

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2009 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, IN WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present : Councillor K Morris Chairman
Councillor S Porter Vice Chairman
Councillors B Abraham R Ashley B Ballard Mrs W Jacobs L Laws
Mrs E Loughlin R Murphy.

Also present: 19 Members of the public
Mrs Lynda Smith Parish Clerk

Open Forum

- *It was asked whether the Parish Council could hasten the Waterside enforcement notice which had been pending for so long. This matter will also be taken up by the Local Member.*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

09/105. No apologies for absence had been received.

2. MINUTES.

09/106. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2009 BE AMENDED AT 09/079 TO READ ‘*THERE IS £2MILLION AVAILABLE; £1MILLION IN 2009/2010 AND £1MILLION IN 2010/2011. WOOTTON BRIDGE IS INCLUDED IN THE 2009/2010 ALLOCATION*’.

- THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2009, AS AMENDED, BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

09/107. Councillor Mrs E Loughlin declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application P/00593/09 TCP/28080/G, proposed detached boat store, land to rear of Courtlands, Woodside Road

4. MATTERS ARISING.

09/108. Recreation ground - coach parking. (Minute 09/089)

Members were reminded that the PCSO has taken this matter up and will report back to the Parish Council accordingly.

09/109. The Big Tidy Up. (Minute 09/070)

The Big Tidy Up was very successful and thanks were extended to the Primary School, the ENO, Linda Shorter, and the residents who helped with the village clear up.

09/110. Suggestion regarding joining Fishbourne and Wootton Bridge Parish Councils. (Minute 09/083)

Members were informed of an email received from the Chairman of Fishbourne Parish Council which included that a vote was taken four years ago when it was clear that the "Fishbourne" area did not wish to join in an 'extended' Wootton Bridge Parish and this has not changed. However co-operation between adjoining Parish Councils is obviously desirable.

5. PLANNING.

i) To comment on the following applications:-

09/111. P/00469/09 TCP/06579/D

Demolition of car port; chalet bungalow (Revised scheme)

Land adjacent 92 Palmers Road

Members were informed that the main changes were with regard to the vehicular access now forming part of the existing, plus the visual effect of the proposal now being of a pair of semi detached properties fronting Palmers Road.

Public comments included:-

- *This new application will destroy the copse. Also the hedgerow will be removed to the detriment of the rural aspect of this area. The plan is similar to last time. Concerns were raised over ownership of the copse and a letter was read out to this effect.*

- *Concerns were raised that the building is against a boundary and would necessitate moving a pole. Objections remain the same as for the previous application.*

The Parish Council was then reminded of its objections to the previous application for this site.

Members were made aware of four letters of objection received. The main concerns raised included:-

- Building beyond the site line in Church Road.
- Removal of trees and remnants of a former field hedge.
- Tree roots would be interfered with during construction of the proposal.
- Proposal would restrict any future upgrading of Church Road.
- Intrusion onto land outside the ownership of the developer.
- Proposal same footprint as before and constitutes overdevelopment.
- There has been no consultation with neighbours.
- Out of character.
- Effect of construction traffic on this unmade section of Church Road.

During ensuing discussion the importance of the woodland as a semi rural approach to the village was raised and concerns were raised that any removal of the woodland would urbanise the fringes.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO REGISTER OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00469/09 TCP/06579/D

AS FOLLOWS:-

1. THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF THE COPSE AND THE PARISH COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT A DEFINITIVE ANSWER MUST BE OBTAINED WITH REGARD TO THIS DISCREPANCY.
2. THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE OUT OF KEEPING AND WOULD DETRACT FROM THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THIS AREA. SERIOUS CONCERNS ARE RAISED OVER THE LOSS OF THE BOUNDARY TREES AND HEDGEROW. THE HEDGEROW IS OF LOCAL INTEREST AND VALUE, GIVEN THAT IT FORMS THE REMAINS OF A FIELD BOUNDARY. FURTHERMORE IT PROVIDES COVER FOR A VARIETY OF BIRDS, A CORRIDOR FOR RED SQUIRRELS AND THERE IS TALK THAT THE FIELD MAPLES MAY SUPPORT A SPECIES OF MICRO MOTH. FURTHERMORE THIS PIECE OF WOODLAND PROVIDES A SEMI RURAL APPROACH TO WOOTTON AT THIS POINT AND ITS REMOVAL WOULD URBANISE THE VILLAGE FRINGES.
3. THE WOOTTON BRIDGE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT RECOMMENDS THAT 'THE UNRIVALLED COUNTRYSIDE SHOULD BE CONSERVED IF THE RURAL CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE IS NOT TO BE FURTHER DAMAGED' AND 'NEW BUILDING SHOULD STRICTLY RESPECT THE INHERENT SCALE OF THE SETTING'.

