

## WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council at 7.30 pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 2014

Village Hall

### MINUTES

#### Present

Cllr Miles Tuely (Chairman)  
Cllr Andy Warner  
Cllr Trudie Lang  
Cllr Len Seymour  
Cllr Dave Parsons  
Cllr Dave Baldwin  
Cllr Peter Loftus  
Jane Carlin (Clerk)  
1 member of the public

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm

#### 1. Apologies

County Cllr Ian Hudspeth and District Cllr Charles Cottrell-Dormer

#### 2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014: the Minutes of the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed.

#### 3. Matters arising from the Minutes which are not covered Elsewhere:

- **Village Plan:** Cllr Tuely welcomed Bob and Geraldine Lawrence from Stonesfield to talk about their experience in preparing a Community Plan and also Elena Softly from Combe Village. The talk by Bob Lawrence was extremely informative backed up with a lot of helpful paperwork. Grateful thanks are due for all their hard work. Bob Lawrence stressed that there are a lot of grants available and help from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and also County and District Council. It took Stonesfield 18 months to formulate a plan with a lot of public consultation and input from steering committees, local organisations and Marlborough School. They have installed a

'youth shelter' as part of this process which was of interest to Wootton. Combe, which is more similar in size to Wootton, started to draw up a plan but did not complete it. However, as a result of the initial consultation they successfully funded a new playground area. **Cllr Tuely** to contact Anton Nath at ORCC to find out more information ([anton.nath@oxonrcc.org.uk](mailto:anton.nath@oxonrcc.org.uk))

- **Parish Walkabout:** Cllr Tuely met Dan Weeks, Highways Representative from West Oxon. Only problems noted were a couple of re- routed footpaths on Blenheim Land

Mention was also drawn to a new footpath notice in Wootton Village at West End which is confusing. **Cllr Tuely** to check

- **Defibrillator:** Cllr Warner reported this is now installed and operational in the church porch but we are waiting for Dick Tracey to provide suitable dates for a village meeting on how to use it. Cllr Warner has all the details of code. There will be an invoice from the electrician for installation and a small occasional bill from the church for electricity used.
  - **Broadband:** County Cllr Hudspeth has assured Wootton that they are in the 'purple zone' for future fibre optic broadband and a green junction box has been installed. The forecasted date is 'by the end of 2015' but it is hoped that it will be considerably sooner.
4. **Approval of Parish Council Accounts 2013/14:** Grateful thanks to Clerk and Cllr Loftus. The accounts have been approved by Richard Adams (RFO) and will be passed to the internal auditor. Therefore the accounts were approved by the Council and Cllr Tuely signed the Annual Governance Statement. The accounts are available for public scrutiny from 12<sup>th</sup> May.
  5. **Community Policing Awards 2014:** Members of the public can nominate any individual who they think deserves recognition – see Notice Board – deadline 15<sup>th</sup> May. **Clerk and Cllr Baldwin**
  6. **Blenheim Game Fair:** Meeting to be held 7<sup>th</sup> May to discuss traffic plan. **Cllr Parsons and Cllr Loftus**
  7. **New Bus Operator:** Go Ride CLC to commence services 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. New timetables will be available from Wootton Village Store

at beginning of May. County Cllr Hudspeth's May report states that peak journeys from/to Wootton and Glympton have been withdrawn due to lack of patronage.

#### **8. Any other Business:**

- **Village Hall Lighting:** A member of the public had fallen in the dark after one of the Village Hall Talks. It was agreed by all that there is a need for more lighting for occasions when the hall is in use at night but needs to be unobtrusive eg. pointing down on the pavement and the curb to be painted white. Cllr Warner confirmed that the Village Hall Committee have this in hand and Cllr Tuely gave the full backing of the Parish Council for any proposals.
- **Wootton Family Sports Day:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Cllr Warner informed that they had raised £250 at last years event and bought goal posts and this year were hoping to raise money for tennis posts. However there is a cost for medals etc. Parish Council to donate £50
- **Horse Chestnut Tree:** Recently chopped down but concerns have been raised in the village that it wasn't necessary. Cllr Baldwin gave assurances that it was sick and dried out. The wood can be used for firewood for any takers and the rest will be left as the responsibility of the landowner.

- 9. Matters of Public Interest:** Our thanks to Joy Pomfret and the Village Hall Committee for rearranging the Village Hall Meeting so readily for this Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting which had not been booked – Apologies.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

**Dates of Next Meetings:** **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.30 pm**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30 pm  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 pm

**Jane Carlin (Clerk, Wootton Parish Council)**