

# WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre**

**Present:** Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Carter, Fysh, 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.**

None

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Langley and Mann

## **3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

None

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

Cllr Johnston briefed the Council on the various options for the development of Lodge Hill and a new 1,600 vehicle Park and Ride. A bid for £13.8 million was being submitted to Central Government for slip roads on the A34. Policy options being discussed included a lorry park for 100 vehicles to replace lay-byes on the A34 and a bus lane on the A34. Some of these policies were raising concerns among local residents particularly on the Green Belt and rat running.

Grass cutting had been reduced to the statutory minimum of two cuts a year by Oxfordshire Highways; a number of Parish Councils including Kennington, Radley, South Hinksey and Sunningwell had entered into contracts themselves to deal with the issue.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING**

### **a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)**

Cllr Fysh said that quotes were in process for the MUGA and the carpark; it was intended to re-introduce football and rugby. The usage of the Community Centre was moving in the right direction and was now up to 43%. The Community Centre Board expressed its thanks for the support given to WADSSOCK

### **b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)**

It was resolved that the Area Steward should be contacted again to find out about the programme for grass cutting. The Parish Council can then decide whether to take some responsibilities like other parish councils have done.

Work needed doing on the two footpaths from Orchard Lane to Old Boars Hill and Jarn Way

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

Mr Lee Turner had been reminded about the Deerhurst Park white lines. There were a number of potholes in Mathews Way

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

Posters were being produced by Oxford Bus Company on behalf of the two parishes and would be distributed shortly. A public meeting will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September with representatives of Oxford Bus Company. The July article in the newsletter was not printed as planned; this will be rectified in the September issue.

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

The project to develop the social areas was currently on hold.

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f) Playgrounds– Para 6(e & f)

A meeting had been arranged for 20 July at 10.30pm to discuss Deerhurst Park with the Section 106 Coordinator at the VWHDC.

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

Cllr Bristow said that the website was up to date. The Community Centre site had been removed and was now covered on the community website. There was a dedicated page on the No4/4b bus service. A Facebook page was linked to the website. Councillors thanked Cllr Bristow for all the work he had carried out on the website.

Cllr Fysh said that they needed volunteers to receive and deliver the newsletters as both Sarah Hill and Freda East were giving up the task. So far there had been no response to the request published in the newsletter.

h) Emergency Plan – Paragraph 6(h)

The flooding and winter annexes still need to be completed.

## 7. COMMEMORATION

Lynn Carter asked if the Parish Council could help in commemorating her mother, June Ponting, who had delivered the post in Wootton for 40 years and had helped many elderly residents during that time. She had died 4 years’ ago. The Council did not have any suggestions for what might be done at present but agreed that Mrs Ponting could be considered with other potential candidates when the Council was consulted on street names, for example in Wootton Business Park. It was resolved that street names should be a standing item on the agenda

## 8. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

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

P15/V1045/FUL  20.5.2015	Replacement detached dwelling and detached garage/office with associated landscaping. Amendment comprising addition of basement beneath replacement dwelling Hilcote House, The Ridgeway, Boars Hill OX1 5EZ Mr & Mrs King Thompson	No objections
P15/V1169/HH  28.5.2015	Single storey rear extension to dwelling. Removal of side porch 1 Parsons Close, the Old Pound, Wootton OX13 6FE Mr Paul Godsaf	No objections
P15/V1185/FUL dated 22.05.2015		
<u>Proposal</u> Removal of condition 5 of Planning Permission P09/V0147 “there shall be no extension to the dwelling hereby permitted without the prior grant of planning permission” Construction of a single storey rear extension and first floor extension above existing garage. Construction of single storey front extension and new dormer windows to front elevation and new detached garage Winterbourne, 57 Wootton Village Boars Hill OX1 5HP Dr Towle-Jones		
<u>Parish Council comments</u>		

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<p>Wootton Parish Council has considered the proposal to remove Planning Condition 5 from Planning Permission P09/V0147. The Parish Council understands that the condition was imposed to protect against development in the Green Belt. The Parish Council continues to consider the protection of the Green Belt to be of considerable importance and as such the planning process should be used to evaluate any development involving it. This would include developments which bring the percentage increase in the size of the property beyond permitted percentage limits. The Parish Council understands that these percentage increases are not always taken into account with Permitted Developments.”</p>		
<p>P15/V1169/HH 28.5.2015</p>	<p>Single storey rear extension to dwelling. Removal of side porch 1 Parsons Close, the Old Pound, Wootton OX13 6FE Mr Paul Godsife</p>	<p>No objections</p>
<p>P15/V0981/HH 29.5.2015</p>	<p>Proposed two storey extension re-roofing to form loft conversion and internal alterations 174 Cumnor Road, Wootton OX15JS Mr &amp; Mrs Finn</p>	<p>No objections</p>

It was resolved to confirm the Planning Committee’s action

### b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

<p>P15/V0787/HH 21.4.2015</p>	<p>Dormer window to front elevation. First floor extensions to rear elevation. 219 White Cross, Abingdon OX13 6BW Mr Alan Midwinter</p>	<p>No objection</p>	<p>Permit 4.6.2015</p>
<p>P15/V0910/HH 23.4.2015</p>	<p>Erection of detached single garage The Barn, Whitecross OX13 6BU Mr Steven Parsons</p>	<p>No objection</p>	<p>Permit 9.6.2015</p>
<p>P15/V1028/HH 6.5.2015</p>	<p>Single storey extension 166 Cumnor Road, Wootton, Boars Hill, OX15JS Mr &amp; Mrs A Glass</p>	<p>No objection</p>	<p>Permit 23.6.2015</p>
<p>P15/V1045/FUL 20.5.2015</p>	<p>Replacement detached dwelling and detached garage/office with associated landscaping. Amendment comprising addition of basement beneath replacement dwelling Hilcote House, The Ridgeway, Boars Hill OX1 5EZ Mr &amp; Mrs King Thompson</p>	<p>No objections</p>	<p>Permit 30.6.2015</p>

It was resolved to note the Planning Authority’s decisions

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## 9. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Fysh raised the problem of parking on footpaths in Whitecross this was obstructing the pavement for wheelchair and pushchair users. It was resolved that the PCSO should be contacted and an item put in the next newsletter.

Cllr Carter asked about plans to extend the graveyard. It was noted that previous consideration had determined that this was not viable.

Cllr Carter said that speeding continued to be a problem in Whitecross.

Cllr White drew attention to the appearance that a taxi service was being run from the property at the junction of Old Pound and Lamborough Hill. It was agreed that this should be referred to VWHDC planning as change of use may be necessary.

## 10. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### a) Paid in-between meetings

Southern Electric	electricity pavilion	£238.42
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### b) July 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary July	£444.72
Clerk Expenses July includes Annual printer contract	£217.99
Advent Solutions playground inspection May	£120.00
ST Grounds Maintenance grass cutting and litter picking - June	£663.50

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

### c) Applications for grants

None

## 11. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Advent Solutions – June inspection  
Clerks and Councils Direct July 2015  
VWHDC Community Infrastructure Levy modifications  
VWHDC Planning Design Guide  
OALC – Update for members – June  
It was resolved to note the communication received

## 12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

It was resolved that Street names should be put on the agenda as a standing item.

Cllr Bristow said that Transparency should be on the next agenda.

## 13. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date .....