

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS, WOODBURY ON
Monday 11 July at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs C McGauley (Chair), D Atkins, R Bartlett, Mrs C Bennett, P Bricknell, B Jones, G Jung, R Mayo and G Murrin

Also present: County Cllr B Hughes, District Cllrs B Ingham & R Longhurst, Tony Bennett (Woodbury Tree Warden), Mrs M Westlake (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

PUBLIC SPEAKING: The Woodbury Tree Warden queried a new Tree application received in Woodbury Village and asked for some guidance. The Chairman suggested he contact the Tree Officer (Stuart Baker) at EDDC.

16/044 MINUTES: The Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meeting held on 27 June 2016 were received and confirmed as an accurate record (P/S: Bricknell/Bennett - AIF).

16/045 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Burgess & Mrs M Edwards (away) and Cllrs T Pattison & J Pyne (other commitments).

16/046 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None were declared or recorded.

16/047 ACCOUNTS & FINANCES: The schedule of expenditure for this month was received and duly authorised (**App A**) and the income report for the month of June 2016 received and accepted (P/S: Atkins/Bricknell – AIF)

16/048 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman reported that she had contacted the Landowner to arrange a cut of the overgrown grass verge at the end of Oakhayes Road where it meets Globe Hill. This had previously been reported to Devon County Council as a safety issue. It was agreed that best practice for the future would be to notify all Councillors initially to see if anyone could help and approach the Landowner in the first instance.

16/049 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.

16/050 PLANNING:

The following applications were discussed and the responses agreed as follows:

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16/1323/FUL – Land to Rear of Sub Station, Land to South West of Venmore Farm EX5 1LD - Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to B8 (Storage and Distribution) uses to enable the storage of caravans, boats, other vehicles and materials

Response: *Not supported as this is an industrial development in Open Countryside and within an agricultural location (P/S: Jung/Bartlett: vote - 6 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention)*

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16/1236/FUL - Green Gables Cottles Lane EX5 1EE - Construction of single storey and two storey extensions, alterations to existing bungalow to create first floor incorporating front and rear dormer windows and the creation of a new vehicular access, detached garage and driveway (revised design of plans approved under application 15/2142/FUL, to install cladding to a lower level)

Response: *Support (P/S: Mayo/Jung – vote: AIF)*

AMENDED PLANS

16/0525/FUL – Celandine, Broadway EX5 1NL - Construction of single storey attached annexe
Amendments relate to: Design of the proposed annexe

Response: *Support with a request that care is taken when digging foundations so as not to disturb the roots of nearby Oak trees (P/S: Mayo/Bricknell – vote: AIF)*

EXTON

16/0719/FUL – Merrivale, Exton EX3 0PP – Construction of detached dwelling (amendments to application 14/1193/FUL to alter the location of the proposed dwelling)

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

WOODBURY SALTERTON

16/1407/FUL - Nutts Farm EX5 1PG - Erection of a new wall with vehicular access gates to enclose courtyard

Response: *Support (P/S: Bricknell/Mayo – vote: AIF, 1 abstention)*

16/1297/LBC - Nutts Farm EX5 1PG - Erection of a new wall with vehicular access gates to enclose courtyard

Response: *Support with a request that roof tile edging is used in preference to concrete edging which is considered more in keeping with the area (P/S: Bricknell/Mayo – vote: AIF, 1 abstention)*

ADJOINING PARISH – Colaton Raleigh

16/1193/FUL - Land at Winkleigh Lane, Winkleigh Lane, Woodbury – Erection of agricultural building including 2 no. stables, store and hayloft over

Response: *Not supported as this is an unwarranted building in Open Countryside (P/S: Bricknell/Atkins – vote: AIF, 1 abstention)*

16/051 PLANNING APPEALS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL BY: F W S Carter & Sons Ltd

Ref: APP/U1105/W/16/3151307 – Proposal: Retention of conversion of building to 5 no. industrial units (Use Class B2 General Industry, B8 Warehouse and Distribution and B1 Office and Light Industry) **Unit 1-5 Hogsbrook Units, Woodbury Salterton EX5 1PY.**

Appeal made against the decision of EDDC to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development. Any further comments or representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than 21 July 2016. The appeal documents were available for inspection at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL BY: F W S Carter & Sons Ltd

Ref: APP/U1105/W/16/3151311 – Proposal: Retention of conversion of building to 3 no. industrial units (use class B8 Warehouse & Distribution) **Unit 7-9 Hogsbrook Units EX5 1PY.** Appeal made against the decision of EDDC to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development. Any further comments or representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than 21 July 2016. The appeal documents were available for inspection at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth.

