

# WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre**

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

## **1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Mr Joe Frost of Gigaclear attended the meeting following the company's meeting with residents to discuss broadband options. He said that Gigaclear were in regular contact with OCC. He outlined the Gigaclear package and confirmed that the meeting had been well attended and that some twenty of those present were prepared to pursue the Gigaclear option by raising awareness in the village. Provided the OCC/BT installation had not started Gigaclear were prepared to go ahead if the 30% threshold were reached. The advantages offered by Gigaclear were that they would cable to each house thus guaranteeing high speeds and their network would extend to Boars Hill. The capital cost would be around £200 per property increasing for properties further away from the main road. Running costs were of a similar order to BT. The key question for the Parish Council to ask BT was whether the evaluation phase had been completed.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Carter

## **3. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

County Cllr Johnston confirmed the information that the BT/OCC broadband roll out programme would take place between June and November; he would also provide a list of postcodes. Cllr Johnston said that the County Council was currently consumed with budget discussions; each of the main parties had put forward their proposals. The outcome was likely to be a combination but it did seem that Children's Centres were now safe. The legal reserves may well come into the equation. He confirmed that funds were available for a pool table for the Youth Club.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014**

The minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

### **a) Community Centre - Para 4(a)**

The CCTV camera had been installed and invoiced. Cllr Fysh said that there had been some developments on the use of the football pitch and the changing rooms. Discussions were going on with Children's football teams and rugby. The Community Centre was seeking to employ a caretaker for around 20 hours per week at £7 per hour. Usage of the Community Centre had risen to 42.5%. The car park needed a longer term solution. Cllr Berrill agreed to discuss carrying out a survey. A report was needed on the fitness trail which might be relevant to the development of the car park.

### **b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 5(b)**

A tree had been reported as causing an obstruction to the south side of the cricket ground. This may be part of the work still to be done by Jenks (see Para 5(g) below); if not it is likely to be the responsibility of the landowner

### **c) Highways – Para 5(c)**

Cllr Shaw had been monitoring with residents the work being carried out by Thames Water on Old Boars Hill; so far there had been no complaints and rubble had not been left in the ditch as previously. There had been a drop in water pressure and a leak had been identified

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## d) Allotments – Para 5(d)

The bonfire rules had been agreed with Mr & Mrs Benson. Two sections of wire had been removed from the allotment fence. The Police had been informed. It was resolved to obtain an estimate for their replacement.

## e) Neighbourhood Policing/Vandalism – Para 5(e)

See theft of fence wire on the allotments in Para 5(d) above. Damage had been caused to the cricket square by someone riding a horse.

## f) Bus stops and services – Para 5(f)

There had been some late running of the bus service and Cllrs Langley and Parker were proposing to meet representatives of Oxford Bus Company.

## g) Cricket Club and Recreation Ground - Para 5(g)

Cllr Carter and the Clerk met with tree surgeons Jenks on 29<sup>th</sup> January and identified an area within the contract off Old Boars Hill that needed further work and two plum trees not in the contract that needed removing. It was resolved that the additional work could be carried out for £200 + VAT.

## h) Community website and newsletter – Para 5(h)

A working group meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and tasks were allocated

Cllr Andrew Ludlow – Wootton Parish Council – organising funding to be refunded by the two parish councils.

Cllr Brenda Rogers – St Helen Without PC – overseeing editor

Mr Ian Bristow – volunteer – will post items on the site

Mrs Sue Srawley – will redesign banner showing village signs for Wootton, Dry Sandford and Shippon and organise new url “Wootton Dry Sandford Shippon.co.uk” as well as access to update site.

Mr Adam Flinn – Editor Community newsletter will pass newsletter to Ian Bristow for posting.

Mr George Edmonds-Brown – Clerk Wootton PC & St Helen Without PC – to pass information to Mr Bristow for uploading.

The site will stay relatively simple with links to other groups but the existence of the working group should keep it monitored and updated.

