

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

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

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

None

b) District/County Councillor Reports

County Cllr Bob Johnston sent the following report -

“1. I shall be having an Economy and Environment meeting on the 18th of September, so I hope that I can give a fuller account for the October meeting.

2. In the meantime I can report that the proposed 1,600 place lorry park at Lodge Hill has receded and if ever constructed it will not be built there, Marcham interchange or Milton are much more likely. The park and ride at Lodge Hill remains, and I quote "an aspiration". Quite the biggest player now is the proposed Oxford to Cambridge dual carriageway expressway for which £27 million has now been allocated for further study and scoping etc. One proposed line on the map starts at Lodge Hill, goes across Radley College land, over the river and heads first for Wheatley and then Aylesbury. There is quite a head of steam behind this at Westminster and I feel that a version of it will happen.

3. The situation on the railway electrification remains confused and uncertain but there are rumours that further progress may not occur until, wait for it, 2040, yes 2040, absolutely outrageous. This condemns Oxfordshire residents to use old and polluting diesels well into the foreseeable future. Again I am trying to get definitive details.

4. We are now about to start the budget process all over again. Good news is most unlikely.”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Rosemary Rayner and County Cllr Bob Johnston

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4th JULY 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. COOPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Three applicants had applied for the Parish Councillor vacancy (Prof. Laurence Brockliss, Mr Cecil Selby and Mr Andrew Smith). Following a written vote Prof. Laurence Brockliss was elected.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 5(a)

Cllr Fysh said that WADS-STOCK had again been a great success; £4,017 had been raised and divided equally between the Community Centre and the Air Ambulance. The Annual General Meeting would take place on the 7th September. Usage of the Centre was increasing, football was going well and there was a programme in place for maintenance. Ms Bev Avery who was

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dealing with the Children's Centre had indicated that the OCC solicitor dealing with the lease was Jaqui Booth and progress was expected soon.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 5(b)

Cllrs Langley, Parker and Shaw were carrying out a series of walks to review footpaths and where possible cutting back foliage. Some footpaths were blocked and they were working with OCC and the Oxfordshire Ramblers Assn. An article had been put in the Boars Hill newsletter and another will appear in October's community newsletter.

c) Highways Para 5(c)

The third grass cutting cut was scheduled for October.

d) Transport/No 4 Bus Review – Para 5(d)

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Oxford Bus Company to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.

e) Playgrounds – Para 5(e)

A meeting was required with Playground Services to discuss the timing of the project and the payments schedule.

The ROSPA Report for the existing playground had been received and there were no items of significant risk. As the existing play equipment was about to be removed no action on the report was necessary.

f) Wootton Business Park – Para 5(f)

Responsibility in OCC for the bus turning circle had now been passed to Mr Lee Turner. As Mr Turner has been a regular contact of the Parish Council this may well facilitate progress.

g) Joint Neighbourhood Plan – Para 5(g)

Progress was being made on the Neighbourhood plan

- It was agreed that an element of work with CFO could be included in the budget application for a 'My Community' grant.
- The Sub-Groups are now meeting regularly
- The questionnaire and engagement with the public was being discussed with Louise Rawlins at the VWHDC. In addition to the questionnaire focus groups would be set up.
- It had been agreed to set up a business forum.
- The Chairman of the Steering Group will write to VWHDC Cabinet Members and District Cllrs re-iterating the position on Dalton Barracks, Whitecross and Shippon; it was agreed that the letter should go from the Steering Group rather than as a joint letter.

h) Vale of White Horse District Council Local Plan Part 2 – Para 5(h)

The VWHDC were holding a briefing meeting on the Local Plan Part 2 on 19th September. It was resolved that Cllr Bristow should represent the Parish Council, that Dr Janet Banfield should be the Wootton representative from the Steering Group and that the Clerk should attend the meeting as Neighbourhood Plan Liaison Officer.

i) Royal British Legion – Para 5(i)

The agents, Vial Williams, has said that the proposed purchaser wants the site for residential use

j) Litter Boars Hill – Para 6

The bin at the junction of Old Boars Hill and Jarn Way has now been installed. A local resident had asked if bins could be placed around Boars Hill and that local residents should be asked to pay for the bins and for emptying them. It was resolved that the resident should be asked to contact the Boars Hill association and TRASLA.

7. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

a) Planning Enforcement

The enforcement process is now in place for Lamborough House.

