

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

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

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mrs Karen Fysh requested a donation from the Parish Council of £250.00 towards the costs of WADS-STOCK. The event was increasing in popularity each year and the funding would be used for sound equipment and cooking equipment to help establish WADS-STOCK as an annual event.

Mr Watts and Mrs Clarke attended the meeting to draw the attention of the Council to parking problems in Huxley Close. There were too many vehicles many of which were parking on grass verges and damaging them. Cars from Mathews Way were also parking in the Close. It was agreed that consideration should be given to putting a white line on the corner to deter parking and that the PCSO should be alerted to the parking problems. District Cllr Shaw agreed to follow up with the VWHDC.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Carter.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr Johnston said that the ruling Conservative Group had got the budget through; there were serious concerns about the vast amount of unidentified savings that had been rolled over and the substantial level of cuts. There was a real danger that the budget would unravel. The property review had included a suggestion that County Hall should be sold and offices should be rented in Milton Park. The County Transport Plan included a proposal for a Park & Ride at Lodge Hill. There had been suggestions that the Chief Executive should be dispensed with and the role carried out by the Council Leader; this would be unsatisfactory as it would give executive functions to politicians. There was also a proposal for the HR department for schools to be in partnership with Hampshire County Council, but this was too small to be viable.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd FEBRUARY 2015

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

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)

Cllr Fysh said that £6,000 was being spent on the trees in the Recreation Ground and the Copse. £10,000 would be spent on the Multi-Games Area and a date had been set for the car park. A young person had been appointed to the Board and the weekly Open Door evening was taking place; adult supervisors would be CRB checked. There had been an arrest for anti-social behaviour and the individual was on bail. The installation of broadband by Gigaclear was awaited. It was resolved to grant the request for £250 for WADS-STOCK for this year only to assist the development of the event.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)

The footpath from Orchard Lane to Old Boars Hill had still not been repaired

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

The A420 from Botley westbound would be cut off in April and traffic will be diverted to Lodge Hill and back through Abingdon on the B4017. OCC had decided not to use the more direct alternative route through Cumnor Hill. The problems with water accumulating near the Church in Wootton Village had still not been resolved.

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

County Councillors would be advised of the options on subsidies for the No 4 bus on 12th March and a decision taken on 19th March. The Parish Council can request to speak on 19th March

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

Awards for All will not give grants to Parish Councils so this is not an option for the development of the play area opposite the Church. Taking over responsibility for the Deerhurst Park play area against a commuted sum remains the best option. There had been problems with young people drinking at the cricket ground.

f) Deerhurst Park Playground – Para 6(f)

The VWHDC have still not responded on either Deerhurst Park or Section 106 money

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

The collated version is expected in April.

h) Broadband – Para 6(h)

Gigaclear’s work is progressing in Mathews Way and Hawkins Way; Boars Hill will also be done.

i) Emergency Plan – Paragraph 6(j)

Short annexes for flooding and snow needs to be drawn up

7. THE 2015 ELECTIONS

Nominations for Parish Councillors have to be delivered by hand to the VWHDC by 9th April. In the event of an election this will take place on the 7th May. There is a charge even for uncontested elections. ‘Declarations of Acceptance of Office’ must be made before or at the first Parish Council meeting after the election. The Chairman remains in office until his successor is elected under the first item of business. The meeting must be held within 14 days of Councillors being elected (between 11th and 25th May). The Annual PC meeting must take place between the 1st March and the 1st June.

8. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

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

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
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).

It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee’s action

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b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P14/V2797/HH 17.12.2014	Proposed extension and alterations including formation of first floor accommodation to dwelling. 175 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BP Mr N Holman	No Objections	Permit 2.2.2015
P14/V2859/FUL 24.12.2014	Demolish existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling and associated outbuilding and landscaping. Agents Cottage, White Barn, Boars Hill OX15HH Mrs Laura Watts	No objections; contractors should not go through Wootton Village	Permit 12.2.2015

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

None

10. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) March 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary March	£444.24
Clerk Expenses March	£125.86
ST Grounds Maintenance	£300.00
Advent Solutions – Playground Inspection January	£60.00
WADS Community Centre	£104.00

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

b) Applications for grants

None

11. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- i. OCC – PTR Meeting notes
- ii. VWHDC – Community infrastructure Levy
- iii. News from the VWHDC
- iv. VWHDC 2015 Elections
- v. Advent Solutions; Playground Inspection 30.1.2015
- vi. Age Concern – cold weather
- vii. OALC Members update February 2015

It was resolved to note the communications received

12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date