## i) Wootton Business Park/ Housing Needs Survey – Para 5(i)

No further developments

## j) Speed limits – Para 5(j)

The advertisements starting the consultation period were still to be placed

## k) Community Governance Review - Para 5(k)

Mr Steve Corrigan of Governance Review Team has said that they are recommending that their proposal for Dry Sandford goes forward to the District Council unchanged; it is then likely to go for consultation to affected residents. It was resolved that Wootton Parish Council should take no further action and leave it to St Helen Without Parish Council to raise further objections.

## l) Broadband – Para 1(a)

The Chairman and Clerk would be meeting Mr Peter Cowen of BT on 12<sup>th</sup> February

## m) Flooding – Para 10

The Flooding Forum would take place in Oxford on 1 March from 10am to 2pm. Cllrs Berrill and Langley had expressed an interest in attending. Arthur Evans Close had experienced no significant problems this year despite the exceptional weather.

## **6. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

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

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| P13/V2637/FUL | Demolition of existing dwelling and garage. Erection of a replacement | No objections |
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| 16.12.2013 | dwelling and garage.<br>Belvedere, Bedwells Heath. Boars Hill<br>OX1 5JE<br>Mr & Mrs J Oppen |  |
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It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action

## b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

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| P13/V2345/FUL<br>8.11.2013 | Variation of condition 7 on planning permission P12/V1758/FUL to allow the repositioning of the dwelling by 800mm to the South East of its approved position<br>Woodpecker House, Orchard Lane, OX1 5JH<br>Sir Derek and Lady Morris | No objection | Permit<br>2.1.2014  |
| P13/V2534/HH<br>29.11.2013 | Single storey rear extension to annexe<br>213 Whitecross, Abingdon OX13 6BW<br>Mr Anthony Lee                                                                                                                                        |              | Permit<br>16.1.2014 |
| P13/V2518/HH<br>29.11.2013 | Proposed front porch, single storey front extension and raise part of the roof to extend the existing first floor living accommodation.<br>62 Cumnor Road, Boars Hill, OX1 5JP<br>Mr John Rand                                       |              | Permit<br>17.1.2014 |

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

## 7. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr White said that the potholes in the road opposite the Church had reappeared following flooding.

Cllr Westell suggested that congratulations should be made to Mr Tom Arden of Deerhurst Park who had crossed the Atlantic for charity.

Cllr Langley said that the parking in Deerhurst Park continued to pose a problem as was illustrated by a recent incident where an ambulance could not reach a resident requiring medical attention.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will support a request from Mr Walter Jacobs to underwrite half the cost of a the teas to be provided to those attending a World War 1 event at the Community Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The approximate cost would be £250.

## 8. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### a) February 2014 Accounts for approval

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| Clerk Salary February                            | £434.48   |
| Clerk Expenses February + stationery £6.25       | £112.91   |
| Advent Solutions; playground inspection December | £60.00    |
| Wootton & Dry Sandford Youth Club                | £3,500.00 |

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| WADS Community Centre                             | £1,590.00 |
| South & Vale Carers                               | £200.00   |
| Parochial Church Council                          | £450.00   |
| Pre-school Play Group                             | £300.00   |
| Junior Citizen's Trust                            | £50.00    |
| Thames Water Utilities Ltd; Water supply pavilion | £145.41   |

It was resolved that the February 2014 invoices be approved for payment.

## **b) Applications for grants**

None

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- i. ORCC News; February 2014
- ii. Voluntary and Community Sector Forum; 12 March 2014
- iii. Advent solutions; playground inspection December
- iv. Clerks & Councils Direct
- v. NALC Members Flood Forum
- vi. NALC book – Local Councils Explained
- vii. Energy Efficiency in Pavilions; TOE2
- viii. Carers Oxfordshire; January update
- ix. Town and Parish Forum – report
- x. Potholes letters

It was resolved to note the communications received

## **10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None

## **11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

Chairman.....

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