swiftclik Stationery items £11.09
Prospect Studio Ltd Web Hosting & Maintenance £119.00
Glanville Consultants Ltd Professional Services £1800.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS £6844.49 Approved.

To Note Receipts

Aviva Insurance payment of insurance claim for clock damage £931.00
SSE Wayleave payment £2.00
Deposit Account Interest £15.30

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO NOTE £948.30

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.
None.

8. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – Meeting is Monday 9th.

Primary School – A further Community Governor is needed.

Village Green – Meeting end of January.

Traffic Advisory Group – Meeting Jan 19th.

Education Group – Meeting with Rick Holroyd Thursday 5th Jan.

Neighbourhood Planning Group – Meeting Thursday 5th Jan to brief the volunteers who will be distributing the surveys and then collecting them. Total of 29 volunteers each will cover 30/40 dwellings in the village.
Website should be up and running sometime this month.

Rally Committee – Meeting next week to try and gain further volunteers to join the Committee, this will be advertised a flyer is going to residents of the village.

Cllr. Smith advised that he is calling a meeting of the remaining Festival Group to see if anyone wishes to take Chair the committee to organise and run the group to put on the Festival again this year.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

None.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th January 2017. Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

