

WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held in the Playing Fields Pavilion on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at
7.30p.m.**

(Members of the Public were invited to attend)

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Present: WPC Cllrs. Broucke (Chair), D. Austin, P. Williams, M. Grimes, J. Pragnell, M. Batchelor, C. Dixon and A. Underwood
L. Bannister (Clerk)

Others Present: 3 x members of the public

2017-172. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Staines, Barling and Coldwell.

2017-173. Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 10th October 2017

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Broucke.

2017-174. Action updates from previous Minutes

The Highways Department has reported that the hard standing for the bus stop is being considered by the legal team as the hard standing would be on a resident's land. The resident has set out conditions on the use of the land.

The Clerk reported the overgrown trees on Blackstone Lane, but the Highways Department can't see an issue.

HDC have booked in the road sweeper for the A281.

The footpath in Blackstone has now been cleared.

Twineham PC had a report that another parish has had its vehicle activated signs stolen. They were sawn off.

2017-175. Declarations of Interest from Members in respect of any items in the Agenda

None.

2017-176. Open Forum (Members agree to adjourn the meeting for comments from members of the public)

C. Blazeby attended the meeting to advise on how Neighbourhood Watch has worked in Woodmancote recently, and acknowledged that the system needs to be reviewed.

R. Noel is hoping to take on Neighbourhood Watch as a coordinator. He is waiting for approval from Sussex Police and then will arrange to meet with the current coordinators to possibly pass this over.

2017-177. Reports from other Authorities:

177.1. Horsham District Council

Cllrs. Coldwell and Staines were not present.

177.2. West Sussex County Council

Cllr. Barling was not present at the meeting, but updated Cllr. Broucke that he has asked Highways to look again at their response on the Truslers Hill planning application.

2017-178. Planning

178.1. SDNP/17/05461 & 05462 Catsland Farmhouse, Bramlands Lane

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

‘Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application, as long as it is in keeping with the surrounding buildings, and it does not affect the listed building. Please note that the previous garage is now occupied as a residence.’

178.2. SDNP/17/05195 Bramlands Lane

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

‘Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application as long as all Environment Agency drainage issues are dealt with.’

178.3. Any applications received since publication of the Agenda

None.

2017-179. Planning updates

The Highways Department has produced their report for the Truslers Hill planning application.

The application for Olus was permitted. Conditions were attached, and a liaison group will be set up.

2017-180. Blackstone Playing Field extension

180.1. Extension

Plans have been shown to local users of the Pavilion to extend it by 7m, and to create separate units. WPC did not have any major objections to the plan, but noted that it would only be suitable for the use of Sussex Cricket and not for the community in general. WPC would like more time to consider this as there could be an opportunity to do something that benefits the Parish (bearing in mind the closure of the Parish Hall).

180.2. Lease

Sussex Cricket has agreed to pay all legal costs, but are suggesting one solicitor is shared. This was not agreed. WPC would rather keep their own, independent solicitor.

2017-181. Parish Hall

181.1. Update & funding

Cllr. Batchelor attended a meeting at the end of October which seemed positive. The tenant has now moved out. A solicitor has gone through the original agreement, and this is a lot more open than previously thought. As long as an activity is legal, it is allowed in the hall. A licensed bar would be allowed. The committee have had permission from Rev. Doick to set up the Parish Hall as an incorporated charity. They will be applying to register it as a community asset. The committee will be putting together a questionnaire to go to residents to find out how often they would use the hall. The committee queried how much WPC would be able to fund via a loan.

It now appears that legal ownership is with the post of rector, and not the church.

There is another meeting on 4th December.

2017-182. Neighbourhood Watch update

Members were in favour of the proposal put forward by R. Noel.

2017-183. SDNP Pre-Submission Plan

Cllr. Dixon has read the plan and put together a summary. There is not much that would affect Woodmancote. Most policies appear to make sense.

It was agreed to submit a comment of support.

Thanks were offered to Cllr. Dixon for reading through the plan and preparing a report.

2017-184. Pavement clearing

A complaint has been received from a resident that the pavements need clearing. This will be done when all of the leaves have fallen.

2017-185. 2019 Year of Culture

It was agreed that WPC will support Henfield PC in their bid for funding.

2017-186. Finance/payment

186.1. Reconciled accounts & bank statement

These were agreed and signed by Cllr. Grimes.

186.2. Budget for 2018-19

In principle this was agreed. This would be an increase of £2,500 on the last precept.

186.3. Payments:-

- a. WSCC – Invoice for Clerk’s salary for October – £304.17
- b. Parish Hall hire - £102
- c. SSALC – Invoice for Councillor training - £66

These were agreed and cheques were signed by Cllrs. Williams and Grimes

2017-187. Correspondence/meetings

187.1. HDC Brownfield Land Register Consultation

There are no sites in Woodmancote so it was decided not to comment on this.

187.2. Parish Council training on planning

HDC are providing planning training in December. WPC has two spots booked on this.

187.3. Highways team liaison event

Cllr. Broucke will attend this.

187.4. Rampion meeting

Cllrs. Broucke and Prangnell attended this. Rampion gave a presentation about how they’ve completed the work. They updated that some reinstatement has been done, and the rest will be done in spring.

187.5. Remembrance Service

Rev’d Doick received a complaint following the remembrance service in Henfield as the Woodmancote names were not read out at the service as Woodmancote Church was closed. This is actually not the responsibility of the church, but the Parish.

2017-188. Other business

There was a serious road traffic accident at the end of Wheatsheaf Road.

Cllr. Underwood reported that the M23 will be closed in January.

Cllr. Underwood has received a complaint about a food delivery van that plays a siren. There isn't anything that WPC can do about this.

The church in Woodmancote has been closed for professional cleaning. Sunday will be the first service at 9.45.

It has been noticed that the site at Pear Tree is a mess and there are more caravans there. The Clerk will report this to Albourne PC and Mid Sussex District Council. Also, it appears that the property to the north is occupying its barn.

Cllr. Broucke has spoken to Trevor Leggo of SSALC about the Parish Hall. He has suggested getting advice from a solicitor about what type of lease would be suitable for WPC if they were to lease the hall from Rev'd Doick.

2017-189. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm