

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS, WOODBURY ON
8 June 2015 @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs C McGauley (Chair), D Atkins, R Bartlett, Mrs J Best, P Bricknell, J Burgess, B Jones, G Jung, G Murrin, T Pattison & J Pyne

Also present: District Cllrs B Ingham & G Jung; Mrs S Elliott (Woodbury Salterton Tree Warden); Mrs B Price (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

15/093 MINUTES: The Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 May 2015 were received and confirmed as an accurate record (P/S: Bricknell/Burgess - AIF)

15/094 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence

15/095 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.

15/096 Accounts Cllr Jung (payee of cheque)

15/096 Accounts Cllr Pattison (payee of cheque)

15/096 ACCOUNTS & FINANCES:

- 1) **Schedule of Expenditure:** The schedule of expenditure (app A yellow) was received and duly authorised (P/S: Atkins/Bricknell – AIF)
- 2) **Internal Audit letter for the Accounts 2014/15:** A letter was received from the Internal Auditor (app Aii) confirming that he has completed the internal audit of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015, finding that:
 - a) they properly reflect the Council’s financial transactions during the year
 - b) the PC’s financial systems and arrangements meet the criteria set out and are properly operated and well managed
 - c) nothing has been found that requires the Council’s attention
- 3) **Accounts 2014/2015:** The accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 (app Ai) and the supporting statements thereto were received and the Chairman and RFO were duly authorised to sign them as a correct record (P/S: Atkins/Bricknell – AIF)
- 4) **Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015:** The Accounting Statements, the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual internal audit report for the year ended 31 March 2015 were received (app Aiii) and the Chairman and RFO were authorised to sign the Accounting and the Governance Statements (P/S: Burgess/Atkins – AIF)

15/097 CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence had been received that was not reflected elsewhere on the agenda.

15/098 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: The Chairman had nothing to report that was not reflected elsewhere on the agenda

15/099 DECLARATIONS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: It was formally noted that the participation of Cllr Jung (who is also a Member of East Devon District Council) in both the debates and subsequent votes was on the basis that the views expressed were his preliminary views taking account of the information presently available to the Parish Council. He reserved his final views on the applications until he was in full possession of all the relevant arguments, both for and against them.

15/100 PLANNING: APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

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15/0746/FUL Woodbury Community Playing Fields, Orchard Close – Removal of existing play equipment and installation of new play equipment.

Response: *No objections (P/S: Burgess/Best – AIF)*

15/1198TRE 2 Fulford Way – Western Red Cedar: Remove two lowest second order branches over lawn. Reduce height by 2.5 metres

Response: Councillors were advised that the tree warden had inspected the tree in question and had put forward no objections

No objections (P/S: Bartlett/Atkins – AIF)

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15/100 PLANNING: APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED (cont)
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15/1244/FUL Higher Mallocks Farm, Woodmanton – Construction of a livestock and feed building
Response: *It was agreed that in view of the fact that the paperwork had not been available before the meeting, the application should be deferred for consideration at the next PC meeting on 22 June 2015.*

15/1245/FUL Higher Mallocks Farm, Woodmanton – Proposed cubicle & covered feed building
Response: *It was agreed that in view of the fact that the paperwork had not been available before the meeting, the application should be deferred for consideration at the next PC meeting on 22 June 2015.*

WOODBURY SALTERTON

15/1061/VAR Hogsbrook Farm – Variation of condition 2 (plans condition) of planning permission 14/0435/MFUL (for the construction of an anaerobic digester) to allow amended site layout to include a digestate drier: variation of condition 12 to allow sourcing of energy crop feedstock from alternative local sources.

Response: *It was agreed that in view of the fact that the paperwork had not been available before the meeting, the application should be deferred for consideration at the next PC meeting on 22 June 2015.*

County Planning Matter

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

SP/DCC/3774/2015 Straightgate Farm, Exeter Road, Ottery St Mary EX11 1LG - Quarry development for the extraction of sand and gravel at Straitgate Farm extending to 40.23 ha including new site access onto Birdcage Lane at northern end of site, together with staff welfare facilities, car parking and wheelwash

Response: *It was agreed that this application should be considered at the next meeting at the same time as application SP/DCC/3775/2015 which relates to Blackhill Quarry and should be considered at the same time.*

*** *The police report (app C) was received.*

*** *The report of the Airport Consultative Group (app D) was received*

*** *A brief adjournment followed for reports from officials*

*** **Cllr Ben Ingham** *Advised that EDDC had recently held an additional full Council meeting to debate a possible delay in relation to moving its HQ from the Knowle. This was put forward by Independent Councillors due to the lack of consultation with the public and staff. They were not successful but it was felt right that new Councillors should be involved in discussions relating to the move.*

*** **Cllr Bernard Hughes** *Advised that Cllr Mrs Christine Channon is the new Chair of Devon County Council.*

A consultation is now out regarding the Dinan Way link. Cllr Hughes feels that the one venue and two dates of 11/12 June are insufficient and that other Wards and Parishes should be consulted. Lympstone has requested that they be included in the list of consultation venues and he is interested to know whether Woodbury will be putting forward a similar request. If this link is completed it should have a good effect on Woodbury village as it will send cars along the A376 so the more people who support it the better. Cllr Hughes continued by promising funding from his locality budget for the posts for the VAS sign, for which he was warmly thanked

