

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 4 MARCH 2024**

Councillors Present: Cllrs J Harwood, F Bates, M Brown, M Eccles-Williams, F Mackinlay, J Salter

Members of Public: 5 members of the public

District Cllr Tim Sumner

County Cllr Andy Graham

82/24 Apologies and Declarations

- 82.1 Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Molyneux
- 82.2 There were no declarations of interest.

83/24 Minutes

- 83.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2024 were approved and accepted into record and signed by the Chair.

83.2 Matters arising:

Chair reported on Community Speedwatch which is now registered with TVP but needs more volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Mel Leggett.

Coronation Trees - Cllr Brown reported that OCC had offered to take over the planting of the commemorative Coronation trees in Castle Road. Hopefully the following will be planted this season: small leaf lime, new horizon elm and a field maple. An oak will be planted opposite the Killingworth Castle on the land between Burditch bank and the main road. He thanked those who had offered to sponsor trees but this will not now be necessary. OCC have also offered to plant trees elsewhere in the village but local residents will be consulted before a decision is made, with any trees being planted in the autumn. Cllr Brown was authorised to manage the consultation with residents and post information on WhatsApp, the village website and in Outreach.

84/24 Open forum

- 84.1 County Councillor:

Cllr Andy Graham reported that he is busy with Woodstock issues including the S7 bus which will now not come into Woodstock in the evenings, a change made at short notice and without consultation. The S3 continues to provide a good service. Cycle racks have been put up in Woodstock but may need some modifications. Marlborough school extension will be ready in 2026. There will be further improvements to the parking scheme. In Wootton, the traditional fingerpost sign at the top of West End Hill is in a poor state but OCC is unable to

manage a restoration in the foreseeable future. It has been agreed that the Parish Council can undertake this.

84.2 District Councillor

Cllr Tim Sumner reported on his involvement with Planning proposals throughout the villages and he has met with parishes and had discussions regarding affordable housing. He has met with councillors from Lewes in Sussex which is considering affordable energy efficient housing and refurbishing heritage buildings which is something he would like to see considered locally.

England has lost 400 swimming pools over the last 10 years and 31% of areas in England are now at risk of losing leisure centres. He is keen to ensure that Chipping Norton, Witney and Woodstock all continue to serve their localities. Cllr Sumner also asked that he is kept informed by the parish councils of local needs.

84.3 Public

A member of the public asked about the lack of street lighting in parts of the village and asked if it could be reviewed for safety reasons. He was asked to send the locations in question to Cllr Bates who will deal with it as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. She also reported the related concern raised by another resident about a new brighter LED street light shining directly into bedroom windows.

Cllr Graham commented that the new LED lighting may not have been adjusted correctly and asked if details (inc photographs if possible) could be sent to him for investigation.

85/24 Botley West

Adequacy of the Phase 2 consultation. The Stop Botley West campaign group has produced their assessment of the adequacy of this consultation, which had been circulated to councillors. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**: to note the comprehensive analysis of the adequacy of the Botley West phase 2 consultation and that there was nothing further it was in a position to add.

86/24 Planning

- 86.01 23/03394/CND Meadowland, Horseshoe Lane, Discharge of condition 6 of 23/02266/HND – It was reported that this application had been approved.
- 86.02 23/03359/LBC Wootton Place – amendments to 22/0779/LBC – **Under consideration**
- 86.03 23/03360/S73 – Wootton Place – Variation of Condition 2 of 22/00767/HHD – **under consideration**
- 86.04 23/03052/LBC – Horseshoe House, Horseshoe Lane - **Under consideration**
- 86.05 24/00218/CND Manor Farm, Chapel Hill – Discharge of conditions of 21/04047/LBC – **Under consideration**
- 86.06 24/00148/LBC - Lower Dornford Farm – **Under consideration**
- 86.07 24/00147/FUL - Lower Dornford Farm - **Under consideration**
- 86.08 24/00149/FUL - Lower Dornford Farm – **solar panels – Under consideration**
WPC has commented on the solar panels and suggested geo thermal heating,

- 86.09 **24/00412/HHD Hollybank** – Erection of single storey extension and installation of two pairs of double doors within the western elevation – **Under consideration**
- 24/00412/LBC Hollybank** – Internal and external alterations to include erection of a single storey extension and installation of two pairs of double doors within the western elevation – **Under consideration**

87/24 Wootton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The (free) exhibition on the evolution of the village will be held on 9th March for 2 weeks in the Church, and all are encouraged to attend.

88/24 Finance

88.01. The payment list had been circulated before the meeting and was approved and signed by 2 members of the Finance Committee.

The Bank reconciliation statement was accepted and the RFO was authorised to transfer £2,500 from the deposit account to the current account.

89/24 Date of Annual meeting of the parish council

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council should be held on 13th May 2024 at 7.00 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held immediately afterwards, at 7.30 pm.

Date of next meetings :

4 April, 13 May APM, & AM of PC , 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December

Signed

Chair Wootton PC