

WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30p.m.
(Members of the Public were invited to attend)

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Present: WPC Cllrs. Broucke (Chair), P. Williams, M. Grimes, J. Prangnell and M. Batchelor
L. Bannister (Clerk)

Others Present: 4 members of the public
HDC Cllr. B. Staines
WSCC Cllr. D. Barling

2017-1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Austin, Underwood and Coldwell.

2017-2. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 13th December 2016

These were agreed and signed by Cllr. Broucke.

2017-3. Action updates from previous Minutes

The Clerk reported as follows:-

- WSCC have confirmed that the hard standing at the bus stop on the A281 will be put in before the end of March.
- WPC can make an application for the Vehicle Activated Sign to be paid for out of S106 funding, but this would delay installation until 2019/20 if it is even agreed.
- No reply has yet been received from the Environment Agency and Steyning Grammar School.

2017-4. Declarations of interest from Members in respect of any items in the Agenda

None.

2017-5. Open forum

Mr Dixon said that HDC had not agreed to re-examine the planning application for Willow Farm based on the letter sent from residents. However, because this application was approved without taking drainage into account, HDC are in breach of various regulations, and they didn't take the flood risk into account. Residents have sent another letter to the Chief Executive of HDC to take this complaint further.

Mr Dixon also said the landowner has been seen with a drainage company on the bridle path. He suspects this is so that he can discharge water onto the bridle way. Mr Dixon wanted to know if this was legal.

2017-6. Reports from other Authorities

2017-6.1. Horsham District Council

Cllr. Staines reported that the car park consultation is coming to an end soon, and the budget is coming up.

There will be a Neighbourhood Planning Conference at the end of the month.

Cllr. Batchelor asked if bins would be changed to a bigger size when the bin collections are changed to fortnightly in 2018. Cllr. Staines didn't know the answer to this.

Cllr. Coldwell sent an update by email, and the Clerk will circulate this to all Members.

2017-6.2. West Sussex County Council

See item 17 below.

2017-7. Planning

2017-7.1. DC/16/2848 Bo Peeps Barn, Wheatsheaf Road

The comments deadline for this application fell before the Meeting, so a comment was decided by email. The comment submitted to HDC was:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council strongly objects to this application as we believe the previous enforcement statement should be upheld, and would ask HDC to view the site to see for their opinion on how the screening fences between the properties enhances the area.'

Henfield PC supported this comment.

2017-7.2. DC/16/2869 Bramcote Farm, Bramlands Lane

It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application, subject to all materials used being sympathetic to the existing property.'

2017-7.3. DM/16/1575 Pear Tree, Blackstone Lane

The comments deadline for this application expired before the Meeting, so a comment was decided by email. The comment submitted to Mid Sussex District Council was:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council objects to this application as the previous application was temporary so as to give time to build the appropriate barn. This has not happened so it's obviously not necessary. The nature of the site at Pear Tree is detrimental to the environment and the residents of Blackstone, and is contrary to the Woodmancote Parish Neighbourhood Plan.'

Although this comment was submitted after the comments deadline, the Case Officer did agree to accept it.

2017-8. Planning updates

The application DC/16/2279 for West Winds will be going to committee on 17th January. It was agreed that Cllr. Williams will attend this meeting to say that WPC has no objections.

2017-9. Blackstone Playing Field

Cllr. Williams attended a playing field meeting and reported as follows:-

- Cllr. Williams brought up about the sponsorship signage being very prominent. The Cricket Club are going to find out who makes the signs so that it doesn't happen again, however they can't change the signs now.
- The Cricket Club do not need planning permission for sight screens.
- There is a defibrillator at the Sports Pavilion, and there will be training for anyone local who would like to learn how to use them. A provisional date of 6th April has been set for this. When a date has been confirmed, this will be advertised on the notice boards.

The Clerk reported that the solicitor has confirmed that the title of the playing field has now been transferred and so the lease extension can go ahead. The Clerk has updated Sussex Cricket about this, but they have not responded. WPC does not want to instigate the lease extension.

Cllr. Broucke has spoken to someone from the Cricket Club, and they are aware that they haven't paid the rent. The Clerk will invoice this for them.

2017-10. Henfield car parks

The deadline for the consultation is 15th January. It was agreed to comment on this application as follows:-

'Woodmancote Parish Council asks if some spaces in Henfield could be longer stay than three hours, as there is no provision for long stay parking, and three hours is not long enough for trading purposes. WPC does not believe this is the right idea for rural villages as this will congest the roads around the centre.'

2017-11. Rampion Wind Farm/Southern Water

Cllr. Williams spoke to Southern Water and they will not give compensation for the loss of water as it was not a planned stop and it was for less than 24 hours. The Clerk will let the representative from Rampion, Sue Vincent, know.

2017-12. Points to focus on for 2017

WPC has accrued some reserves that need to be spent. The suggestions to do this are:-

- Parking at the Parish Hall for people using the bus stop (however this is the responsibility of the Trustees of the Parish Hall).
- White gated entrances to the Parish.
- Sign cleaning.

It was suggested to ask residents at the APM what they would want.

2017-13. Neighbourhood Plan

The examiner should be starting to look at the Plan around now.

2017-13.1. Neighbourhood Planning Conference

This will be held on the 25th January, 2-5pm at the Billingshurst Conference Centre.

It was agreed that Cllr. Austin and the Clerk will attend.

2017-14. Finance/Payment

2017-14.1. Reconciled accounts & cashbook

These were agreed and signed by Cllr. Prangnell.

2017-14.2. Budget and Precept

This was agreed as discussed at the last meeting, and the precept will stay at £8,100.

2017-14.3. Payments:-

- a. WSCC – Invoice for Clerk’s salary for December - £304.17
- b. Woodmancote Parish Hall – Invoice for use May to December - £48

An invoice for the Clerk’s salary has not yet been received from WSCC. The Clerk will hold the cheque until this has been received.

2017-15. Correspondence/meetings

Cllr. Broucke is due to have a meeting about the Parish Hall.

Mr Bates has suggested various donations that WPC makes. These will be added to the Agenda in March.

Cllr. Barling arrived

2017-16. Other business

There is no update regarding the fence at Hollinger, despite the Clerk asking several times for updates. There appears to have been some activity there recently.

2017-17. West Sussex County Council

Cllr. Barling updated that as the program of superfast broadband rollout is expanding, it is going to more and more difficult to reach places. Another two cabinets have been planned in Woodmancote – close to Morlands Farm and opposite Kentons Farmhouse. Cllr. Barling said that the most isolated places will have

to be served by other technology such as satellite or wifi. Each cabinet costs around £40,000, so they are not suitable for isolated residences.

Cllr. Barling will arrange for someone to come and speak at the APM in April.

Cllr. Williams asked when the broadband cabinet would be installed in Blackstone, as Cllr. Barling had said this was agreed. Cllr. Barling will look into this.

Cllr. Batchelor asked again about whether the size of the bins will be changed when the rubbish collection changes to fortnightly. Although this is a matter for HDC, Cllr. Barling doesn't believe there are plans for this.

2017-18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm