

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Carter, Fysh, 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 Langley and County Cllr Johnston

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

County Cllr Bob Johnston sent the following report -

“1. Top of my concerns is what might happen to the Children's Centre at Wootton. As I stated previously, the aim of myself and my Group is (if possible) to retain as much of the infrastructure and facilities of the service as possible. I hope to be able to confirm this at our next Group meeting on the 4th of November.

2. Rather to my surprise (I did not think it would come so early) we now have confirmation of a study into a highway to connect Oxford and Cambridge. I believe that the idea is to increase connectivity between two hubs of innovation and academic activity, i.e. to connect Silicon Fen with Silicon Gem. I hope to be further briefed on this and will keep you suitably informed.

3. I would like to comment on the County administration's documents about "working" with town and parish councils. Be under no illusions, in my view it is a thinly disguised attempt to offload responsibilities and expenditure. Most of the other parishes within my County Division are looking at topping up grass cutting, and most of them already do tree planting and the like, but that is about it. I think that is the right response, but the final decision is yours and whatever it is, I will respect it.”

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6th OCTOBER 2015

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

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 6(a)

The quotes for the MUGA and car park will be discussed at the Board Meeting on 5 November. Artwork by local artists will now be displayed regularly in Function Room 1 and will be available for sale. The cycle rack had been vandalised. There was strong interest to the use of the changing rooms and pitches for football again but any arrangement needed to be sustainable and there were likely to be initial costs. Cllr Mann proposed that the Parish Council make available £1,000 for this purpose. This was seconded by Cllr Westell and agreed unanimously. Pitch preparation was one issue that would need to be addressed in addition to the contracted grass cutting of the field; it was suggested that it might be possible to make an arrangement with the Cricket Club for the use of their mower.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 6(b)

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

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

A pull out timetable showing bus times from Wootton would be included in the December newsletter. No response had yet been received from the Oxford Bus Company on statistics

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

Arrangements were in place for winter precautions at the pavilion.

f) Playgrounds – Para 6(f)

The VWHDC had confirmed that the Deerhurst Park Section 106 money could not be used elsewhere. It was resolved not to agree to adopt the playground and open spaces and to leave the responsibility with Wimpey and the VWHDC

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

Nothing to report

h) Transparency – Paragraph 6(i)

Deferred to a future agenda

i) OCC: Transmissions of Responsibilities to Parish Councils – Para 7

There had been no response from Oxfordshire County Council on the Parish Councils comments and request for more information on grass cutting. The potential closure of Children's Centres had been extended until September 2016; it was understood that the meeting set up by Cllr Gray had been designed to push his own preferred option rather than being an OCC initiative.

7. SPEED LIMITS FOX LANE

Cllr Shaw would liaise with Sunningwell Parish Council on its proposals to change the speed limit on Fox Lane; Wootton Parish Council was not convinced that this was desirable or would be effective. A resident of Berkley Road who did not support the Fox Lane proposal wanted the speed limit reduced on Berkley Road. Whilst this could be considered in tandem with Fox Lane it would be costly and unlikely to succeed given the small number of houses affected.

8. SECTION 106 FUNDING

As confirmed in Paragraph 6(f) above the VWHDC Liaison Officer, Beth Elkins, had responded as follows on Deerhurst Park

“I have received confirmation from the District's legal team that the contribution can only be spent on the maintenance of the open space land on the development and as such, I understand that the parish would have no further interest in the transfer and that all other queries are closed – please let me know if this is not the case.”

She had also given the following guidance on CILS

“For future reference, I hope the following information will assist the Parish Council in preparing for future negotiations on S106 – apologies if any of this is a repeat of information previously provided. Of course, I am on hand to explain any of this in more detail, acting as a liaison point and assisting in project development.

