

**WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3 JULY 2023**

Councillors Present: Cllrs J Harwood, F Bates, M Eccles-Williams, F Mackinlay, A Molyneux, J Salter.  
Members of Public: D-Cllr Tim Sumner, 6 Members of the Public

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## 24/24 Apologies and Declarations

- 24.1 Apologies: No apologies had been received
- 24.2 No declarations of interest had been made

## 25/24 Minutes

- 25.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2023 were received and approved, and signed by the Chair
- 25.2 Matters arising:
  - 2.1.1 B4027 road safety issues - the meeting with the residents of Glympton road would be going ahead but a date had yet to be agreed.
  - 2.1.2 Coronation Trees — Cllr FB reported that Cllr MB would be meeting Steve Taylor to agree the locations of individual trees and these would then be cleared with local residents before planting in the winter.
  - 2.1.3 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr FB who had been asked to look at whether the village should prepare a neighbourhood plan, reported that it would be a big project but would bring significant benefits, as it, would become part of local plan used by WODC planners. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit the Application for Designation to WODC.

## 26/24 Open forum

- 26.1 County Councillor: No report
- 26.2 District Councillor: Environment cttee are reorganising community funds , TS will update when more info known. He later made a statement to the council on item 28.
- 26.3 Public: referring to Botley West, Miles Tuely asked for confirmation that the PC will make a considered response, which was affirmed. He will submit a paper with his comments to the PC shortly. He also drew attention to the petition to Parliament which Robert Courts MP was Petition urging all residents to sign;  
<https://www.robertcourts.co.uk/botleysolarfarmpetition>.

## 27/24 Planning

- 27.1 21/04046/HHD & 04047/LBC – Manor Farm Chapel Hill appeal – appeal in progress
- 27.2 22/03280/HHD - Horseshoe House – awaiting decision.
- 27.3 23/01083/HHD - 4 Dorn View – refused, although WPC had not objected
- 27.4 23/00868/OUT – Killingworth Castle- outline planning.
- 27.5 23/01234/LBC & 23/01233/FUL – Ludwell Farm Glympton – awaiting decision
- 27.6 23/01361/FUL Marlborough School - not in our parish so no comment made

## 28/24 Botley West Consultation

D-Cllr made a short statement to the council explaining the purpose of the Scoping Report which was subject to the PINS consultation. He was keen that all parish councils should respond

by 15 July to copying in WODC. TS had sent a written statement to the PC setting out his concerns about the archaeological remains around Samsons Platt and the protection of the setting of the World Heritage site. County Archaeologist has not responded so far to TS.

The Vice Chair then introduced the joint paper from himself and the Planning Committee. He explained the role of the scoping report consultation and drew specific attention to the developer's wish that **the residential visual amenity** should be excluded. The PC should object to this. The scoping report will assess the **agricultural value of the land**, which will be an important consideration when the DCO application is submitted. He mentioned the **Impact on World Heritage Site – Blenheim Palace & Park** – will also be important.

So far, the developer seems to have approval to connect to the grid near Farmoor reservoir from 2026. Cllr FM asked whether the scoping report mentioned battery storage, fire risks and the cleaning of panels. The answers were no, yes, and no.

Chair proposed that the Council:

- 1 Approves the Parish Council's response to the PINS consultation on the PVDP Scoping Report on the lines of the paper submitted by the Vice-Chair and Planning Committee;**
- 2 Delegates the detailed drafting of the text of the Council's response to the planning committee, and authorises the committee to submit it; and**
- 3 Authorises the committee to make any final amendments to the formal response which they deem appropriate in the light of any further information becoming available between now and the end of the consultation period.**

**This was resolved unanimously**

- 29/24 WRIN  
 29.1 Update on response to advert for Trustees.  
 Advert in Outreach will be advertised again and a decision made by selection panel who will bring recommendation to Sept meeting
- 30/24 Finance  
 30.1 The payment list was circulated before the meeting - approved and signed.
- 31/24 20mph Speed Limit  
 31.1 Progress of introduction of 20 mph – fully operational  
 31.2 Update on wheely bin stickers - now available in the shop
- 32/24 Grasscutting Contract - Cllr FB reported on continuing problems in finding contractor. She now has two further possible leads and hopes that one at least will be successful.

**[For Information;** There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Monday 4 September 2023.]