*** **Cllr Geoff Jung** *Had nothing to report other than that which he would bring up under Councillors' Questions at the end of the meeting*

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- 15/101 CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS FOR WOODBURY WARD:** One application from Mrs Margaret Edwards was received to fill one of the casual vacancies in Woodbury Ward and it was agreed that she should be co-opted immediately (P/S: Bartlett/Burgess - AIF). There remains one vacancy in Woodbury Ward and the Clerk will continue to advertise the position.
- 15/102 ELMSIDE GARDEN, ORCHARD CLOSE, WOODBURY:** A proposal was received from the Developer of this site (app E) to make a foul drainage connection to the existing sewer that runs beside the boundary of the site, on Parish Council land. An offer of £2500 is being made for this easement to cover the Parish Council's legal fees, with any balance after these costs being given to the Woodbury Community Playing Fields Association as a charitable donation. However, facts obtained from South West Water make it clear that this proposal should not be accepted. It would appear that the proposed connection between the first manhole and point 'A' will not be adopted by SWW until the next 'sweep' of sites for adoption, which will probably be in three to four years' time. It is possible that SWW will require the laying of a new pipe to the first manhole as a condition of adoption and depth is a consideration. In the intervening time the PC would be responsible for the existing 100mm foul water pipe and any blockages or failures that might occur upstream of the first manhole. The section from the proposed connection to the scout hut would not qualify for adoption. The developer could not apply to SWW for a S104 site adoption until the PCs foul water drain had also been adopted (or an alternative laid) up to the proposed connection at 'A'.
South West Water advises that the developer should connect to the existing SWW foul water drain manhole in Orchard Close. The proposed dwellings can then be connected to SWW after filing an S104 application. The Parish Council is advised by SW Water to reject the application to make a new connection at point 'A'.
After a short discussion it was agreed that the advice from SWW was sound and should be followed (P/S: Atkins/Bricknell – AIF)
- 15/103 RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES:** The draft minutes of the Staffing Strategy & Policy held on 1 June 2015 (app F - previously read and approved by all relevant committee members) was received and the decisions contained therein were duly ratified (P/S: Bricknell/Burgess - AIF)
- 15/104 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS:** *No decisions are made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*
- Burgess** Enquired what was happening with the Handyman. It would appear that he has made two visits to Woodbury Salterton now and has apparently done a good job but in the wrong place. As apparently he is now on holiday until the end of June would it be a good idea if he were to come to Woodbury next so that more councillors can assess his work.
Cllr Mrs McGauley volunteered to meet him and show him what work is required and where
- Pyne** Advised that he had been approached by a resident living on Broadway/Fulford Way regarding litter and dog waste. Is there any chance of putting a bin on the grassy corner area where there is a seat?
The Chairman and Clerk advised that EDDC is no longer supplying any additional bins as it is felt that the public should be educated into taking their rubbish home and recycling it or disposing of it at home. The Clerk is putting an item in the Woodbury News to this effect but will also liaise with EDDC regarding the possibility of putting in a bin at the PC's expense.
- Pattison** Requested that the Clerk email the grass cutting contractors regarding the area around the bus shelter on the A376 near the filling station as this area is very overgrown
- Murrin** Advised that he has not been able to complete the agreement relating to the solar farm at Lympstone as there is a dispute between EDDC and the owners regarding the numbers of panels. He has also been told that there will be no indexing of the fund now either but he has written to them asking them to reconsider.

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15/104 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (cont): *No decisions are made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*

Atkins Reported that Porters Lane (beside the Nutwell Lodge public house) is very overgrown with water coming down it like a river. In addition, the marines refuse to cut the hedge there which is their responsibility. There is also a problem with sewerage from the Nutwell. He will have a word with them and follow it up at EDDC and he will also ask Cllr Mrs Rogers to have a word with the Commandant at the Marine Camp in her capacity as liaison officer.

Bartlett Advised that he would like to organise the group photograph of the Councillors and Clerk outside the office as soon as possible to catch the deadline for the Woodbury News. Someone from the Camera Club will do it and he or she could be asked at the same time to take individual photos of everyone so that identity badges can be produced.

Best Requested that a regular piece be put in the Woodbury News in order to keep in touch with the public and this could start with an article thanking all the previous Councillors for the work they did and welcoming all the new ones. She and Cllr Bartlett will liaise over the wording and run it past the Clerk prior to submission to the Editor.

Bricknell Reminded the Clerk that the play area in Woodbury Salterton still requires a litter bin and advised the meeting that the new water troughs are now in place in Woodbury Salterton allotments

Jung Advised that the Straightgate planning application would involve vehicles travelling from the quarry past Daisy Mount to Blackhill for processing there. This could amount to 200 vehicle movements a day plus 120 vehicle movements out of Blackhill – 80% of which would go through Woodbury. It had been planned to close Blackhill in 2016 but this application would extend its life for a further 5 years.

Of those who expressed a preference as to whether or not personally they would like to see the operation extended in this manner, 7 were against it and 1 in favour.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed (Presiding Chairman) Date