

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOMS, WOODBURY ON
Monday 10 October 2016 @ 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Cllr B Hughes (arrived at 8.10pm), District Cllr B Ingham, Mr T Bennett (Woodbury Tree Warden), Mrs M Westlake (Clerk), 1 member of the public and 1 member of the local press

PUBLIC SPEAKING: Tony Bennett made enquiries about the Coombe Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund and the PC Community Grant scheme.

16/095 MINUTES: The Minutes of the proceedings of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 September 2016 and 26 September 2016 were received and confirmed as an accurate record (P/S: Atkins/Bartlett - AIF)

16/096 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Burgess and Mrs M Edwards (away), Cllr T Pattison and District Cllr R Longhurst (other commitments)

16/097 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest were recorded as follows. Councillors declaring prejudicial interests left the room and took no part in the discussions or votes (if appropriate).

16/098(i) Cllr P Bricknell – recipient of payment

16/098 ACCOUNTS & FINANCES:

- i) The current schedule of expenditure for this meeting was received and duly authorised and the income report for the month of September 2016 was received and accepted (**App A**) (P/S: Atkins/Mayo – AIF)
- ii) A letter from our landlord regarding the PC office rent review from January 2018 was received with a proposal to increase rent payable from £400 to £440 per month. It was noted that the letter had not been properly headed and several questions were posed. It was agreed that Cllr Murrin would examine the Lease as he had expertise in that area and he would advise whether the increase was justified. An update would be given at the next full Council meeting.

16/099 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman had nothing to report.

16/100 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.

16/101 PLANNING:

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

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16/1997/LBC – 3 Darbys Cottages, Greenway EX5 1LW – Construction of a single storey rear extension

Response: Support (P/S: Atkins/McGauley – vote: 7 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions)

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PLANNING (Cont.):

15/2521/FUL – Jubilee House, Woodbury EX5 1LQ – Retrospective application for change of use from restaurant to house of multiple occupation (class 4)

Response: Not supported on the following grounds:

- 1. Lack of parking provision***
- 2. The numerous vehicles parked outside the property are in very close proximity to a busy crossroads/junction***

The Parish Council also noted that this was a retrospective application and considered that the change of use fell under the Use Classes Order in England dated 6/4/16 (A3).

(P/S: McGauley/Atkins – vote: AIF)

WOODBURY SALTERTON

AMENDED PLANS

16/1212/FUL – Compound 60 Greendale Business Park EX5 1EW – Construction of office and welfare building and compound depot for commercial vehicles, storage of bin containers, fuelling bay, wash bay, outside storage, storage containers and palisade fencing.

Amendments relate to: Amended start time to either 4.30am or 5.30am

Response: Not supported in line with the original objection. At that time the hours of working were considered unacceptable.

The standard operating times for Greendale Business Park should apply:

Without the prior written agreement of the Local Authority no operations shall take place on the site on a Sunday or a bank holiday Monday or outside the following hours 7.00-1800 on Monday to Friday and 7.30-1300 hours on a Saturday during a week in which the Monday is a bank holiday. The reason being "in order to protect the amenity of the area"

(P/S: Jung/Bricknell – vote: AIF)

COUNTY MATTER PLANNING APPLICATION

CP/DCC/3903/2016 Unit 42, Road to Greendale Business Park, Greendale Business Park EX5 1EW – Variation of planning condition 8 of planning permission 09/0824/CM, relating to on-site operational hours.

Response: Not supported as it was considered that the standard operating times for Greendale Business Park should apply. The PC requested that the times originally proposed in 2009 were adhered to.

16/2090/FUL – The Hive, Honey Lane EX5 1EJ – Retention of fence

Response: Support subject to the fence being treated in a natural colour

(P/S: Jung/Bricknell – vote: AIF)

16/2257/CPE – Mobile Home, Meadow Rise, EX5 1PJ – Lawful Development Certificate for occupation of the dwelling in breach of the condition restricting the site to be used by gypsies and travellers

Response: The PC had no comments to make

(P/S: Pyne/Murrin – vote: 8 in favour, 2 abstentions)

****** The Police Report for August/September 2016 was received and noted***

****** A brief adjournment then followed for reports from Officials (8.45pm)***

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Cllr Ingham gave an overview on planning decisions at Parish level and summarised the PC role as local consultees. He also commented on the Electoral review warding arrangements and advised that he agreed with Cllr Jung's view.

Cllr Jung had nothing to report.

Cllr Hughes confirmed that the Investing in Devon Grant of £3,000 had been awarded for refurbishment of the Woodbury Scout Hut. Notification had been received and the Clerk would claim the funds. The works had already been carried out and the invoice paid.

Cllr Pattison had highlighted the urgent replacement of play equipment at Exton and whether there was any funding available from the Locality Budget. Cllr Hughes suggested that £1,400 could be applied for and the PC were in agreement.

Following comments regarding the perceived inefficiency of the County Council, John Clatworthy had prepared a statement which gave an overview of the last 8 years. Figures were quoted relating to revenue savings, capital receipts, social housing, staff reduction costs, capital spend and debt recovery. The DCC scrutiny committee had also been consulted on pension age issues and changes within the NHS (loss of beds in the Community).

The meeting reconvened at 9.00pm

16/102 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON WOODBURY VILLAGE GREEN: A quotation had been received from a local events company for the hire of LED festoon lights for a period of 4 weeks. The total cost was £386.88 (excl VAT). The Clerk reported that this was almost double the amount from 2015 but this was due to the upgrade to LED lighting as all glass bulbs are now being phased out for health and safety compliance. It was proposed that the increased cost be accepted.

(P/S: Atkins/Pyne – AIF)

16/103 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EAST DEVON – WARDING ARRANGEMENTS: Cllr Jung summarised the existing boundaries and the proposed changes, giving details of percentages and shortfalls within wards. It was agreed that the preference would be to remain as we are.

(P/S: Jung/Atkins – AIF)

16/104 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 30 MARCH 2017: A short discussion took place for ideas for a potential speaker or speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting 2017. No suggestions were put forward and this would be deferred to the PC Meeting in January 2017. Councillors were encouraged to submit any suggestions to the Clerk in the meantime.

16/105 MEETING DATES: The schedule of proposed meeting dates for 2017 was received and accepted.

16/106 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Cllr Pyne reported that the Built up Area Boundary consultations had been successful and the majority of residents had accepted the proposals put forward. The next meeting of the Steering Group was scheduled for 19 October and topics for discussion would be a possible meeting with local Landowners/developers and finalising the draft plan.

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16/107 COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS: *No decisions are made under this item, but matters may be discussed which involve no more than an exchange of information*

Bricknell Wished the Clerk a Happy Birthday for 11 October. He also flagged the outstanding gym equipment proposed for the Woodbury Salterton play area (phase 2). Funding has already been earmarked from Section 106 contributions. The Clerk would contact the Officer at EDDC to establish the current position.

Jung Reported that volunteers from the WS Resilience Group had cleared the stream on 24 September and thanks were expressed to Pat Bricknell for assistance and loan of his trailer. Trees in the village require clearance to alleviate future flood issues but large stumps and roots are a problem and possible solutions are currently being sought.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Signed
(Presiding Chairman)

Date