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

P17/V1535/HH 8.6.2017	Erection of ground and first floor extensions and demolition of domestic outbuilding. Orchard Farm, 224 Wootton village OX1 5HW; Mr & Mrs Morton	No objections
P17/V1658/HH 16.6.2017	Proposed rear and side extensions, replacement dormer windows and other alterations to remodel the property. The Sheiling, Bedwells Heath, Boars Hill OX1 5JE; Mr and Mrs D Hughes	No objections
P17/V1701/HH 20.6.2017	Erection of white PVCu framed conservatory to the rear of the property. 205 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BW Mrs J Breslin	No objections
P17/V1811/FUL 6.7.2017	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 4 (Tree Protection) on Planning Permission P16/V1684/FUL Replacement of existing dwelling with new two storey, four bed house with detached garage and landscaping. Additional ecology information received; Woodland, Bedwells Heath, Boars Hill OX1 5JE; Mr Ciaran Mallon	No objections
P17/V1928/HH 14.7.2017	Proposed loft conversion for two bedrooms and single-storey rear extension for sitting room. 107 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BS Mr & Mrs R and T Jones	No objections

It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee's action.

c) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P17/V1189/HH 21.9.2016	Extension to listed Georgian Farmhouse and refurbishment to curtilage listed barn (minor variations and material changes to the original approved planning application P16/V2303/HH). Manor Farm, 6 Wootton Village, OX15JL Mr & Mrs Ginks	No objections	Permit 29.6.2017
P17/V0699/FUL 24.3.2017	Demolish existing garage and erect new annexe in rear garden 92 Whitecross, Wootton	No objections	Permit 5.7.2017

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	OX13 6BU Mr David Palmer		
P17/V1345/HH 22.5.2017	Single storey rear extension to enlarge existing lounge and internal remodelling of existing layout. 133 Whitecross, Wootton, OX13 6BP Mr Mark McMurdo	No objections	Permit 20.6.2017
P17/V1392/FUL 24.5.2017	Demolition of existing house and garage. Erection of two detached houses with garages. 46 Cumnor Road, Wootton OX1 5JP; Mr Craig Tucker	No objections	Permit 29.6.2017
P17/V1394/HH 25.5.2017	Proposed two storey rear extension in lieu of existing two storey structure to be demolished Gardeners Cottage, Sandy Lane, Boars Hill OX1 5HH Mrs Vivienne Albin	No objections	Permit 18.7.2017
P17/V1535/HH 8.6.2017	Erection of ground and first floor extensions and demolition of domestic outbuilding. Orchard Farm, 224 Wootton village OX1 5HW Mr & Mrs Morton	No objections	Permit 26.7.2017
P17/V1701/HH 20.6.2017	Erection of white PVCu framed conservatory to the rear of the property. 205 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BW; Mrs J Breslin	No objections	Permit 9.8.2017

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Shaw suggested that the Peking School which had replaced the Open University on Boars Hill should be asked if they would be one of the centres for the emergency plan. This was agreed.

Mr Warwick Clifton has now resigned as Chairman of the Allotments Assn. The Treasurer has also resigned. A new Chairman had been elected.

Cllr Carter said that there had been fly tipping in Whitecross. The perpetrators had been photographed.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) Payments made between meetings

Clerk Salary August

£906.32

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Clerk Expenses August; NP Printing; Stationery	£348.41
Playsafety Ltd – ROSPA Inspection	£79.80
Georgie Clarke – Neighbourhood Plan minutes	£145.00
Smart Signs and Graphics – NP banner	£94.63
Thames Valley Copiers – annual maintenance contract	£231.91
VWHDC - dog bin servicing – April-June 2017	£80.38

b) September 2017 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary September	£906.32
Clerk Expenses September; voice recorders; software; stationery	£252.96
Castle Water – water pavilion 26.1.17-7.8.17	£166.59
ST Grounds Maintenance – litter picking and grass cutting July - £571.65	
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Georgie Clarke Neighbourhood Plan minutes 9/8 and 30/8	£100.00
SSE – pavilion electricity 10.6.2017 – 29.8.2017	£227.25
Advent Solutions – Playground Inspections August	£65.00
Richard Bahu – Neighbourhood Plan expenses	£72.41

It was resolved that the payments made between meetings be noted and the September 2017 invoices be approved for payment.

c) Applications for grants

As Be Free YC had supported two young carers in Wootton since 2014, it was agreed to give a grant of £50.

10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

ROSPA report
Advent Solutions - Playground Inspections August
Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2017
Parish and Town Councillors’ Briefing on VWHDC LPP2 - 19th September
Oxfordshire Leader funding
Be Free Young Carers’ grant application
OCVA sector Conference; Keeping Well, Keeping Happy
S & V vice Chairman’s community Unsung Hero’s Award
OALC: House of Lords Call for Evidence on Civil Engagement
OALC Newsletter July 2017
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 next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....

Date