

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

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

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 E Carter, County Cllr Bob Johnston.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr Bob Johnston was unable to be present and had sent the following report -

“1. A great deal of work is going on behind the scenes on the 2014/2015 County budget. Most of this will not emerge into the public sphere for some weeks. However as I stated in my last report savings of £12 million pounds have to be identified. Some of these are already clear in respect of grass cutting and the review of subsidised bus services. I am still finalising my response to what is proposed for the number 4 service, but it will be in on time. Another area that has been reviewed is the mobile library service. It has been found that of the around 280 stops, some 30 were used by nobody and almost 80 by only 1 person. The service is to be reconfigured and stops with less than 3 users discontinued. Vulnerable users at small use stops will get the home library service which has the capacity to ensure that they get a service. I think that it is a win win situation for a change.

2. A great deal is also happening which will not impact greatly if at all on Wootton for example the development of the County Minerals Plan, this is however very time consuming for Councillors like myself who are involved in the working party. The same is true for the railway electrification programme.

3. Of more concern to Wootton are the ongoing road works at the Hinksey and Kennington roundabouts. I was told last week by the Officers that a November finish is still expected, and one has to believe what one is told. The bridge deck works are almost complete and only require tarmacing, which is not time consuming. I can only hope that the works on the Kennington roundabout can be completed in time. If anything changes I will let you know at once.”

District Cllr Val Shaw said that the resident of Arthur Evans Close who had expressed concerns about the activity and the gates of the neighbouring field had been put in touch with the VWHDC Environment Health Officer who would assess the validity of his complaint.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7th OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 7 October were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)

Cllr Fysh said that a drop in evening had been set up on Fridays for young people. This was working well and the room would be offered free for the first six weeks. The Pre-School windows were being changed. Cutting the hedge in front of the Community Centre had proved a success not only because of the improvement of visibility against anti-social behaviour but

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because it opened up the Centre making it look more impressive. Two young people would be invited on to the Board; this would be in the December newsletter.

The removal of fitness trail had been approved by the insurers and the contractor, Greenfields, had been instructed to go ahead. The insurance claim was for £406 (cash settlement based on replacement cost less 20% less £125 excess) against the actual cost of £475. the cost to the Parish Council would be £69.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)

There had been some improvement to the Cumnor Road footpath following the intervention of County Councillor Johnson. Cllr Shaw drew attention to the condition of the footpath between Orchard Lane and Old Boars Hill. Trees at the edge of the Community Centre and at Home Close needed attention.

c) Highways – Para 6(c)

OCC had confirmed that the additional white line at the entrance of Deerhurst Park would be done from next year's budget in April 2015

d) Allotments – Para 6(d)

Nothing to report

e) Neighbourhood Policing/Vandalism/ Parish Council Open Evening – Para 6(e)

There had been a general improvement in the situation since the meeting. Hartwells were providing additional security in the field north of Deerhurst Park.

f) No 4 Bus Review Para 6(f)

Cllr Langley had 44 completed sheets on the petition; one last thrust to get more signatures was required. The Parish Council were co-ordinating its response with St Helen Without and Cumnor Parish Councils and with Dalton Barracks. No reply had been received from Mr Martin Deans on a meeting to discuss the Section 106 bid; Cllr Shaw agreed to contact him.

g) Cricket Club and Recreation Ground including accident - Para 6(g)

The accident had been reported to the insurers and the complainant has been put in direct touch with them. The latest ROSPA report shows the board as very low risk. A warning had been put on the gate. It was resolved that the Playing Fields Committee should meet with the Cricket Club early in the New Year.

h) Deerhurst Park Playground – Para 6(h)

A response was still awaited from the VWHDC Property Department despite chasing; Cllr Shaw agreed to follow up.

Thames Valley Police had asked for a sign be installed in the playground saying that it was for the use of children up to 12. This had been passed to Wimpeys.

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

A new quote was being taken for producing the newsletter fully collated.

j) Broadband – Para 6(h)

Work is going ahead with Gigaclear up to Manor Road and progress is being made towards sign ups for the other areas. Gigaclear had offered to install broadband at the Community Centre, free for the first year and then at the domestic rate.

k) Christmas lights – para 6(n)

The arrangements were in place for the lights to be switched on from 7pm on 30 November. The LED lights being installed, the Vicar and Wootton Players would be participating. The new landlord at Bystander had agreed to provide mince pies and mulled wine.

7. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

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

None

b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P14/V1759/HH	Erection of a single storey side extension	No objection	Permit
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5/8/2014	Hollydene, The Ridgeway, Boars Hill OX15EX Mr P Thompson		19.9.2014
P14/V1913/HH 28.8.2014	Single storey extension at the side and rear 231 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BW Mr & Mrs P Taylor	No objection	Permit 14.10.2014
P14/V2052/HH 10.9.2014	Proposed two storey side extension 16 Hawkins Way. Wootton OX13 6LB Mr Stephen Jones	No objection	Permit 15.10.2014

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority's decisions

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Rayner drew attention to the litter and fly tipping in Hawkins Way.

Cllr Fysh said that tickets were available for the New Year's Eve party at the Community Centre at a cost of £25.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) November 2014 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary November	£436.22
Clerk Expenses November	£112.16
Advent Solutions – playground inspection September 2014	£60.00
ST Grounds Maintenance – Litter picking and cutting Millennium Hedge	£575.00
Ian Bristow – Community Website – May to October	£35.94
Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre – room rental July-September	£52.00

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

b) Applications for grants

Applications had been received from Sue Ryder – Nettlebed Hospice, Henley; Oxfordshire Association for the Blind and the Citizens Advice Bureau. It was resolved that these would be considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- i. VWHDC Invitation to Autumn Town & Parish Forum
- ii. OALC Members' Update – October
- iii. LCR Autumn 2014
- iv. Changes to Wootton Post Office
- v. ORCC Annual Report 2013-14
- vi. VWHDC Neighbourhood Planning Conference – March 2015
- vii. 172 Cumnor Road – appeal decision
- viii. The Vale Community – Design Guide consultation
- ix. OCC – Tree Survey
- x. Article by 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 next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre

Chairman.....Date