

WOODCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Virtual meeting Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 7.30pm.

PC MEMBERS

Chairman	Mr. R. Peirce
Vice Chair	Mr. M. Smith
	Miss H. Booker
	Mr. A. Crockett
	Mr. G. Botting
	Mr. S. Lawson
	Mr D. Booth
	Mr. R. Fletcher
Parish Clerk	Ms. Jenny Welham

1. To receive apologies for absence

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Farmer had given birth to Baby Henry on 9th June and both were now at home.

The Chairman raised a motion to Approve Cllr. Farmer's extended absence, all members agreed.

2. To Received 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 had requested the link to join the meeting.

The Clerk advised that to be in conformance with the regulations the link to the meeting should be displayed on the Agendas when published. Vice Chairman was concerned that the Agenda when posted on the website with the link added could encourage hackers into the Zoom meetings.

Clerk to check the regulations and procedure.

4. To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Virtual Meeting held on 3rd June 2020

The Vice Chairman had sent corrections which had been actioned prior to the meeting. Cllr. Botting raised a correction to a paragraph under Item 6.3. Add that the PC agreed to realign the NP2 to the SODC emerging Local Plan.

Approved as a true record.

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

No other matters.

6. Planning Applications to discuss and agree Councils response.

No new applications for consideration.

6.1 Applications Granted by SODC

None.

6.2 Applications Refused by SODC

None.

6.3 Other Planning Matters

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Botting had met on Zoom to discuss the PC response to the SODC Local Plan Examination in July. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman will speak at the hearing on 11th July and he has registered to speak. The matters that he will speak on are Major development in the AONB, Site Evaluations, Housing Need Assessment.

A statement will be submitted and this must be precise including any Appendices, this statement will be circulated to the members by the Vice Chairman after the meeting for their feedback and any inputs must be received back to the Vice Chairman by dead line of 22nd June.

The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman and Cllr, Botting for all their work and preparation.

Vice Chairman gave an update on the Chiltern Rise development. He had received an email from the Planning Officer regarding the footpath which is still proving an issue. The SODC Officers suggestion was to make a condition of approval on the application that the development cannot commence until the footpath course is approved. The PC Agreed to this.

Rectory Homes have now submitted a new planning application for the joint plan of Chiltern Rise and Garden Centre sites. The Vice Chairman pointed out on this new application that the footpath access to Chiltern Rise will need to change as the current position will mean removing hedging and some trees which is in breach of WNP.

The Chairman submitted that the PC should formally advise the SODC Planning officer of these two matters as soon as possible and that the Vice Chairman should update Rectory Homes. Clerk & VC to action.

Cllr. Crockett advised that Chiltern Aerodrome had been asked to cease their Gliding by SODC. It is possible that they have been given an enforcement notice or a stop notice, the Clerk has not received any notification of either. Clerk to check with SODC.

Cllr. Lawson mentioned the Reservoir site on Greenmore stating that it is poorly secured the fencing is falling down, and in the site there are very tall weeds. He is concerned that this could be a safety issue if children get into the site to play. Clerk to write to the owner on behalf of PC asking if he can secure the fencing and clear the weeds.

Cllr's Lawson and Crockett advised that a section of hedging on Greenmore is overgrown with brambles and overhanging the footpath. Cllr. Booker has reported this overhang on Fix My Street. The Clerk advised that she had been speaking to the contractor about the hedge cutting and this will begin in July. Clerk will request if they can just trim back this small section asap.

Cllr. Botting raised the question if the PC should try to get these brambles sprayed so they die down. Spraying would also kill any surrounding hedging. This matter was unresolved.

Cllr. Booker had been asked by the Vice Chairman to review the Reading Transport Strategy. The Plan is still assuming a third bridge over the Thames from Reading to Caversham.. It also shows a North Orbital Road and a North Park and Ride. No locations are defined but on the fringes of Caversham.

The plan is at the concept stage and dates suggested timescales are 2032. She did not feel there would be a long term significant impact on Woodcote. Cllr. Booker will email the diagram plan to members.

7. Budget FY 2020/2021 – Review Accounts against Budget.

The Clerk had circulated the first quarter report of payments and receipts against budget. There are no significant overspent apart from Stationery and this was due to purchase of Laser toner. This will need to be considered at the next budget planning for FY 2021/22.

Members had no further questions.

8. Finance To approve payments, note receipts.

Woodcote PC payments 4th-30th June 2020

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
18/06/2020	The Landscape Group	Transfer	£1,077.43	May grass cutting
18/06/2020	Woodcote Gdn Centre	Transfer	£102.00	Spraying & Weed clnc.
26/06/2020	T. Smallbone	Transfer	£35.00	War Mem Gdn June
26/06/2020	T. Smallbone	Transfer	£21.98	Soil, plants War Mem Gdn
26/06/2020	T. Smallbone	Transfer	£70.00	Back pmnt Jan Feb 2020
28/06/2020	J. Welham	SO	£1,392.40	June Salary
28/06/2020	L. Crockett	SO	£217.10	June Litter picking
			£2,915.91	

Approved.

Noted No receipts.

8.1 Quotations/Grants received for review/approval.

No Grants.

Cllr. Booker had worked with the Clerk on securing the Village Green, and Folly Field against trespass. Cllr. Booker had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

Quotations received for Steel beams, and metal fencing. The PC agreed that strong correctly spaced posts would be sufficient and would not require a pole to be run through them. There was debate regarding concrete, wood or steel posts. The Clerk to continue to source pricing and obtain prices for anti ram posts/bollards.

Chairman and all Members thanked Cllr. Booker for her detailed report.

8.2 Sec 106 Funds – sign letter for approved application

The PC agreed that the Clerk should sign the acceptance letter from SODC for the £612.88, these funds are from the Olga Mowforth house development. The funds will be used towards the Village Hall redecoration.

9. Reports from Other Village Groups – to receive reports from working groups.

WVHM held their virtual Annual General Meeting on June 8th, the Accounts were signed off and will be presented to the Charity Commission.

Reopening the Hall is dependant on the Government Guidelines, date not yet final.

Village Green Committee

The bins around the green and in the play area are very full, felt this is due to the lockdown and more people using the facility for their exercise.

A wheel from the practice goal has come adrift, this is now in the VG Store awaiting to be repaired.

NPAG – ongoing, no new report.

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

Cllr. Crockett raised the matter that a resident had spoken to him about the hedging along Tidmore Lane. The Clerk advised that she had been dealing with this matter and had emailed the resident about the issue. Chairman advised to leave this matter with the Clerk at the moment.

Cllr. Botting raised the matter of the Defibrillator outside the Village Hall that the PC had funded needing two guardians. He volunteered to be one. It was suggested that there are likely residents who may be interested to be a guardian who have first aid skills. Cllr. Botting to contact the suggested resident.

Cllr. Lawson commented that the X40 bus service had been running regularly during the COvid-19 lockdown. It was agreed that the PC should send a letter to Thames Travel thanking them for their support with the bus service during the pandemic. Cllr. Lawson to draft a letter and send to the Clerk to send on behalf of the PC.

Cllr. Booker advised that the wooden gates into the two village entrances needed attention. She will with help of her Mother go and trim the vegetation around them. The PC agreed the Clerk should obtain quotes to get them repainted and thanked Cllr. Booker for her kind offer.. Cllr. Crockett suggested that there maybe other items around the village that need attention, he will look and comprise a list.

11. Correspondence – to consider & review any received.

None.

12. To note date of the next PC meeting: Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 1st July 2020.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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