Obligations on the Developer in relation to infrastructure are limited by the Government's CIL regulations to items that are:

- necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms
- directly related to the development
- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development

The following features will add weight to the projects being considered:

- Providing evidence that the projects proposed are compliant with the criteria set out above
- Projects are based on a clear understanding of community needs i.e. based on evidence of research into community needs and priorities

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- Projects that are achievable and realistic i.e. that a project can be delivered in its entirety and is sustainable (providing a business case where appropriate)
- Detailing the plan for funding i.e. if S106 does not cover the total cost of the project, providing evidence that other sources of funding are secured or applied for

The VWHDC has also confirmed that there is still some existing Section 106 money the benefits of which have not yet been passed on to the community. These include -

P97/V0446 – Wootton Business Park, Besselsleigh Road

Trigger	Contribution Amount	Towards	Received	Spend by	Spent
	£12,771.00	Open Space (commuted sum) Council at liberty to recalculate at any time is requirements for maintenance have altered. Open Space land in accordance with the approved landscape agreement, such landscaping to be completed in 18 months from commencement of the development	£24,607.00	N/A	
1 st Occupation	£15,000.00	Play equipment (contribution towards provision of play equipment)	£15,000.00	N/A	

9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas lights would be switched-on on Sunday 29th November at 7pm

10. 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

P15/V1321/O 3.7.2015	Outline application for residential development of one single storey building to serve as a 'granny annex' for existing residential property. Sprivers, Fox Lane OX15DS	No objections provided it complies with the Green Belt rules on percentage increase in property size	Permit 22.10.2015
P15/V1582/HH (Amended) 10.9.2015	Extension at ground floor level and new roof to create accommodation at first floor level. (removal of erection of detached timber store from application) 237 Whitecross, Wootton OX13 6BW	No objection	Permit 6.10.2015

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	Mr & Mrs D Thomas		
P15/V1696/HH 7.8.2015	Proposed side and rear extension for disabled child care. Chiltern, 2 Parsons Close, The Old Pound OX13 6FE Mr A Lyons	No objection	Permit 23.9.2015
P15/V1509/HH 17.8.2015	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Erection of a two storey rear extension 18 Manor Road, Wootton OX13 6DG Mr & Mrs Roycroft	Object; this constitutes over-development and will also cause parking problems	Permit 25.9.2015
P15/V1951/HH 27.8.2015	Pitched roof to existing (flat) and extension with pitched roof all at the rear 14 Cumnor Road, Wootton OX1 5JP Mr & Mrs Mundy	No objection	Permit 16.10,2015
P15/V2011/FUL 9.9.2015	Removal of Condition 3 (Permitted Development Rights) of planning permission P01/V1249/FUL Erection of one house and garage block (demotion of existing house and outbuilding) Picketts Heath Farmhouse, Youlbury OX1 5HD Mr Nick Twist	No objection	Permit 15.10.2015

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

11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Mann said that there were an increasing number of potholes in Mathews Way and Hawkins Way.

Cllr Westell asked about the situation on Lamborough House which appeared to be running a business which should be subject to planning permission for "Change of Use".

Cllr Werrell said that there was still a flooding problem on Deerhurst Park roundabout.

Lorries had seriously churned up the footpath in Wootton Village near the thatched cottage.

There was a large Porto Cabin in 189 Whitecross which may be subject to planning permission.

12. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) Finance and General Purposes Committee: Budget and Precept

It was resolved that the FGPC would meet on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm

b) November 2015 Accounts for approval

Clerk Salary November	£592.40
Clerk Expenses November	£112.16
Advent Solutions Playground Inspection September 2015	£60.00
WADS CC Room rental April to September	£136.50
ST Grounds Maintenance – Litter picking October	£300.00

It was resolved that the November invoices be approved for payment.

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c) Applications for grants

None

13. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Clerks and Councils Direct November 2015
Autumn Town & Parish Forum – 16 November
October Newsletter – Leader of VWHDC
ORCC Annual Conference – 6 November
Section 106 Funding
Talking Oxfordshire Meeting 9 November (Ian Bristow attending)
Speed limit Berkeley Road – letter Mr P J Stewart
Parish Transport Representatives Meeting - 25 November
Advent Solutions Playground Inspection 2.10.2015
It was resolved to note the communication received

14. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date