

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

Present: Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Carter, Fysh, Langley, Mann, Parker, Rayner, Werrell, Westell and White and County Cllr Johnston.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) To receive any representations from any member of the public present.

Marie Richardson, Donna Ross, Hana Braybrooke, Brigit Newcombe, Eric, Rhys and Lewis Newcombe- Jones and Mike Adams attended the meeting. Their principal concern was the potential loss of the No 4 bus evening, Sunday and Bank Holiday Service following the withdrawal of the subsidy by Oxfordshire County Council. The loss of the evening service was a particular worry and it was suggested that an approach might be made to the District Council for funding. The evening service was also heavily used by language students in the summer. The Parish Council were able to update the residents on the possibility of the service being continued commercially and the discussions that were continuing with the service provider.

Brigit Newcombe also raised the question of the Deerhurst Park playground and in particular the amount of litter that was accumulating. It was resolved that the Clerk would put her in contact with Wimpeys who were responsible for the area.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berrill and Shaw

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Johnston said that the County Council had met to discuss waste policy and the County was at risk from applications from unwanted minerals. Efforts were made to delay the decision for six months; there were several split votes until finally the issue was back on track the new proposals involve burning waste and eliminating the waste going to landfill.

The proposal to make the Chief Executive Officer redundant and for the Council Leader to carry out the role was deemed to be illegal.

The proposals for new Park and Rides were in jeopardy due to lack of funding.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd MARCH 2015

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)

Cllr Fysh said there had been a problem with young people hanging around in the foyer and several users had complained. An agreement had been reached with the Open Door Group that they could meet on Mondays and Fridays but would no longer use the foyer. There was a considerable amount of glass and litter in the MUGA; this will be dealt with once the improvements have been made, including a net over the top. The PCSO is keeping a close eye on things. Plans were in hand for some £32,000 worth of improvements including additional car parking and the MUGA. The exterior is to be repainted

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)

A resident had complained about frequent cases of dog excrement on Berrymere Road; it had been reported to the VWHDC Environmental Officer.

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c) Highways/ Traffic Diversions – Para 6(c)

The diversion on the A420 would last 8 weeks. Mr Lee Turner had been on leave and sick leave but it was hoped to set up a meeting with him after the election.

d) Transport/No 4 Bus Review Para 6(d)

Confirmation had been received from OCC that the subsidy had been removed. However, there remained possibilities with the service provider and a meeting had been set up on Wednesday 22 April at 3pm with Mr Phil Southern, Operations Director, Oxford Bus Company.

e) Cricket Club and Recreation Ground - Para 6(e)

The pavilion was being redecorated externally. The work would cost £500, £200 of which would be offset against annual rent.

f) Playgrounds– Para 6(e & f)

A response was still awaited from the VWHDC on Section 106 money and from the Property Department. Reminders had been sent.

g) Community website and newsletter – Para 6(g)

A new printer had been appointed and the newsletter would in future be collated and stapled and would have a different coloured cover each month. A new editor needed to be appointed.

h) Emergency Plan – Paragraph 6(j)

The annexes on flooding and ice still need to be prepared.

i) The 2015 Elections – Paragraph 7

Nominations had to be delivered by hand to the VWHDC by 4pm on the 9th April

7. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

a) Applications received from the District Council for consultation and consideration by the Planning Committee

P15/V0123/HH 20.2.2015	Single storey rear extension with front pitched roof porch extension and a single storey timber framed outbuilding 15 Cumnor Road, Boars Hill OX15JP Mr David Dunbar	No objections
P15/V0348/FUL 25.2.2015	Replacement detached dwelling and detached garage/office with associated landscaping. Hilcote House, the Ridgeway OX1 5EZ Mr & Mrs King-Thompson	No objections
P15/V0355/HH 26.2.2015	First floor side and single and two storey rear extensions, new porches and erection of a detached triple garage with rooms above. Green Ridge, Lincombe Lane, Oxford OX1 5DZ Dr C & F Storey	No objections
P15/V0443/HH 3.3.2015	Remove conservatory; erect single storey rear extension 31 Home Close, Wootton OX13 6DD Mr Tony Trower	No objections
P15/V0481/FUL 11.3.2015	Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new three-bedroomed cottage	No objections

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	Elm Close Cottage, Old Boars Hill OX1 5JJ Mr Lee Langton	
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It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action

b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P14/V2647/HH 27.11.2014	Ground floor extension to rear of existing garages and first floor extension over. 5 Leigh Croft, Wootton OX13 6DL Mr John McClusker	-	Permit 6.3.2015
P14/V2610/HH 25.11.2014	Erection of a single storey rear extension and relocation of existing detached summer house building. Both structures proposed for use in connection with storage and display of works by sculptor Oscar Nemon. Pleasantland, The Ridgeway Oxford OX15EY Ms Alice Nemon Stuart Hiller	-	Permit 27.2.2015
P15/V0026/HH 12.01.2015	Two storey side extension and single storey front extension 42 Mathews Way, Wootton OX13 6JU Mr Robert Eastham	No objection	Permit 25.2.2015
P15/V0121/FUL 10.2.2015	Redevelopment of existing Harley Davidson motorcycle showroom to provide additional showroom, workshop and customer service areas. Closing of existing vehicular access onto B4017 Corner House Garage, 1 Whitecross Wootton OX136BS	No objection; but some concerns about the increased problems at the Fox Lane junction and the additional development of the Green Belt (although the existing area is concreted).	Permit 16.3.2015

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Fysh said that a resident had raised with him the question of the cycle path to Abingdon. Given the historical problem of funding the project which was estimated at £1 million and its

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cancellation following government cuts it was considered that there was little hope in resurrecting the project.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) Audit

The Accounts will be submitted for Approval to the meeting of 2nd June. The accounts have to be sent to External Audit by 27 July.

b) Payment made between meetings

Southern Electric – electricity pavilion 28.11.2014 – 26.2.2015 £241.45

c) April 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary April £442.02

Clerk Expenses April £112.16

Post Office Ltd. – HMRC PAYE & NI January to March £941.56

ST Grounds Maintenance – litter picking March £375.00

Vale of White Horse District Council £160.74

WADS Community Centre – donation for WADS –STOCK £250.00

Advent Solutions – Playground Inspection February £60.00

It was resolved that the payment made between meetings be noted and that the April 2015 invoices be approved for payment.

d) Applications for grants

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - Clerk to report on correspondence to hand

Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2015

VWHDC – submission of Local Plan Part 1

Message from Leader of Oxfordshire County Council

Advent Solutions – Inspection Report February

LCR Spring

Message from Andy Boyd

It was resolved to note the communications received

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre. It will be preceded at 7pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chairman.....Date