

Woodchester Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Woodchester Parish Council held on September 4 2008 at 7.00pm in The Village Hall, North Woodchester.

Present: Cllrs Wigzell (Chair), Bastin, Swait, Hamilton

In attendance: Barbara Lewis (Clerk) 4 members of the public, Cllr S Glanfield, Steve Wadley PCSO

The Chair started the meeting with a non agenda item by welcoming the new Clerk (Barbara Lewis) and saying how excellent the previous Clerk (Duncan Hayes) had been.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Lead and Syrett
2. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest
3. **To receive questions from members of the public and those attending in an official capacity**
Elizabeth Colcombe pointed out that the litter bin outside the school had been removed from the railings when the new hall was being built but had not been replaced and so was loose. Clerk to contact SDC to arrange for bin to be re-erected. She also wanted to know what action had been taken to her email re street cleaning, Goring House and 5 Berrymore. Clerk replied that SDC had been informed re street cleaning and 5 Berrymore and that the Planning committee would discuss Goring House in full at their next meeting. The PCSO asked the members of public if they wanted to discuss any matter with him, but there was a negative response.
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting July 24, 2008**
Minutes confirmed and signed as correct
5. **To receive the Clerk's Report**
Clerks report was delivered. The Clerk agreed to send details of the Selsley Rd closure to members of the public present
6. **To note planning applications and decisions from SDC**
The applications and decisions were noted. The Planning Committee had noted the Goring House problem and agreed to discuss what action to take at next meeting. [Cllr. Glanfield asked to be kept informed so that he could take up the issue on behalf of the Parish Council.] Cllr Bastin to respond to Mr Campbell and Mr. Harris re barbed wire query on footpath in Priory woods
7. **To note correspondence received**
The correspondence was noted
8. **To receive a financial report for the latest period**
Financial report received
9. **To approve expenditure and approve cheques as per annex**
Cheques approved and signed. Cllr Wigzell queried the SDC bill for the Election, but invoice showed that this was the charge for an uncontested election
10. **To consider signing Gloucestershire Charter, Third Edition**
It was agreed to sign this Charter
11. **To consider a response to the Draft Mental Health and Social Inclusion Strategy for Gloucestershire**
Cllr Hamilton to respond to the Strategy document and an NHS Consultation
12. **To consider a response to Cotswolds AONB Freight Management consultation**
Cllr Glanfield described the Freight Management consultation as far-reaching, but is being objected to by the Haulage Contractors. Cllr Swait to draft response

- 13. **To consider a response to GCC household waste consultation**
Cllr Hamilton to respond
- 14. **To receive a report from land acquisition working group**
The working group had looked at the land, investigation had shown that there would be no grant for it and it would be difficult to get a loan as it would benefit so few residents. Chair to discuss with Cllr Lead
- 15. **To receive reports on the village design statement and parish plan action review**
Cllr Lead has sent draft to Conrad Black and is awaiting his comments. Conrad Black to be chased for response. Council has received an email from Laura Mills [of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council] stating that land in the village has been offered for affordable housing. She is to be asked to come to the next convenient planning meeting to talk to members and public. Cllr. Glanfield offered to discover what has happened to the Rural Needs Survey to which the Parish Council responded months ago
- 16. **To receive any reports under the parish plan action plan**
Cllr Brown is organising a public meeting on 29 September for a fete next year. Clerk to put notices in village shop, churches and pubs
- 17. **To nominate a councillor to review the council's accounts**
Cllr Bastin was nominated to review the council's accounts
- 18. **To discuss arrangement for wreath-laying ceremony at war memorial**
Cllr Bastin to talk to Stephen Bowen to see if ceremony will be the same as last year, also to suggest that Catholic church are invited
- 19. **To receive comments from members of the public on items discussed at this meeting**
Mrs Colcombe said that a feasibility study should be carried out on the land acquisition and also a village meeting should be called for consultation on this expenditure, before going ahead
A new resident of the village felt that there was not enough explanation on many items of the agenda and that the council did not communicate well. It was explained that the minutes of previous meetings were available on the website and that it was not always possible for background to be explained at every meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20

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