

Woodchester Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Woodchester Parish Council held on 4th June, 2015 in the Village Hall, North Woodchester at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. Hamilton, Lead, Baldauf, Baynham-Honri and McNealey

In attendance: The clerk and two members of the public

2015/72 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Warnes and Swait and District Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell.

2015/73 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

2015/74 To receive questions from members of the public and those attending in an official capacity.

Concerned was raised over several Highways issues at Frogmarsh not having been resolved. The clerk will follow these up.

2015/75 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th May, 2015.

These were confirmed and signed by Cllr. Hamilton.

2015/76 To receive the clerk's report.

This was received.

The clerk had received one response from the letters concerning parking in South Woodchester High Street. It was suggested that Cllr. Swait and Warnes meet with concerned residents in the High Street and that Cotswold Green, the Fire Service and Veolia be invited. The clerk will arrange this.

Councillors also discussed the issue of providing a toilet in the layby off the A46 as people are using the land adjacent to the cycle path. The clerk will find details such as costs and security and will report back at the Parish Council meeting in July.

The clerk will speak to the contact at SDC who organises the 'Through the Gate' programme. The pavement south of the A46 layby is becoming narrower, affecting visibility and the soil needs cutting back. The clerk will ask if this might be possible.

Otherwise Gloucestershire Highways will be contacted.

2015/77 To note the latest financial statements and approve cheques as per annex.

These were noted. The first precept payment has been made by Stroud District Council. The grants made for the Mountain Bike Trails are generally to be used within one year of donation. The clerk has been on contact with GPFA and they are happy for this to be extended. As each one nears expiration, the clerk will contact each organisation to ask that it be extended.

2015/78 To note planning applications, decisions and appeals from Stroud District Council and to discuss and agree the key arguments in objection to the Rooksmoor application for the Development Control Committee meeting on 9th June.

These were noted. Following discussion at the Planning Committee Meeting at 6.30pm, a group will meet to finalise the statements for the meeting on the 9th June.

Initials.....

- 2015/79 To discuss and agree a request from the Football Club to appoint a councillor to take on the role of Chairman as Stuart Harrison is due to retire this year.**
 Stuart Harrison had been invited to the meeting and was disappointed he was unable to attend.
 Councillors discussed the request and the unanimous decision was that councillors felt it was not a role for a councillor. It was felt that the role required someone passionate about football. It was suggested that this may be a parent of a child who has attended the Holiday Club, thereby encouraging the next generation to become involved. It was also suggested that the role be advertised in the Woodchester Word. The clerk will contact Stuart Harrison.
- 2015/80 To note the report from the internal auditor.**
 This was noted.
- 2015/81 To discuss the Annual Return for 2014/15, approve and sign the statement of accounts, approve and sign the annual governance statement, approve and sign the financial statement for year end and agree submission of accounts for external audit.**
 This was discussed and statements approved.
- 2015/82 To discuss and agree priorities for the year ahead following comments from residents at the Annual Parish Meeting.**
 The priorities were agreed by councillors to be:
- Mountain Bike Trails – To move on with these as quickly as possible
 - Highways Local Funding – To aim to secure some funding for improvement to our roads; the priority being the bottom of Bospin Lane
 - The Convent – To follow up planning issues with SDC, particularly concerning the hotel being open for business, despite the proposed driveway not yet approved
 - Highways – Continued concerns over safety on our roads, particularly the A46. The clerk will write to Gloucestershire Highways to reiterate our concerns and ask the procedure for measures such as reducing speed limits, gaining 20mph limits through the village and installing a traffic island near Station Road. The clerk will also contact other clerks to ask details of how they have achieved changed in their villages.
- 2015/83 To discuss and agree topics for the Parish Council entry for the next edition of the Woodchester Word.**
 It was agreed to re-submit the entry from the last edition which didn't make it to print, with the addition of an advertisement for the next Parish Council meeting when Karen Phimister will present the results of the Affordable Housing survey.
 It would be desirable to include an overview of the Development Control Committee meeting held on the 9th June. The clerk will check with the Editor that this can be submitted on the 11th June.
- 2015/84 To receive an update on footpaths and rights of way.**
 Councillors had nothing to report.
- 2015/85 To receive an update from the Events Committee.**
 The Open Gardens event is due to take place on the 6th June.
- 2015/86 To receive comments from members of the public on items discussed at this meeting.**
 There were no comments from members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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