

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024**

Present: Cllrs J Harwood, P Briggs, D Knight, F Mackinlay, J Salter

District Cllrs: Genny Early, Tim Sumner

Members of Public: 7 members of the public

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**31/25 Apologies and Declarations**

- 31.1 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bates and Brown, and the Clerk.
- 31.2 Cllr Briggs declared an interest in Item 35 below as she benefits from a conferred right of way over one of the routes proposed for addition to the site of the solar farm development.

**32/25 Minutes**

- 32.1 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 **were approved**, accepted into record, and signed by the Chair.
- 32.2 **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising

**33/25 Open forum**

- 33.1 District Cllrs Early and Sumner submitted individual reports covering capital grant funding available for SME net zero investments; verge maintenance; the importance of developing the neighbourhood plan; WODC scrutiny committee; and detailed data available for parishes.
- 33.2 Public questions; One member of the public asked about commenting on the Woodleys planning application and was advised to submit their comments direct to WODC via the website planning section. Another member reported the growing concern about roadside vegetation obscuring sight lines especially at junctions. The Chair said this would be raised with OCC.

**34/25 Planning**

- 34.1 All three Lower Dornford Farm applications had been approved
- 34.2 Both Hollybank applications had been approved.
- 34.3 **24/01041/FUL** – Woodleys House - Under consideration
- 34.4 **24/01042/LBC** - Woodleys House - Under consideration
- 34.5 **24/00748/FUL** - Woodleys House - Under consideration.
- 34.6 The Chair of Planning Cttee reported that in addition a further application for Bridge House had been submitted, which would be added to the schedule for the next meeting. It was unlikely that the committee would wish to comment.

**35/25 Botley West – further consultation**

The Planning Committee had considered the supplementary consultation document issued by the developers. They had circulated an explanation of the issues and a draft recommended response. Cllr Mackinlay reported that during the afternoon replies to a number of previously asked questions had been received from the developers. After discussion on these issues, and with Cllrs Briggs not voting, **it was resolved (i) that the recommended draft should be approved for submission, (ii) that the Chair and Cllr Mackinlay should be authorised to make further minor amendments needed to accommodate the discussion, and (iii), in consultation with the Clerk, submit the final version to the developers.**

**36/25 Well Cover**

The Chair reported that concerns had been expressed over the deteriorating condition of the wooden well cover. While this cover was not the original but a replica it was nevertheless an important and much valued traditional feature in the centre of the village. It was therefore important that it should be preserved and not allowed to deteriorate further. In discussion **it was agreed that the maintenance and restoration of the structure should be pursued, that the Chair should ideally find local people willing to take on the job, and report back on what could be done. It was further agreed that a drawing should be made on the council’s reserves to fund this work which would be likely to come to between £500 to £1000.**

**37/25 Finance**

The schedule of proposed payments had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Salter raised concerns about one item: the WODC charges for collecting dog waste which amounted to approximately £1500 per year. After discussion **it was agreed (i) that WODC should be asked via Cllr Sumner to explain their charging policy and costs; and (ii) that the payments amounting to £1129.82 should be approved.**  
The approved schedule was duly signed by the Chair and Cllr Knight

**38/25 Dates for future meetings**

After discussion, **it was agreed that that the next meeting should be on Monday 2 September. The following confirmed meeting would be on Monday 4 November, but the date of 7 October would be kept free in case of need for urgent business.**

Signed .....

Chair Wootton PC