

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 20th January 2016 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chairman	Mr. G. Botting
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mr. A. Crockett.
	Mr. D. Booth
	Dr. P. Sudbury
	Mr. B. Williams
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr. Diana Hadaway, Mr. R. Lewin. 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.

Mr. Tim Corbishley to speak about his proposed planning application in Whitehouse Road. He had been to SODC for a pre planning meeting and the SODC Officer had expressed that he would not support the application in its current form of 3 dwellings in a terrace. The letter from SODC was read by the Chairman. Mr. Corbishley discussed his proposal to change the plans to a pair of large semi detached 4 bedroom dwellings. The PC agreed that the original design was acceptable and met the requirements of the NHP. The Chairman felt that the SODC Officer had not strong planning reasons to object to the original proposal. The PC suggested that Mr. Corbishley submit his original plan and that they could support this.

He then left the meeting.

4. To approve Minutes Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January 2016.

Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.

Cllr. Sudbury asked if there had been any news regarding the Garden Centre planning application. The Chairman advised that they expect to submit their application by the end of January.

6. Planning Applications

P15/S4190/HH (Householder) Proposal: Alteration to existing mono pitch roof over kitchen
Address Woodlands Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PX.
Parish Council Recommend Approval.

P16/S0005/HH (Householder) New entrance gates. 11 Bridle Path Woodcote Reading RG8 0SE.
The Parish Council support the addition of gates to this property, however the design submitted has the gates proposed as very large, 1.8m high at the highest point and of solid construction. The proposed design will be out of character with the street scene in the rural location. Therefore the Parish Council recommend Refusal and suggest an amended design.

P16/S0032/HH (Householder) Proposed demolition of existing garage and the erection of a single storey side extension. Grange Bungalow Behoes Lane Woodcote RG8 0PT.

The Parish Council refused the previous application P14/S2505 which was granted.

This application shows the same proposed extension however it is shorter in length. The PC cannot support this and recommend Refusal, the same objections as the last application that it is overbearing to the neighbouring property and is overdevelopment of this narrow site. Several trees to be removed are not owned by the applicant.

P15/S4358/HH (Householder) Single storey extension to rear of house. Flat roofed (kitchen extension) but will be a conservatory. Corner Cottage 1A Wayside Green Woodcote RG8 0PR.

The Parish Council have No Strong Views. The plot is very small and they question whether the size of the conservatory will reduce the garden size to an unacceptable level.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P15/S3963/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments :

Replacement dwelling. Lynwood Goring Road Woodcote RG8 0QD.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC:

P15/S3434/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments :

Erection of 5 new houses with parking and new access to Beech Lane. (2 x 2 bed, 2 x 4 bed, 1 x 5 bed units). Retention of smaller paddock for continued use for grazing. (As amended by plan 02B and 01D to alter the appearances of Plot 1&2). Site Location : Land north of Beech Lane Woodcote RG8 0PX

The Parish Council support these decisions, they will write to SODC Head of Planning requesting an informal hearing for the Appeal.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Cllr. Botting had received an email today (20th Jan) in regard to the Chiltern Rise application and conditions. Cllr. Botting to respond and bring to Council for the next meeting.

Cllr Crockett updated the PC that the Millgate Homes development on Long Toll had received an Enforcement Notice as they had breached one of the conditions of the planning application regarding use of close board fencing.

Cllr. Crockett had seen a large mobile home being taken onto the site The Conifers (land between Beech Cottage and Lavant) Beech Lane Woodcote. This was planning application P14/S2378/FUL Erection of a new three bedroom dwelling. The mobile home has been positioned on the site behind the high leylandi hedge so is not clearly visible. However planning permission is required to site a mobile home. PC to write to planning enforcement.

