

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm.

PC MEMBERS

Chairman	Mr. M. Smith
Vice Chair	Mr. R. Peirce
	Miss. H. Booker
	Mr. S. Lawson
	Mr. G. Botting
	Mr. R. Fletcher
	Ms. A. Mack
	Mr. K. Davies
Parish Clerk	Ms J. Welham

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

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. Booker expressed interest in Planning applications, P21/S4802/LB, P21/S4800/HH.

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.
Two Members of public present.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17th November 2021.
Approved as True Record.

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

6. Planning Applications to consider all applications received from SODC and any other applications submitted and published by SODC between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting.

P21/S4367/HH (Householder) Other Proposal: Single storey single garage and store. Address: 4 Wayside Green Woodcote RG8 0QJ.

Parish Council have no objections.

P21/S4793/HH (Householder) Other Proposal: Single Storey extensions to front & rear Address: 22 Bridle Path Woodcote RG8 0SE.

Parish Council have No objections

P21/S4802/LB (Listed Building Consent) Other Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey side extension, construction of new single storey side extension.
Address: Church Farm House Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

Parish Council have no objections, comment that the existing structure is in very poor condition and a replacement would enhance the listed Farmhouse.

P21/S4800/HH (Householder) Application Type Other Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey side extension, construction of new single storey side extension. Address: Church Farm House Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

Parish Council have no objections.

P21/S4822/FUL (Full Application) Major Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S2110/FUL (Demolition of Chiltern Rise Cottage, Garden Cottage, Stable Cottage and garden centre structures and erection of 34 two-storey residential dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) with access off Reading Road, including a new pedestrian footway, parking and garaging, removal of TPO trees, landscaping and all enabling works) - Amendment required to the approved footpath link as a result of incorporating a bus lay-by. Address: Chiltern Rise Cottage, Stable Cottage, Garden Cottage & Woodcote Garden Centre Reading Road Woodcote RG8 0QX.

1. The changes will require the removal of a number of trees. The Parish Council request that replacement trees are provided either in the vicinity of the bus lay-by (if appropriate) or elsewhere in the village.
2. The original section 278 agreement for the earlier planning application for the Chiltern Rise site included the provision of bus shelters at this location. Presumably this will also be a part of the new section 278 agreement. The drawings do not show the location of any shelters. The Parish Council request that the drawings be amended to show such locations. Because of the limited space behind the lay-by it may be appropriate to put the shelter on the angled section of footpath at the start of the lay-by.
3. There is no street lighting in this area, which is a safety issue, especially for pedestrians having to cross the road to reach the bus stop on the Oratory school side of the road. The Parish Council request that at least one street light be provided, perhaps between the corner of Tidmore Lane and the lay-by which would illuminate the end of Tidmore Lane, the approach to the bus stop as well as the pedestrian crossing point.
4. Woodcote Parish Council also question why, if a lay-by is required for safety reasons for the bus stop on the north side of the road, is it not necessary for a similar lay-by to be provided on the south side of the road.

P21/S3399/FUL (Full Application) Minor Amendment : No. 2 - dated 25th November 2021 Proposal : Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of two times detached dwellings comprising two phases; phase 1 erection of plot 1 with access, car parking and associated works, phase 2 erection of plot 2 with access, car parking and associated works.(as per amended plans submitted 1 and 25 November 2021). Address : 8 Gap Way Woodcote RG8 0RU.

The Parish Council object to this amendment it only changes the encroachment onto land owned by No. 6 Gap Way. All previous objections to Amendment 1 remain.

District Council Jo Robb arrived.

She congratulated the Parish Council for their recent submission of the NHP” stating is was excellent work. She also will support the PC with their choice of Examiner.

She then gave an update on matters from her report that will be circulated.

The matter of the judicial review for the 140 retirement homes planning on AONB land at Sonning Common will be heard on 9th December. The ruling will be interesting as it is significant development within an AONB.

Cllr Robb then left the meeting.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC

None

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Clerk advised that the new barn property build at Chambers Place is highly lit at night creating significant light pollution. This matter was unfortunate but at time of planning being granted SODC had not introduced the light pollution to its considerations.

Discussions regarding the NHP2 public consultation by SODC due to start 13th December. Various methods of communicating this to resident were discussed. Chairman to draft a front page article for the Correspondent. A leaflet drop by the NHP Group was also discussed, the Chairman of NPAG, G Botting, to draft.

Chairman advised he had had no feedback to the PC's response to the public art offering at Chiltern Rise.

7. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

List of payments between 16 November to 2nd December 2021.

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Inc VAT	Transaction Detail
	New Venture			
16/11/2021	Products	Debit card	£36.55	Anti climb paint
19/11/2021	Brewers	Debit card	£50.11	Anti climb paint
				Fire Alarm Service
22/11/2021	RES systems Ltd	Transfer	£144.00	(July)
24/11/2021	PC Technicians	Debit Card	£10.00	Keyboard for PC
29/11/2021	British Telecom	DD	£134.23	Monthly line and BB
02/12/2021	RES Systems Ltd	TRANSFER	£2,608.20	2 Steel fire doors VH
02/12/2021	OCC	Transfer	£1,800.48	
	Achadia West			
02/12/2021	Waddy	Transfer	£1,438.66	
			£6,222.23	

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Noted no
receipts.

7.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

The Clerk presented the Grant Acceptance Letter, the PC had been successful with their application for a Community Grant from District the total being £2628.00.

Noted – The Chairman and Clerk signed the paperwork, Clerk to return to SODC Grants.

8. Grant Policy – review and adopt.

The Clerk had circulated the Draft Policy prior to the meeting.

There were questions regarding the schools and if as they were OCC could the PC award them a grant. It was established that they could award a grant to PTA's or other Friends of the School groups, however they could not grant funds to the schools direct.

The resolution was to adopt the Grant Policy.

9. To receive Minutes from Other Village Groups – to note & take questions on minutes.

Village Hall

The PC had received the User Group minutes. Councillor was concerned that these minutes are not in the public domain. The Clerk verified that they are on the PC website homepage. The VH Trustees to publish on their new website.

10. Other Matters for Chairman to consider any matters arising after agenda published.

The Clerk requested that the Terms of Reference for the Village Green Committee need to be finalised. The Chairman took this action.

West Waddy Brief for the Village Hall project had been completed by the Chairman and sent in, he had copied members on the email. Chairman to speak to WW to request information on their consultation scheduled for 15th December.

11. Correspondence – to consider & review any received.

Clerk had circulated an email from a MOP regarding the 20mph speed limit requested from the Pc to OCC. He raised issues regarding speeding on 'Goring Rd and had carried out his own speed tests and shared the information. The Clerk had replied thanking him for the detail.

A question was raised if the Traffic Group should restart, and this MOP be invited to join.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th December 2021.

Meeting closed at 21.44

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