

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 1st February 2017 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Vice Chair	Dr. G. Botting. (Chaired the meeting)
	Mr. A. Crockett
	Mr. M. Smith
	Mr. B. Williams
	Dr. P. Sudbury
	Mr. D. Booth
	Mrs S. McGurk
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Mr. R. Peirce, Mrs. D. Hadaway, David Nimmo- Smith

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 18th January 2017.

Approved as true record.

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

Cllr. Crockett who is running the “Great British Spring Clean Project” within the village has so far had 9 responses from the notices he has put on Facebook.

6. Planning Applications

P17/S0108/HH Proposed rear extension including additional loft space and front porch.

5 Wood Lane, Woodcote RG8 0PU.

The Parish Council recommend Approval.

P17/S0074/HH (Householder) Proposal: Six bay garage with office, gym and shower in loft space and hardstanding. Address: Masseys Pightle Tidmore Lane Woodcote RG8 0PH.

The development will be two storeys high and this makes it very overbearing, and it overlooks the kitchen on Field Cottage, they will be lose of light and privacy. It is also very close to the boundary of Field Cottage.

The Parish Council Recommend Refusal.

P17/S0022/HH (Householder) Proposal: Single storey front, rear & side extensions with front dormers & part conversion of roof space. Address Broxham Behoes Lane Woodcote RG8 0PT.

The Parish Council recommend Approval.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S3907/HH side and rear extensions. Site Location : 28 Bridle Path Front, Woodcote RG8 0SE.

P16/S3251/FUL – Increase size of Baseball court, Recreation Ground, Folly Field, Woodcote.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Cllr. Botting and Cllr. Smith had attended a meeting with SODC Planning Officer Emma Bowerman on 30th January, to review the Garden Centre planning application. Some of the conditions that Emma had attached to the application did not completely reflect the PC's understanding of the site. The conditions under query were corrected. Revision conditions will be sent out and the Section 106 Agreement.

Simon Kitson SODC was also present at the meeting he is dealing with the Chambers Place Application. He clarified that the required density in the AONB may not be as high and it being on the edge of the village.

Cllr. Botting and Smith had also met with the Estates Manager from the Co-operative stores regarding their proposed expansion at Woodcote. Several ideas had been discussed re the parking of the Delivery lorry which they will try to accommodate to relieve the parking issues.

Blandy & Blandy had written re the application to land registry of the strip of land to the edge of the field Behoes Lane. The Parish Council had reviewed all the information given by them regarding the likelihood of an objection being successful. The PC in light of the information and possible costs agreed not to pursue this matter.

7. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

SODC Dog Bin emptying 1 Oct to 31 Dec £100.46

British Telecom line rental & BB £113.65

Glasdon UK Ltd 3 new lidded bins £614.44

Glanville Consultants Professional services for pedestrian crossing £1140.00

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quotation from;

Premier Heating for the overhaul and service of the heating system within the Village Hall. £3634.00

The Parish Council reviewed the quotation and agreed that they would cover the entire amount from the VH Capital maintenance budget.

Quotation from;

ARD for repair to the blue wet pour in children's play area. £583.00 plus VAT. PC agreed to pay.

8. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – meeting next week.

Village Green – Requested if the hedge to the rear of Langtree could be added to the Berinsfield contract for cutting. Also to ask Berinsfield to mow the grass area that is now exposed by the BT hedge being cut back.

Traffic Advisory Group – OCC have agreed the preliminary design for the pedestrian crossing, the PC agree that Glanville can proceed with the detailed/technical design.

Neighbourhood Planning Group

The advertisement for land sites is in the Henley Standard, so far one response. The application window for locality funding is open so the Treasurer of the NHP Group will make an application.

The group meet tomorrow they are still trying to recruit new members.
The surveys are being returned, one group as yet not covered and half a group still to come back, however 70% of the surveys are back.
At the NHP conference in Benson presentations given by John Howell and John Cotton, there was discussion about at what stage do NHP's come into force, which it appears is earlier than first anticipated.

Police – there has been a reported house burglary in Woodcote.

Youth Club – Their AGM is the end of the month.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. McGurk referred to the imminent closure of the Stay and Play Group in the Village Hall. Several of the Mothers want to work together as volunteers and run their own group, Cllr. McGurk will work with them, she requested if the PC could support the cost of the hall each week. The payment for the rental has been received until the end of March so the PC agreed they could help until the end of this financial year.

An additional bin has been requested at Wayside Green. Clerk to check if the positioning of the bin will be collectable by the Biffa contractors.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th February 2017.

Preceded by Allotment Trustees Meeting starting at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed Date.....