

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 5th July 2017 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To receive apologies for absence. – None.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. Crockett declared interest in Pre Planning application.

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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21st June 2017.
Approved as true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
None.

6. Planning Applications

Pre Planning application for consideration – details circulated.

The Council discussed the pre planning details as presented and will make their representation to SODC Planning officer for consideration.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P16/S0375/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments :

Demolition of existing garden centre structures and erection of 9 new dwellings (As amended by plans and additional information accompanying Agents email dated 27 June 2016, 12 August 2016 and 12 September 2016). Site Location : Woodcote Garden Centre Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Cllr. Smith had attended the SODC Planning meeting to represent the PC regarding the planning application P16/S3646/FUL Chambers Place Goring Road. Despite Cllr. Smith making a case for the reasons for Refusal SODC Planning Committee meeting approved the application to go ahead.

The Co-operative stores had sent an email to the PC regarding their planning application to extend their premises. They had taken into account several of the PC's comments and made amendments, The full amended application will be discussed at the next PC meeting on 19th July.

An email had been received from Sonning Common Parish Council requesting that the "large villages" in the SODC Core Strategy hold a meeting to question some of the allocations and points made in the Core Strategy. The PC agreed to attend the first meeting and also offered to host it at our Village Hall. Clerk to reply.

7. Finance

To approve payments, note receipts.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
30/06/2017	British Telecom	DD	88.54	Line & BB
01/07/2017	WHMC	671	90	Hall Hire NHP Consultation
01/07/2017	Rod d'Ayala	672	500	Survey & Mgnmt Plan Greenmore
05/07/2017	Blandy & Blandy LLP	673	321	Mtg re MOU's & VG for NHP
05/07/2017	Prospect Studio Ltd	674	104	Web Mntnc & Hosting
05/07/2017	SwiftClik	675	21.19	Diary 2018 5 reams paper
		Total	1124.73	

Noted Receipts.

OCC Grant cutting Grant £1198.73

Bank interest from Deposit Account £14.07

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

Quotation from D.J.Scott Electrical for various items in the Village Hall;

Supply & Install 3 further smoke detectors £318.00

Supply & install replacement bulkhead light to rear of stage £65.00

Carry out 5 year fixed wiring inspection £570.00

The PC approved this quotation.

The Clerk advised the PC that there are faults with the existing boilers in the Village Hall and Premier Heating had looked at the faults and carried out a flush of the loss header tank and the problem was alleviated but not completely fixed. They had looked into pricing of the heat exchangers in the 2 boilers and they are very expensive. Premier Heating are recommending replacing the two boilers.

Full quotation to be reviewed at the next PC meeting 19th July.

8. Other Committee Reports

Village Hall MC – Meeting on 10th July.

Village Green Committee

There have been problems with the wet pour surface in the playground.

At the inspection the VGC agreed ARD the contractor contacted to look at the repair had been a bit excessive. Ken Ison has recorded the immediate repairs required to make sure area is kept safe. VGC await the Annual play area statutory inspection report to see if they have identified any more areas VGC has. VGC have also located a suitable rubber mastic for repairing minor areas of shrinkage/cracks to prevent further damage of said areas.

Hopefully VGC will be able to submit an estimate for current work required on the wet-pour for next PC meeting 19th July.

Traffic Advisory Group – Zebra Crossing Goring Rd. The public consultation will be submitted to OCC Cabinet on 20th July. The Chairman requested that the Group email Mark Gray OCC cabinet member to ensure he is aware of the project being brought for discussion.

Neighbourhood Planning Group – Cllr Botting reported that SODC have allowed a grant of £10K for Revision 2. The group will create a sub group to work on data to show how many houses are actually needed, and a further sub group on landscaping. Both groups will submit their findings at the NHP Group meeting in September.

Youth Club – Cllr. Williams reported that the club is doing well and the Tuesday evening group is regularly getting attendance of 18 to 25 youths. The gender balance is also good at approximately 50/50.

The Senior club has attendance of 15 to 20 but attendance diminishes significantly with the light evenings.

YC committee funds are healthy, the Clerk requested a copy of their Accounts as a recent one has not been submitted.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Crockett advised that the Gas Board contractors are working on Goring Road to replace the gas main, he is concerned of the impact on the Woodcote Rally weekend of 8/9th July. No notification had been received by the Parish Clerk.

Cllr. Hadaway reported the poor condition of the footpath along South Stoke Rd to the corner of Folly Orchard Rd. Recommended that she reports this on Oxfordshire Fix My Street as this is the mechanism for reporting such matters.

Cllr. Crockett asked about the footpath in West Chiltern that comes out onto the Goring Road. Ownership is not known, the Clerk to check with OCC as it is assumed their own it.

Another burst to the Watermain in Wayside Green has caused disruption. The Chairman asked the Clerk to again contact Thames Water and request that they put into action a plan to replace all the old water mains in Wayside Green.

Questions regarding the status of the Post Office have been asked, it is still closed following a software upgrade by Royal Mail that did not work correctly. This update affected Stoke Row but they opened after two weeks closure.

Cllr. Booth reported that the Wallingford Post Office is closing, the shop owners no longer wish to run it. It will reopen in another location a new card shop.

The Chairman will try to speak to Sue at Woodcote Post Office and asked other Councillors if they will do the same so we can get up to date information.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th July 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

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