7. Finance.

Date Paid	Payee Name Reference	Amount Paid £	Transaction Detail
12/01/2016	D.J. Scott Electrical Services 514	346.80	LED's FunctionR. Instal FlyZap
13/01/2016	Blandy & Blandy Solicitors 515	504.00	License for TW land
14/01/2016	Cash 518	50.00	Float for Petty Cash
20/01/2016	Wilson and Scott Ltd 516	1,881.43	Refurb of white lining
20/01/2016	A Better Drain Flow Ltd 519	240.00	Drain survey 50 Wayside Green
20/01/2016	Westcotec Ltd 520	149.40	Repair 30mph sign Goring Rd
28/01/2016	K Smallbone 517	30.00	War Memorial January
28/01/2016	A. Crockett SO	200.00	January Litter picking
28/01/2016	J. Welham SO	782.00	Jan Salary
29/01/2016	British Telecom SO	51.00	Phone services Jan
		Total Payments	4,234.63

Approved.

Note no receipts.

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Cllr. Smith had requested a Quotation from two consultants recommended by OCC Highways to work with the Traffic Group to draw up a set of drawings for a proposed pedestrian crossing on Goring Road. He had consulted both parties, however one of them he advised seem vague and although slightly less in cost Cllr. Smith felt they would not represent value for money.

MJA Consulting quoted £1500 to £2000 for this work.

The Parish Council approved this and agreed that the Traffic Group should proceed.

8. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr. Booth reported that at the last meeting the Chairman had asked the VHMC to submit their ideas for suggested improvements to the VH. These to be included in the public consultation planned by the PC in the Spring.

Cllr. Smith had circulated his draft document showing the new arrangements for funding the Village Hall Capital and Maintenance costs by the Parish Council and the VHMC. This included a detailed maintenance schedule. The document needs to be signed and approved by both parties.

The Chairman asked for historical data on the costs of capital and maintenance spends from Cllr. Booth who is the VHMC Treasurer. He will supply this so the PC can make an informed decision before final approval. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Village Green Committee

Cllr. Booth reported that the VGC are discussing possible improvements and new equipment for the Green and Folly Field. These to also be submitted for the public consultation.

Education.

Cllr. Williams advised that they can give a full update at the next meeting. However in discussions with Langtree School they had verbal details of future plans. The Chairman asked that the Education group get a written statement from the Head of the school as this will be required for the overall planning of the revised Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Smith requested that detail regarding the leisure facilities at Langtree need to be discussed as they need to be considered when planning improvements to the Village Hall.

9. Parish Council Communication Use of Social Media.

The chairman felt that due to absence of several councillors that this matter needed to be discussed at full council as several absent councillors had views on this. The clerk updated the PC on the information she had regarding the set up and the governance for local councils on this matter. Clerk to circulate this via email and include on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Botting suggested that there are several local residents who do a lot for the village who should be recognised and thanked at the Annual Parish Meeting, possibly with a small award.

The PC agreed this was a good idea and need to include this when planning the Annual Parish Meeting for 2016.

The Chairman also suggested that the PC should have a “best design award” in the village for developments. This will be awarded at the Annual Parish Meeting, the PC agreed this in principle.

Cllr. Crockett had emailed all regarding getting the roads swept, the Clerk had replied via email stating that SODC need to be contacted re street cleaning, their contractors carry this out. Cllr. Crockett to advise the Clerk which streets required the cleaning.

11. Correspondence

Letter from SOHA regarding the resurfacing of Folly Orchard Rd responding to the letter sent to them by the Chairman.

The letter stated that at the time they inspected the road for resurfacing the entire road did not need it as the section not resurfaced at this time was in good repair. The did state that they would be re inspecting the road now with a view to looking at resurfacing the other section.

The letter also commented on the hedges on Folly Orchard Road and the very overgrown hedge that SOHA do not own so they cannot maintain it. This hedge in questions is owned by “Roselands” but a section of it is also “Daintree.” The Clerk to write letters to both residents requesting they cut their hedges.

Two letters from SODC Tree officer regarding trees that will have a Tree Protection Order placed on them. The letters advised that the period of objection had now expired.

Two oak Trees on Beech Lane and 4 trees within the boundary of St. Leonards Church.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 3rd Febuary 2016.

Meeting closed at 10.07pm

Signed.....Date.....