

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Wootton (Abingdon) Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Present: Councillors Ludlow (Chair), Bristow, Brockliss, Carter, Fysh, Langley, Parker, Rayner, Shaw, Werrell, Westell and White and County Cllr Bob Johnson.

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

See 1c) below

b) District/County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Johnstone said that the County Council were objecting to the proposed bus route through Whitecross and Sunningwell in the VWHDC Local Plan Part 2. No party had overall control on setting the budget, but the outcome was likely to be an increase of 5.99% on Council Tax representing an additional £60 a year at Band D level. This was made up of the permitted 1.99% inflation increase plus a 3% increase for adult social services and 1% for children's social services. £27million had been allocated to preliminary work on the Oxford to Cambridge expressway (see minutes of 9th January). The government has made £215 million available over 5 years to the six Oxfordshire Councils through the Oxfordshire Growth Board for housing and infrastructure. This includes £60 million for affordable housing and £150 million for infrastructure. The deal will have to be signed off by all six councils. As regards the District Council the proposed arrangements for outsourcing look unlikely to result in any significant savings and some may even be more costly.

c) Foxcombe Hall Students block ; public representations

Eleven representatives of the 'Friends of Boars Hill' organisation attended the meeting to brief councillors on their objections to the proposed development at Foxcombe Hall for a students' block to house 100 students. Mr Nigel Jones spoke on behalf of the group. They considered that the proposed development would have a major detrimental effect on the way of life of the residents of Boars Hill. It would cause serious light pollution and an increase in traffic. A significant point was that the university would be used as a conference centre out of term time. The proposed sweeteners such as a bus service and café would bring minimal benefits.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 9th January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

a) Community Centre - Para 5(a)

Cllr Fysh said that there had been problems with the lights in the main hall which were likely to be expensive to repair. It was suggested that a larger sign should be put on the barrier. Cllr Fysh said that the barrier code was known to the Police.

b) Hedges and footpaths - Para 5(b)

Nothing to report.

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

c) Highways Para 5(c)

Nothing to report.

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

It was important to maintain a dialogue with both the Vale of White Horse District Council and the Oxford Bus Company about the future bus services under the VWHDC LPP2 as Whitecross could lose its bus service if the service was diverted through the Dalton Barracks site.

e) Playgrounds – Para 5(e)

There are problems with the playground due to the wet weather and high water table. The contractor wants to get on with the work and has suggested that a soakaway would help. They are going to quote. The Vale of White Horse District Council has agreed to make an exception and allow the Tee Pee Climbing Tree to be ordered before a decision on a grant is given.

Following the break-ins at the pavilion, the Cricket Club has suggested bricking up the rear window. It was resolved that the £100 rent could be waived to help towards the cost.

f) Wootton Business Park – Para 5(f)

A response is awaited from Lee Turner of OCC on the bus turning circle. Some Section 106 money appears to have been paid to the VWHDC, which suggests that the project may be moving forward.

g) Joint Neighbourhood Plan – Para 5(g)

The questionnaires has been distributed to over 1,800 properties. There have been between 150 and 200 responses so far. The application for a £8,995 for the Character assessment and Young people's days is being considered but My Community have suggested that there may be problems on timing and it may be better to wait until April and apply for a grant under the new scheme. This, however, would not meet the Neighbourhood Plan timetable.

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

Cllr Brockliss and Clerk attended useful meeting with the VWHDC consultants. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been allowed separate representation. The main concerns of Wootton, namely the infrastructure, the bus service, the proposed bus and cycle route through Whitecross and the need to support Shippon were outlined. The proposal by Carter Jonas, the DIO consultant, seemed to form the basis of plans, but its shortcomings were pointed out as three separate developments, one north one south and one on the playing fields, were pointed out. The meeting will be followed by two workshops, the first being on the 9th February, it was resolved that Cllr Fysh and the Clerk should attend on behalf of Wootton.

i) Old Boars Hill Road Closure – Para 9

The details of the Old Boars Hill road closure had been put in the newsletter.

6. DATA PROTECTION

Cllr Fysh volunteered to be the Data Protection Officer as he will also be carrying out that role for the Community Centre. A policy will need to be written; this should be available as a template which can be adapted. It is recommended that Councillors have data-protection training; this simplest method may be to find a trainer to do a group session. An audit and an impact assessment need to be carried out. At present the Parish Council holds a copy of the Electoral roll which is under strict control by the VWHDC; list of contacts both electronically and in an address book; information on councillors and Neighbourhood Plan lists of volunteers, businesses, landowners, the Steering Group and Sub-Groups.

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

7. DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

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

P17/V3354/FUL 5.1.2018	Proposed erection of single storey front extension to existing recreational clubhouse building (use Class D2) Blagrove Copse off Fox Lane Boars Hill, Oxford Mrs Jenny Harris	No objections
---------------------------	--	---------------

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

b) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

P17/V2854/HH 29.11.2017	Single story extension to form kitchen. Existing structure replaced with extension over three floors. New part single, part two storey extension. New dormer window. Hip to gable extension. Handrail to existing roof to form balcony. Wootton Ridge, Boars Hill, OX1 5HJ Mr Chris Payton	No objections	Permit 15.1.2018
----------------------------	---	---------------	---------------------

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

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Ludlow said that the 30mph speed limit was now in place on Fox Lane.

Cllr Carter informed the Council that he would be standing down in May.

It was resolved that a draft advertisement for the Clerk post should be included in the March and April newsletters and in the OALC update.

9. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a) February Accounts for Approval

Clerk Salary February	£1,057.39
Clerk Expenses February incl. stationery, postage and room rental	£171.65
Shippon PPC – Steering Group meeting 10 th January	£30.00
VWHDC – Dog bin servicing – October-December 2017	£80.38
Dataprint – printing the NP questionnaires (2,000)	£1,538.40
Ian Bristow – community website Dec. 2016 – Jan 2018	£129.32

It was resolved that the February 2018 invoices be approved for payment.

b) Applications for grants

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Clerks and councils Direct; January 2018

Matthew Barber Thames Valley Newsletter

OALC Newsletter January

OCC; Battles Over – end of World War 1

S & V Press release – Innovative district heating network

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

S & V press release - better deal for Oxfordshire
VWHDC – Vale Chairman’s charity quiz
Oxfordshire Leader Funding
It was resolved to note the communications received

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm at the Wootton & Dry Sandford Community Centre.

Chairman.....Date