A full response was being prepared by Cllr Jung and when completed would be circulated to all Councillors for approval and submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

****** A brief adjournment followed for reports from officials (8.32pm)***

Cllr Longhurst gave more information on Planning Appeals and commented that each appeal could be considered on its own merit. The Local Government Boundary Committee review was taking place at present. A lively meeting was held recently at Lypstone relating to the Exmouth Playing Fields consultation.

Cllr Ingham also gave follow up information on Planning Appeals and suggested Councillors consider whether the judgement would have a profound effect on the community if lost or won. He also provided an update on Devolution.

Cllr Hughes confirmed road repairs were underway in the Parish, mainly re-surfacing. Notification had already been received. He had been approached by the Secretary of Woodbury Scout and Guide Hut Committee for some assistance with funding for urgent repairs to the floor within their building in Woodbury Recreation Field. The repair cost was likely to be £3k - £4k. Cllr Hughes has £3k available for Woodbury Parish from the "Investing in Devon" fund and therefore asked if the PC were agreeable to allocate this sum to the Scout and Guide Hut floor repairs. This was agreed in principle (proposed by Cllr Atkins) and a request was made that the PC complete the application on their behalf to reclaim the VAT aspect.

Cllr Jung mentioned the FAB project (France-Alderney-Britain) which will involve installing two pairs of underground electricity cables linking France & GB. He also advised that the Village Plan for Woodbury would be out for consultation shortly. This will detail Built up Area Boundaries and include a proposal for Greendale Business Park.

****** The meeting reconvened at 9.10pm***

Police Report – This was not available at the meeting and PCSO Malcolm McGuire was not present. Councillors felt that the monthly Police Report was still useful and would like it to continue on the same format together with publication in the Woodbury News.

16/052 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings held on 9 June and 28 June were received and noted. Cllr Pyne was not present at the meeting but Councillors raised various concerns which would be fed back to the Steering Group.

16/053 GOING PAPERLESS (PLANNING): Feedback was received on the new system which has been running since March/April 2016 and some Councillors prefer working paperless whilst others would like paper copies. It was agreed that the main documents required for site visits are the plans themselves and the location plan and these would be provided by the office on request. Concerns were raised that contact details are still erased from public view on Planning

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Applications which creates extra work arranging the site visits. The Clerk would raise with EDDC Planning to see if this could be addressed.

16/054 SHARED ACCESS – MOBILE MAST – WCPF: A lengthy discussion took place and concerns were raised regarding the proposed location near to a Children’s Play Area. Councillors were asked whether they wished the process to continue and go to the next stage with no commitment if a proposal was offered. This was agreed (P/S: McGauley/Jung: vote – 7 in favour, 2 against)

16/055 VIEWPOINT SURVEY – EDDC: East Devon District Council are undertaking a survey and would like the views of Town and Parish Councils on their services. A co-ordinated response has been requested, one per Parish. Councillors were handed a hard copy at the meeting and asked to submit individual responses to the Clerk which would be collated and a majority decision confirmed before the Survey deadline on 16 September 2016.

16/056 PLAN CRANBROOK: To discuss whether the Parish Council wished to submit comments/recommendations for the consultation of Cranbrook Development Plan Issues and Options Report. The documents can be viewed on the EDDC website www.eastdevon.gov.uk/cranbrook
Details were circulated to all Councillors but it was agreed that no response was required from the Parish Council.

16/057 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: *No decisions are made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*

Murrin Mentioned the outstanding Section 106 funding for Exton. The Clerk was still awaiting an update from the officer and accountant at EDDC. He also asked for some information from other Councillors on CCTV installation following a recent spate of robberies in Exton.

***** IN COMMITTEE:** Because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted members of the public and press were asked to withdraw from the meeting.

16/058 SW COUNCILS: Membership of South West Councils was considered and agreed at an annual cost of £388.00. This would provide specialist HR assistance to the Parish Council for Staffing, Employment Contract and Policy issues. (P/S: Atkins/Bricknell – AIF)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed
(Presiding Chairman)

Date