

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2024

Councillors Present: Cllrs J Harwood, F Bates, F Mackinlay, A Molyneux,
Members of Public: 1 member of the public
Cll Andy Graham, Cllr Tim Sumner

69/24 Apologies and Declarations

- 69.1 Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mark Eccles-Williams and Marcus Brown
- 69.2 There were no declarations of interest.

70/24 Minutes

- 70.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2023 were approved and accepted into record and signed by the Chair.
- 70.2 **Matters arising:**

Matters for information only arising from these minutes
 - 70.3 Ash trees on Burditch Bank – no further information from OCC.
 - 70.4 S137 grants – Meetings had been held with applicants. A report and recommendations will be made to either the February or March meeting.
 - 70.5 The Botley West analysis is underway. The PC's response needs to be agreed on 5 February and submitted by 8 February. Webinars and meetings have been attended by councillors and Cllr Mackinlay will attend the CPRE zoom meeting tomorrow. She will also attend the PVPD event in Woodstock on 13 January..

71/24 Open forum

- 71.1 County Councillor: Cllr Andy Graham
Cllr Andy Graham reported that measures to improve road safety in Woodstock speeding in Woodstock will go for decision on 25 January. He said the decision will take account of the local consultation. If the measures are approved, they will be implemented by May/June. Pedestrian safety is the highest priority with lower speed limits likely through the town. There is no longer any pressure to turn the buses in the centre of Woodstock so that safety issue seems to have been resolved. He also reported that a new scheme was being developed to move the library to a new community hub with a low-cost housing element. The car parking and public toilets will be improved at the same time.
- 71.2 District Councillor: Cllr Tim Sumner
He stressed the importance of responding to the Botley West consultation. He also reported that WODC are seeking feedback on how wellbeing and leisure

services could be developed and improved, in particular how they could be improved in rural areas. There is a survey on the WODC website. Advice was offered by councillors on how WODC could draw attention to this survey.

Finally, Cllr Sumner said that 2024 will see a lot of national issues aired but confirmed his personal commitment to local communities and said that he believed that the value of localism and local communities would be increasingly recognised.

71.3 Public

There were no requests to speak.

72/24 Planning

Planning

- 4.1 23/02484/S73 | Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Permission 22/00767/HHD to allow minor changes to the approved scheme | Wootton Place Church Street Wootton Woodstock Oxfordshire OX20 1EA - **Decided – Approved by WODC**
- 4.2 23/02480/LBC | Internal and external alterations comprising demolition works, extensions, new buildings and landscaping scheme (previously approved 22/00779/LBC) | Wootton Place Church Street Wootton Woodstock Oxfordshire OX20 1EA **Decided – Approved by WODC.**
- 4.3 23/03052/LBC Horseshoe House, Horseshoe Lane. Replacement of windows and door frames. **Under consideration.**
- 4.4 23/03394/CND Meadowland, Horseshoe Lane, Discharge of condition 6 of 23/02266/HND – **under consideration**
- 4.5 23/03359/LBC Wootton Place – amendments to 22/0779/LBC – **under consideration. No objection or comments from the PC**
- 4.6 23/03360/S73 – Wootton Place – Variation of Condition 2 of 22/00767/HHD – **under consideration. No objection or comments from the PC**
- 4.7 **Slape Hill** - The Site Manager has confirmed that the quarry has now been restored to the approved restoration plan and it now moving into an aftercare period which looks at the management of the land in being fit for the restoration use ie in the case of agricultural land looking at the drainage, fertility of the soil, crop yield etc.

Cllr Mackinlay is following up the outcome of testing being carried out by Sheenans and will also check on the situation with Japanese Knotweed.

73/24 Wootton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Bates reported that the first meeting will be held on 18 January and will decide the questions to be used in the survey which will be carried out both on paper and online. There is good representation from all parts of the village including 16-19 year olds who will report back and provide questions. There will be an exhibition in the Church during the last 2 weeks of February.

74/24 Finance

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

Date of next meetings :

**5 February, 4 March, 4 April, May date tbc, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August, 2 September, 7
October, 4 November, 2 December**

Signed

Chair Wootton PC

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