

WOODMANCOTE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th August 2017 at 7.30p.m.
(Members of the Public were invited to attend)

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Present: WPC Cllrs. Broucke (Chair), M. Batchelor, D. Austin, P. Williams and F. Young
L. Bannister (Clerk)

Others Present: 4 x members of the public
HDC Cllr. Staines

2017-124. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Prangnell, Underwood and Grimes. These were accepted.

2017-125. Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 11th July 2017

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Broucke, subject to correcting a typo on page 2.

2017-126. Action updates from previous Minutes

£500 has been received from SSALC as a grant for a laptop and software for the Clerk.

2017-127. Declarations of Interest from Members in respect of any items in the Agenda

Cllrs. Broucke and Austin declared an interest in planning applications DC/17/0623, DC/17/1596 and DC/17/1253 as they share an access. However, they do not have a financial interest in these applications.

Cllr. Broucke also declared an interest in planning application DC/17/1668 as the landowner is a relation.

2017-128. Open Forum

A member of the public said that planning application DC/17/1668 is not suitable because the access off of the A281 is substandard and this application would increase the amounts of traffic with large vehicles. The access lane does not allow adequate passing points for large vehicles. However, he does not object to the application itself, just the access arrangements.

Cllr. Staines arrived

Mr Noel is going to resubmit his planning application. The description has changed from extension to demolition.

Mr Dixon will be submitting an application for a granny annexe soon.

Mr Hill attended the meeting regarding the Parish Hall item in the Agenda. He passed title information to the Clerk. Any decision about the hall would need to be confirmed by the Diocese and the Charity Commission.

Cllr. Staines is interested in WPC's thoughts on planning application DC/17/0623 as the comments deadline is ending and he will feedback WPC's comments to HDC.

Cllr. Staines reported that HDC have now bought a lease for land in Horsham as part of their land investment plan.

2017-129. Planning

112.1. DC/17/0623 Two Hoots, Furners Lane

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

'Woodmancote Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:-

- 1 – If this site is agricultural and being used as agricultural, the new gate would be maintenance and would not need planning permission.
- 2 – The hard standing car park we believe is not agricultural and needs a change of use application.
- 3 – The mobile home is out of character for the area and should be removed.
- 4 – This application is in contravention to the Woodmancote Parish Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5 – The site is in view of three listed buildings.
- 6 – We would ask if there is an issue with change of use on this site.'

112.2. DC/17/1596 Stable east of Green Oak Barn

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

'Woodmancote Parish Council objects to this application and believes the appeal decision should be upheld.'

112.3. DC/17/1668 Hole Barn Farm, Brighton Road

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

'Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application, but has concerns about the suitability of the private drive for any additional large vehicles, and suggests that Highways look at the access. We would ask that no floodlighting is added.'

112.8. Any applications received since publication of the Agenda

DC/17/1253 Oldfields, Furners Lane

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

'Woodmancote Parish Council does not object to this application subject to all drainage being suitable and that no additional floodlighting is added.'

2017-130. Planning updates

Cllr. Austin will attend a meeting with WSCC, a member of Albourne Parish Council and a member of the public to discuss Firsland Industrial Park.

The Marthas Barn application was permitted. The Clerk will ask the case officer why full operation hours were allowed, when restricted hours were requested.

2017-131. Blackstone Playing Field lease proposal

Sussex Cricket has proposed a lease extension to the lease of the Blackstone Playing Field. This will be added to the next Agenda to be discussed.

Sussex Cricket have been gifted some money for development at the ground. They would like to use it to extend the pavilion to build a viewing room.

2017-131. Research into title of Parish Hall

At the previous meeting, T. Leggo representing SSALC said that WPC could potentially raise funding through different bodies to aid the Parish Hall, but there would be some criteria to meet (for example, the hall would need to be open to all). T. Leggo has put WPC in touch with a solicitor to investigate the history of the hall. The fee for this would be approx. £250. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

T. Leggo also recommended registering the Parish Hall as a community asset. Rev'd Doick is aware of this, but has asked WPC to hold off on this until after the open meeting in September.

Cllr. Staines suggested making a S106 application to help with the costs.

Cllr. Staines left the meeting

There will be an open meeting on 4th September about the Parish Hall.

2017-132. Finance/payment

132.1. Reconciled accounts & bank statement

These were agreed and duly signed by Cllr. Batchelor.

132.2. Payments

The following payments were agreed:-

- a. WSCC – Invoice for Clerk's salary for June - £304.17
- b. Planning training seminar x 3 - £60

c. Data Protection registration - £35

Cheques were signed by Cllr. Williams and the Clerk.

2017-133. Correspondence/meetings

Cllr. Grimes sent an email re. vehicle activated signs. He has spoken to a supplier, who has said that they charge around £2,500 for each sign. WSCC would need to put up a pole and agree locations.

There has been a complaint about people cutting hedges and leaving the cuttings on the road. Cllr. Williams has already made a complaint about this to WSCC. There has also been a complaint about the overgrowth on Blackstone Lane. The Clerk has already asked the landowner to cut back, but will ask again.

Cllrs. Williams, Austin and Batchelor attended a planning seminar. This was very informative. They learnt that planning permission is not required to make a storage and distribution site into residential.

2017-134. Other business

Cllr. Williams reported that the footpath in Blackstone needs cutting back. The Clerk will ask for this to be done.

Cllr. Williams asked what is happening with the speed reduction request in Blackstone. Cllr. Barling is dealing with this.

Cllr. Austin said that the date to object to the Neighbourhood Plan has now passed and no objections have been raised.

Cllr. Williams is interested in attending a Councillor Briefing and Awareness course.

Cllr. Young will attend the Horsham Older People's Forum.

The Clerk has 4-8 September booked as annual leave.

Cllr. Broucke suggested asking the new chair of HDC and the head of the Planning Department to come to Woodmancote and speak to Members about what they want WPC to put forward to them (in terms of planning applications).

2017-135. Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm