

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Function Room, Village Hall, Woodcote
Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

1. To receive apologies for absence.
Mr. D. Booth.

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 22nd November 2017. Correction to date of meeting on minutes and the page numbering.
Approved as a true record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes not on the agenda elsewhere.
Cllr. Botting updated the meeting that he had contacted John Cotton Head of SODC and John Howell MP regarding the PC's position to the outline planning application for development at the end of Wood Lane. They are both now aware, the Clerk also sent them a copy of the PC's detailed response to SODC Planning.

6. Planning Applications

No new applications for this meeting.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC:

P17/S3164/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments :
Proposal to build an attached double bay garage with annex above (as amended by revised plans received 10th November 2017)
Site Location : Eastfield House Pot Kiln Lane Goring Heath RG8 7SR

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

Cllr. Smith gave an updated of the outcome from the SODC Planning Committee meeting that he attended with the Chairman to speak on Planning application P17/S2878/FUL – Minor Amendment :

No. 2 - dated 25th October 2017 Proposal : Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to convert approved garage into a playroom and provide additional parking on the frontage of Plot 2 of Planning Permission P16/S2432/FUL. (Site plan amended to previously approved plan received 25 September 2017) (Amended 2017_10_25 to reduce number of bedrooms in both plot 2 and plot 3). Lack of 3 car parking spaces as required by policy T8 of the Woodcote NHP.

Apart from two Councillors all others supported the refusal stating that it was local democracy working as Woodcote had a made Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee deferred the recommendation so the developer and the Parish Council can discuss a solution.

The Chairman expressed his concern at the communication regarding P17/S4190/DIS, for development work at the following location: Chiltern Rise Cottage Reading Road Woodcote.

The application is for: Discharge of condition 29 - The development shall not commence until proposals for a pedestrian and cycle access to allow access from the application site to the village facilities through the adjacent site known as WNP02 in the Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan, or an appropriate alternative access to village facilities, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The access shall be provided prior to first occupation of the development hereby approved in accordance with the approved plans and maintained thereafter. P15/S1009/FUL Demolition of Chiltern Rise Cottage, Garden Cottage and Stable Cottage and the erection of 25 dwellings (As amended by drawings received 03/12/15).

This is against the solution that was agreed when the planning was granted. The footpath was directed from the development through the Garden Centre (which is to be developed) and out onto the Reading Road. This is the safest route for pedestrians from the proposed new development. Cllr. Botting advised that a meeting should be sought with the Bursar of the Oratory School (the applicant) and a further meeting with Mr. Hill from the Garden Centre as it appears that there has been some misunderstanding or interpretation of this condition.

The Clerk to also speak to the SODC Planning Department and send an email.

7. Finance

List of Payments made between 29/11/2017 and 09/12/2017

Date	Payee Name	Ref	Amount	Transaction Detail
29-				
Nov	British Telecom	DD	£89.30	Monthly BB & Line
04-				
Dec	Codehigh Ltd	720	£20.00	Technical support
04-				November grass
Dec	Berinsfield Community Business	721	£553.56	cuts
06-				
Dec	Village Green Committee	715	£2,000.00	Annual Grant
06-				
Dec	Woodcote community Centre	716	£1,000.00	Annual grant
06-				
Dec	Woodcote Parochial Church Coun	719	£850.00	Graveyard Mtnc
07-				
Dec	WVHMC	TRANSFER	£104.00	NHP Room hire Dec
			£4,616.86	

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

The Village Hall MC had applied for a grant for refurbishments and the application was successful for 50% of the requested funds.

The letter of acceptance was signed to be returned to SODC Grant office.

8. Other Committee Reports

The Chairman advised that the PC do not have any sub committees and this agenda item should be titled as Other Village Committees and Groups report. All agreed.

Village Hall – meeting 11th December. The Co-op stores contractors have been to the hall and carried out the agreed works to the kitchenette FOC, which was much appreciated.

Neighbourhood Planning Group

Cllr. Botting advised that work is continuing, meetings with developers agents and landowners are being arranged. Next meeting 7th December the group will brief the Parish Council on the work done so far and all ongoing progress to date, all councillors are requested to attend.

Village Green Committee no meeting.

Traffic Group – The Clerk has chased OCC for the costings on the for the Zebra crossing awaiting a response.

9. Other Matters for Chairman

Cllr. Crockett advised that the footpath from West Chiltern into Goring Road has been marked with white lines so it is hoped OCC are going to repair some of the cracks.

Cllr. McGurk requested that the PC progress the matter of 30mph stickers for wheelie bins which had been discussed previously. It was agreed to sticker Goring Road, Greenmore and Roding Road. Clerk to order approx. 200 stickers.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 22nd December 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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