

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS, WOODBURY ON
13 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs G Murrin (Chairman), P Bricknell, Ray Brown, Reg Brown, J Burgess, G Gerdes, P Glanvill, G Jung, Mrs C McGauley, K Perry & T Pattison

Also present: District Cllrs D Atkins & B Ingham: 5 members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs B Price

15/055 MINUTES: The Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 March 2015 were received and confirmed as an accurate record (P/S: McGauley/Perry - AIF).

15/056 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence

15/057 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest were received as follows. Councillors declaring prejudicial interests left the room and took no part in the discussions or votes.

Minute No: 15/058 - Accounts – Cllr Bricknell - payee

15/058 ACCOUNTS & FINANCES: The schedule of expenditure for March 2015 (app A yellow) was received and duly authorised (P/S: Perry/McGauley – AIF)

15/059 CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk advised of the following correspondence received after the agenda had been sent out:

- 1. WOODBURY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY:** Email of thanks for the PC's donation of £200 from the Community Grant scheme
- 2. WYG – Simon Collier:** Email requesting that he would like to arrange for his client (Devon & Cornwall Housing Group) to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan Group to discuss the site at Castle Lane, Woodbury and the potential benefits to the community that it offers.

After some discussion it was agreed that this matter was best discussed in open session to avoid any accusations of the PC being in Developers' pockets. Clerk to suggest that they attend the June PC meeting. This will allow new Councillors to be a little established

15/060 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Murrin reported that he had met with the new owners of the solar farm near Exe View Road. The facility is operational having signed onto the national grid on 1 April. The first payment to the PC falls due on 1 April 2016 and there are two options available. The PC can opt for a one-off payment of £36k (£5k per megawatt hour) or take £7278 pa over 25 years. If the latter is chosen, funds must not be held for more than 3 years as this will render the agreement null and void. The funds are meant to be entirely for good causes but must be administered by the Parish Council which will involve many man hours for the Clerk and/or her assistant making it important that the PC is able to claim some of the funds for clerical purposes. The draft agreement will be circulated to all Councillors once it is available. Clerk to contact EDDC to enquire exactly what the planning conditions were relating to the agreement.

15/061 PLANNING: *The following applications were discussed and responses agreed as follows:*

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15/0123/MFUL Kenniford Farm (land south of) Clyst St Mary (neighbouring parish) – Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter cabins, sub-station buildings, access tracks, underground cable, fencing and CCTV and provision of temporary car park during construction – *Amendments relating to amended red line application site to include provision of temporary car parking area for customers using farm shop/café during construction and amended description of development to include provision of temporary car parking area.*

Response: *After a short discussion it was agreed that it is impossible to consider applications with no paperwork and that the Clerk should contact EDDC to enquire whether paperwork for these applications can be made available in future. Once she has a definitive answer the matter can be discussed at a future meeting.*

EXTON

15/0244/FUL Exton Mill, Mill Lane – Construction of 4 bedroom house with integral garage

Response: *Support (P/S: Pattison/Murrin – AIF)*

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15/061 PLANNING: *The following applications were discussed and responses agreed as follows: (cont)*
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15/0304/FUL **4 Bretteville Close** – Demolition of conservatory and construction of two storey side and single storey rear extension – *amendments relating to reduced size of extension, amended window design and removal of single storey extension*

Response: *It was agreed that the amendments do not sufficiently address the problems of overdevelopment and overlooking of the neighbouring property and the PC's objections therefore remain as previously stated (P/S: Perry/Reg Brown – AIF).*

15/0515/TCA **The Shieling, Globe Hill – T1, Walnut** – target prune extended limbs on southern, western and northern aspect of the canopy, removing 1.5m – 2m lengths from 10 branches making pruning cuts of no more than 80mm diameter. **T2, Cherry** – Target prune to reduce one branch making a 50mm pruning cut.

Response: *No objections – Tree Warden has advised that the pruning of the Cherry is routine maintenance and the limbs of the Walnut tree are almost touching the eaves of the house (P/S: Perry/Gerdes – AIF)*

15/0721/TCA **Woodbine Cottage, Flower Street – T1, Pittosporum** – Fell. **T2, Cypress**, Fell 5 trees, **T2 Eucalyptus** – Fell

Response: *No objections. The Tree Warden has advised that these trees have all become very large. The five Cyresses were originally planted as a low screen but they are now up to the eaves of the neighbouring property. The Pittosporum and the Eucalyptus are both too big for the garden (P/S: Perry/Gerdes – AIF)*

** *The Police Report covering the month of March 2015 was received and the Clerk was requested to thank PCSO Donna Baker for including the traffic accident information. Councillors were very concerned to hear that funding cuts to the police service might affect PCSOs as they do excellent work and their services are greatly valued by the public and the PC.*

*** *The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow District Officials to report:*

Cllr Atkins had nothing to report

Cllr Ingham thanked the Clerk and Councillors for their help over the last four years and said that it had been a pleasure to attend Woodbury PC meetings. He added that as the emerging Local Plan has identified Woodbury as a sustainable village it is imperative to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

15/062 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: How to take the Neighbourhood Plan forward in the event that none of the Steering Group is re-elected onto the Parish Council was addressed. Cllr Perry brought Councillors up to date with current developments relating to the Plan, advising that the Editor is getting guidance from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the preparation of NPs and that she is prepared to analyse the consultation responses. He continued by saying that the two Steering Group members who are not standing for re-election will be happy to continue to help with the development of the NP should the new PC wish them to do so. The Clerk was requested to produce an analysis of expenditure to date.

15/063 ENFORCEMENT ACTION: How Members wish to deal with the perceived lack of enforcement action by the Planning Authority on some sites in the Parish was discussed. It is understood that there have been 29 retrospective planning applications in Woodbury Salterton over 2.5 years and that a few large developers regularly commence developments prior to applying for planning permission. Why this is allowed to happen and what action should be taken about it was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would invite an Enforcement Officer to a future PC meeting in order to help Councillors understand the problem better.

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15/064 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: *No decisions are made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*

McGauley Enquired how much Exton has to spend on play equipment and the balance from previous years as she has sourced some new equipment

Ray Brown Thanked his fellow councillors for their help and support over the past four years and wished them all the best if they were continuing with the PC

Perry Advised that he was amazed to see that EDDC's website was completely out of date relating to Councillors' Declarations of Interests. Councillors no longer on the PC are still included on the website and new Councillors are not. He requested that the Clerk ensures his details are removed after the elections. He further enquired whether Woodbury Residents Association is a formal body with a constitution and whether Councillors have to declare their membership of it on their Declarations of Interests Forms. The Clerk advised that she felt it was a declarable interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed (Presiding Chairman)

Date