09/112. P/00480/09 TCP/29055/A

Proposed raise decking to include fencing/trellis

116 Station Road

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00480/09 TCP/29055/A.

09/113. P/00536/09 TCP/26084/B

Alterations & single storey extension to provide additional living accommodation

Bellair, Lower Woodside Road

The proposal is in respect of infill of an existing external area.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00536/09 TCP/26084/B.

09/114. P/00593/09 TCP/28080/G

Proposed detached boat store

Land to rear of Courtlands, Woodside Road

Members requested a site visit with the Planning Officer to gain more information on this application.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTS A SITE MEETING WITH THE PLANNING OFFICER TO ASSESS APPLICATION P/00593/09 TCP/28080/G IN SITU AND TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION.

09/115. P/00614/09 TCP/29609

Replacement roof with increased height to provide additional accommodation at 1st floor level; single storey rear extension to enlarge kitchen

98 High Street

Concerns were expressed over the mass and roof height of the proposal and that the materials are out of keeping with the High Street.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL REGISTERS OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00614/09 TCP/29609 ON THE GROUNDS OF SCALE AND MASS OF THE PROPOSAL AND THE SHIPLAP FINISH BEING OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE OTHER HIGH STREET PROPERTIES. THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT RECOMMENDS THAT ‘EXTENSIONS SHOULD STRICTLY RESPECT THE INHERENT SCALE OF THE SETTING.’

Urgent planning matters: Any other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

09/116. P/00645/09 LBC/02016/J

LBC for proposed roof light to existing rear extension

The Hall, Mill Square

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00645/09 LBC/02016/J.

09/117. P/00673/09 TCP/29623

Single storey extension to provide additional living accommodation; increased height of roof & loft conversion to form en-suite bedroom

28 Church Road

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00673/09 TCP/29623.

To receive any notices of planning decisions, appeals, Tree Preservation Orders. etc.

09/118. Decisions.

P/00235/09 TCP/23052

Temporary permission granted

P/00364/09 TCP/14385/F

Approved

P/02614/08 TCP/02077/S

Approved

09/119. Mawneys New Road.

The application will be considered at the Planning Committee meeting on 26 May 2009. Anyone wishing to speak must register their intention to do so by 21 May 2009. Councillor R Murphy agreed to attend and speak.

09/120. Local list submissions.

The Cedars and the Jubilee Fountain are included on the list. It was suggested that Park Lodge be submitted for consideration to the List.

09/121. Former Lloyds Bank building.

The local member explained that the Planning Officers are of the opinion that a 6 month limit for commencement of this work (as recommended by the Parish Council) is too short and that the time frame will be two years but with an inspection of the property every 3 months. Also the front of the property to be completed first.

Members agreed that they should request attendance at inspection meetings and also be provided with a copy of the 3 monthly reports. The Clerk will take this matter up with the Planning Officer.

6. PROPOSED NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT – WOOTTON RECREATION GROUND.

Progress report and to approve the costs associated with the submission of the planning application.

09/122. The planning application for the proposed new play area has now been submitted. Members were informed of the application costs of £167.50 which includes the Parish Council 50% discount.

The Project Team will be carrying out a detailed review of the proposed equipment and it is planned that the £50K estimated cost will include a 10% buffer within that amount.

7. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT CREEK GARDENS.

To inform members of any further information received, including what the Open Space actually means in terms of use by the public.

09/123. Information has been received from the IW Council but efforts are still being made to ascertain what ‘public use’ actually means. Woodside Residents Association has a meeting on 1 June 2009 with a representative of the informal Creek Gardens Residents Management Committee to talk about the issues associated with the ‘public open space’. It is hoped that a member of the Parish Council will be able to attend.

8. PUMP LANE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

Progress report and to consider whether to have an official opening/publicity.

09/124. The seats and picnic table are now installed and thanks were extended to PGL for their help in this respect. The bollards are due to be installed any day and then planting of the shrubs around the dinghy park fence will be carried out in the autumn. A grant of £150 is available for this purpose. Rather than having an official opening it was agreed to issue a press release to the County Press.

