

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Bob Johnston outlined the discussions in the County Council on the budget. The budget was due to be agreed on 10th February. Each party grouping had put forward proposals and the outcome was finally balanced. Some additional funding has been available with the local enterprise funds, levy on workplace parking and an income stream due to borrowing being permitted for capital projects. The suggestion by the County Council leader to consider unitary councils was politically contentious and would need primary legislation. The County Council were consulting on the Transport Plan which could involve a new Park and Ride at Lodge Hill; Redbridge should, however, remain. The closing of the Cumnor Bypass would involve traffic being diverted through Lodge Hill and back through the B4017. Mr Johnston agreed to advise the Parish Council as soon as he hears the options for the bus subsidy review.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the meeting of 6th January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)

Cllr Ludlow said that a tree management plan had been agreed with Jenks who had submitted a significantly better estimate. The installation of fast broadband at the Community Centre by Gigaclear was awaited.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)

The path in Orchard Lane had been reported again.

c) Highways – Para 6(c)

Traffic was being disrupted by the gas works on Besselsleigh Road and Gigaclear works on Lamborough Hill. The grips had been done in Wootton Village but still needed doing in Fox Lane. It was resolved to remind OCC about the white lines in the entrance to Deerhurst Park. The closure of the Cumnor bypass might affect traffic through Wootton. The Litter Picker had been asked to remove litter from Mathews Way.

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

Cllr Langley and the Clerk attended the transport representatives meeting on Friday 16th January. The main point was that the subsidy review will go to Council on 19th March and County Councillors will be informed of the options one week before. The Parish Council needs to be in contact with Mr Bob Johnston on around the 12th March. Parish Councils can make further representations at the meeting. There had been an extra £0.5 million cuts to the transport budget

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

Mr Simon Kidd has quoted £500 for external painting of the pavilion. This would seem reasonable and he will be receiving help from the Cricket Club so it is very unlikely that a cheaper quote can be obtained. This is a charge for the Parish Council, less 2 years £100 rent. It was resolved to accept the quote. Mr Anthony Benson is working with the Cricket Club to remove the brambles. Mr David Parker is contacting the Allotments Association as their area might also be done for a small charge.

f) Deerhurst Park Playground – Para 6(f)

The fire at the South Oxfordshire DC offices has delayed any response from VWHDC Properties Department. The slide had been vandalised; Wimpeys were dealing with the repair.

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

Quotes were still being considered for collating the newsletter. The Community Centre website has been updated.

h) Broadband – Para 6(h)

Gigaclear has reached its 400 sign-up target and will now be covering most of the village.

i) Smart water – Para 6(j)

Thames Valley Police had drafted a piece on Smartwater for the newsletter.

j) Emergency Plan – Paragraph 8

The Plan had been circulated for approval. Two additional points arose from the OCC's tool kit – insertions of a flood plan and an ice and snow plan. The flood risk in Wootton is relatively small; any flooding is likely to be localised and fairly low risk. Snow and ice also poses a fairly small risk in terms of impact; it is unlikely that the village would be cut off. The main OCC priority for snow was gritting the bus routes. It was resolved to accept the updated Plan and to draft short annexes to the Plan covering flooding and snow.

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

None

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Cumnor Jumble Sale Group had kindly held a jumble sale in January to help meet the cost of the defibrillator; this was warmly welcomed by the Parish Council.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) February 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary February	£444.24
Clerk Expenses February	£118.51
Advent Solutions – Playground Inspection December 2014	£60.00
WADS Community Centre – Room Rental 4Q	£104.00
Wootton & Dry Sandford Youth Club – 2013/14 grant	£3,500.00
WADS Community Centre – 2013/14 grant	£2,000.00
South & Vale Carers – 2013/14 grant	£200.00
Parochial Church Council – 2013/14 grant	£450.00
Pre-school Play Group – 2013/14 grant	£300.00
Junior Citizen's Trust – 2013/14 grant	£50.00
Oxfordshire Assn. for the Blind – 2013/14 grant	£100.00

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Oxfordshire South & Vale CAB – 2013/14 grant	£500.00
Thames Water – Pavilion water 22.10.2014 – 19.1.2015	£131.42
ST Grounds Maintenance – litter picking January 2015	£300.00

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

b) Applications for grants

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- i. Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2015
 - ii. VWHDC – Wootton Parish Report on Section 106 Funds
Need to investigate whether these relate to Deerhurst Park
 - iii. Message from the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council
Unitary Councils – does not affect parishes directly
 - iv. Piece by PCSO on Smart Water
In February newsletter
 - v. Diversion – Cumnor Bypass
Details awaited from Highways
 - vi. Advent Solutions – Playground Inspection Report – 31 December 2014
- 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 3rd March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date