

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

Present: Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Carter, Fysh, Langley, Mann, Parker, Shaw, Werrell and Westell

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

None

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Rayner, Cllr White, County Cllr Johnston and District Cllr Spencer

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr Johnston sent the following report -

“Coming so soon after the last meeting, I have little further to report. However judging by the noises coming from County Hall I fear for the future. In particular I fear for the future of the Children's Centre at Wootton, not to mention our library in Kennington. We already have "managed decline" for our highways. As ever I will battle for Wootton and the rest of my Division and seek to get the very best deal available.”

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 19th MAY 2015

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 11(a)

Cllr Fysh said that the Community Centre was receiving quotes for the Multi-Games Area during the course of the next week; quotes for the car park would follow. The building had been repainted. Repair work had been done on the wall and on the gutters on the changing room.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 11(b)

No developments

c) Highways/ Traffic Diversions – Para 11(c)

Lee Turner was meeting Shippon councillors on 10 June and the Clerk undertook to remind him about the white lines at Deerhurst Park

d) Transport/No 4 Bus Review Para 11(d)

An article would be put in the July newsletter encouraging people to use the improved service. Oxford Bus Company was designing a poster using the tag “Pick the Purple.”

Questions were asked about the No 44 bus which appeared to have a reduced service.

e) Cricket Club and Recreation Ground - Para 11(e)

Nothing to report

f) Playgrounds– Para 11(e & f)

The Vale of White Horse District Council was ready to discuss the Parish Council adopting the Deerhurst Park playground against a commuted sum. A site meeting was being arranged.

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g) Community website and newsletter – Para 11(g)

Cllr Bristow confirmed that he would be setting up a community Facebook page. It was resolved that under the transparency regulations the website should carry a list of councillors and the end of year Accounts

h) Emergency Plan – Paragraph 11(j)

The annexes had still to be prepared.

7. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

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

P15/V1028/HH 6.5.2015	Single storey extension 166 Cumnor Road, Wootton, Boars Hill, OX15JS Mr & Mrs A Glass	No objection
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It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action

b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P15/V0552/HH 24.3.2015	Small rear extension and remove and reconfigure roof to make first floor bedrooms and a bathroom 2 Hill View Lane, Boars Hill OX1 5JT Mr Simon Berry	No objections	Permit 15.5.2015
P15/V0643/HH 26.3.2015	Single storey rear extension and conservatory 136 Cumnor Road, Boars Hill OX1 5JR Mr & Mrs M Watkins.	No objections	Permit 14.5.2015

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Mann said that there were a number of potholes in Mathews Way and Hawkins Way.

Cllr Parker proposed that there should be a vote of thanks to Cllr Berrill for his help during his time as councillor and Vice Chairman. This was approved unanimously.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) The 2014/15 Accounts

10. 2014/15 Accounts and Audit

Details of the 2014/15 Account had been circulated to councillors for comment. Part 1 of the External Audit Form showed that the Account was in balance. The Chairman went through the questions in Part 2 of the Audit Form. Cllr Fysh proposed that the 2014/15 be approved, including the Asset Register and the Risk Assessment. This was seconded by Cllr Mann and approved unanimously. The Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer signed Parts 1 and 2 of the Audit Form and the Annual Bank Reconciliation. The account would now go to Internal Audit before being submitted to External Audit.

a) June 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary June	£444.72
Clerk Expenses June	£112.16
Post Office Ltd – HMRC PAYE April – June	£914.67
Ian Bristow – website costs – Nov 2014-May 2015	£45.56
ST Grounds Maintenance – litter picking and grass cutting - May	£576.00

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It was resolved that the June 2015 invoices be approved for payment.

b) Applications for grants

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

OALC – Update for Members May 2015

It was resolved to note the communication received

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Transparency should be discussed at a future meeting

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date