9. WOOTTON BRIDGE SPORTS AND FITNESS ASSOCIATION.

09/125. To agree meeting the costs associated with setting up the Sports and Fitness Association as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Members were informed that costs of setting up the Company Limited by Guarantee could amount to around £750 plus VAT. The Clerk then reminded members that a sum of money has been set aside for this project the purpose of which is to fund this type of up front expenditure.

Advice received is that a Company Limited by Guarantee is the best way forward and also to apply for charitable status.

Some concern was raised over the estimated costs of setting up the Company Limited by Guarantee but it was stated that every effort will be made to reduce this cost and that eventually the Sports Association hopes to repay the Parish Council. Also, the Association will have a presence at Party in the Park when it will have information on the project, pledge leaflets, and details of a fun activity day at PGL which is a fund raising event.

It was then pointed out that so much time and effort has been put into this project by local people and in the scheme of things the cost is not that much. If this is the proper way and it is successful then it will be worth it.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET UP TO A COST OF £750.00 IN RESPECT OF THE SETTING UP OF WOOTTON BRIDGE SPORTS AND FITNESS ASSOCIATION AS A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE.

09/126. Progress report – Proposed Sports and Fitness Centre.

A meeting of the Sports Association was held on 11 May 2009 and a copy of the report forms **APPENDIX A** of these minutes. Also a meeting had been held with the Football Association on 14 May 2009 when funding possibilities were discussed. The Draft Sports Development Plans have now been presented to the Sports and Fitness Association. Minutes of the meetings are available at the HIC and progress reports are in The Bridge.

10. OLDER PERSONS INITIATIVE.

To approve the donation towards the 2009 Village Outing.

09/127. Members were asked to approve the release of the remaining £122 Older Persons grant to go towards the cost of this year's Older Persons Outing. The outing is organised by the Church but is open to all.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVES THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING £122 OLDER PERSONS GRANT TO HELP FUND THIS YEAR'S OLDER PERSONS VILLAGE OUTING.

11. VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP/REGENERATION - PROGRESS REPORTS.

09/128. Wootton Bridge Village Partnership.

Report of the meeting held on 5 May 2009 and to approve the Partnership minutes of 22 July 2008, 14 October 2008, 27 January 2009.

Issues raised at the Partnership meeting held on 5 May 2009 included:-

- The Wootton Bridge Plan and the best way to present it at the Party in the Park on 4 July 2009.
- Party in the Park arrangements which are now well in hand.
- The WICI and the associated launch.
- Recreation ground Phase 2 projects.
- The Big Tidy Up and how useful it had been in terms of seeing where the problem areas lie. It was suggested that the Partnership/Parish Council could draw up its own Keep Wootton Tidy Policy which village groups and businesses could sign up to.
- Pump Lane improvements and what a good example of partnership working this project has been.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVES THE PARTNERSHIP MINUTES OF 22 JULY 2008, 14 OCTOBER 2008, 27 JANUARY 2009.

09/129. Party in the Park.

All licences etc have now been submitted and the more detailed arrangements will commence at the end of May.

12. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

09/130. IWALC Executive.

There is a meeting this Thursday. The AGM will be held on 19 June 2009.

Any other meetings.

09/131. Youth Club.

Martin Rouse has now left. It was reported that there is a strange atmosphere because of the review regarding youth facilities on the Island. The next meeting is in June.

09/132. Islandwaste.

Councillor L Laws reported that he will be attending a meeting of Islandwaste tomorrow.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

09/133. There was no particular correspondence to draw to members' attention.

14. ACCOUNTS.

To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

09/134. The Parish Council was presented with the accounts for payment. In response to a question it was clarified that the CCTV download cost was in respect of graffiti of the new toilets. It was then suggested that the parents of the perpetrator should make a donation to this cost.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, TOTALLING £3,734.15, BE PAID.

15. TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

09/135. In respect of the 4 June 2009 elections, Members were informed that nine nominations have been received for the 10 Parish Council seats. The remaining seat must be filled by co-option. It was agreed to invoke the Parish Council's co-option procedure and place the co-option of a Parish Councillor on the next agenda.

09/136. General matters raised included; Ivy Hall which is up for auction; an enquiry as to when the Open Day responses will be published; the car park signs in the High Street have still not been erected.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman extended special thanks to the retiring Parish Councillors for their commitment to the village and in particular the time, energy and efforts that they have so generously given during their terms of office.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed.....dated.....