

# WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

## Minutes of a meeting of Woodbury Parish Council, held remotely via Zoom, on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllrs S Andrews, R Ball, P Bricknell, R Cullen, M Hesketh, P Jordan, G Jung, Mrs S Knighton, Mrs C McGauley (Chairman), G Murrin, R. Parr and J Pyne. Cty Cllrs R Scott and J Trail.

T Bennett (TW). Two members of the public.

<b>20/150</b>	<b>Public Session:</b> <i>No comments were made.</i>
<b>20/151</b>	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Cllr D Atkins. Dst Cllr B Ingham.
<b>20/152</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> <i>None.</i>
<b>20/153</b>	<b>MINUTES:</b> RESOLVED. Minutes of the Meetings held on 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November and 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 confirmed as a correct record. AIF.
<b>20/154</b>	<b>PLANNING:</b>  <b>EXTON</b> 20/2697/FUL   Construction of garage   Copper Beech Place Green Lane Exton Exeter EX3 0PW. SUPPORT. Eleven in favour, one abstention. 20/2783/FUL   Proposed Roof Access and Viewing Platform.   Copper Beech Place Green Lane Exton Exeter EX3 0PW. NOT SUPPORTED. Overlooking. AIF. 20/2844/FUL   Construction of single storey front and side extension   Little Garth Exmouth Road Exton Exeter EX3 0PZ. SUPPORT. AIF. 20/2761/TRE   T1, Oak : reduce the spread of the northern aspect of the canopy from 6.5m to 4m. Retaining all branches growing up to 45 degrees and removing branches at greater than 45 degrees over the extension, making pruning cuts up to 60mm. T2, Oak : Reduce height by approximately 6m thereby reducing the size and weight of the tree to reduce the failure risk whilst retaining the lower healthy branches and also retaining the hollow stem of the tree for its enhanced wildlife value.   The Old School Exmouth Road Exton Exeter EX3 0PQ. SUPPORT. Subject to the views of the Tree Officer. Tree Warden views it as safety work. Work should be carried out by a qualified tree surgeon. AIF.  <b>WOODBURY</b> 20/2788/LBC   First floor alterations: construct partition wall with a door to create enclosed second bedroom and 1no. door to create storage area in second bedroom   1 Chowns Cottages Parsonage Way Woodbury Exeter EX5 1HY. SUPPORT. AIF.  <b>WOODBURY SALTERTON</b> <i>None.</i>

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<b>20/155</b>	<b>ALLOCATION OF NEW STREET NAME:</b> RESOLVED. Suggestion of ‘Horndon Close’ in recognition of the Rev. Horndon who leased land in Woodbury from Lord Rolle. The two fields called Horndons were part of the Rector's holdings in Woodbury covering the area in question. AIF.
<b>20/156</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:</b> Cllr Mrs C McGauley noted some recent minor crime within the Parish including vandalism on Castle Lane, cones being put out on the same lane cutting off the road, late night knocking on doors and a recent car theft in Woodbury. Clerk to report these to Sgt Stonecliff. A car, taxed but not with MOT, has been left on Castle Lane but it appears the owner will be moving it over the coming weeks.
<b>20/157</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS:</b> <i>No comments were made.</i>
<b>20/158</b>	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS:</b> Cty Cllr R Scott explained that, at present, it is unclear if County elections will take place in May 2021. If they do take place, then Cty Cllrs will enter purdah on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. He noted parishioners and Cllrs concerns over safety and congestion on Station Road, Exton particularly as it forms part of an amenity trail heavily used by cyclists. He felt this was a project that required scrutiny and a holistic approach post elections but underlined Cty Cllrs commitment to addressing the problems.</p> <p>Cllr M Hesketh asked if there were any further plans regarding yellow lining in Exton as, at present, the existing plans have caused concern amongst other residents that it will merely push the problem the top of Station Road, Cty Cllr R Scott explained that the existing lining will take place on safety grounds, but it is likely any further requests will be denied in the short term. He noted at a recent informal discussion with Cty Cllrs Richard Scott, Jeff Trail and Exton Cllrs that the proliferation of lining is not favoured. The Clerk confirmed that in the near future, WPC will formally consider their policy to lining requests throughout the Parish.</p> <p>Cty Cllr J Trail asked the Clerk if the paperwork had been received for DCC’s offer of funding the new safety barrier on Church Stile Lane. The Clerk confirmed this had been received, signed on behalf of WPC and returned. Cllr Mrs C McGauley thanked DCC for their valuable contribution.</p>

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20/159	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:</b></p> <p>Dst Cllr G Jung explained that EDDC were in the process of setting their 2021/22 budget. Last year produced an 'overspend' of £1.3m largely due to the fixed cost of maintaining Leisure East Devon sites set against a lack of revenue due to COVID restrictions. These losses are not covered by Central Government grants. He felt that EDDC had a careful balance to achieve, as there is a need to increase rates but set against the financial impact COVID has had on households and businesses.</p>
20/160	<p><b>FLOWER STREET:</b></p> <p>Cllr Mrs C McGauley explained that she was now looking for input from all Cllrs concerning the potential project noting little progress had been made since the idea was first floated before Christmas. The Clerk explained as yet he had not managed to track down the original 2015/16 Sale &amp; Purchase Agreement between WPC and EDDC, but this is in hand, alongside a need to secure the latest Land Registry documents for both the car park and the toilets. In particular, there was a need to understand any restrictive covenants put in place at the time. His understanding was that these restrictions would relate to the on sale of the land for housing development, an issue that would not be relevant for the current proposed plans. Cllr G Murrin underlined the importance that there was clarity on ownership. Cllr Mrs C McGauley reminded WPC that it was the purchase by WPC of both the car park and toilet block for £1 freehold in 2015/16.</p> <p>Cllr J Pyne noted that in effect it could be split into two separate projects. The 'landscaping' of the car park (where surrounding residents' access needs to be confirmed) and the development of the toilet block. Cllr C McGauley felt this was a sensible approach.</p> <p>Cllr G Jung felt that a business plan was also important to justify the development on a costs saving and new asset basis noting the Clerk had advised that potential annual cost savings could be c. £17k provided that an affordable cleaning contract can be put in place, if the final building continued to offer a form of public convenience.</p> <p>In summary, Cllr Mrs C McGauley asked that all Cllrs to provide their questions directly to the Clerk concerning the project. So that these can be answered and a coherent plan can be put to WPC with a view to securing an initial budget to allow the project to progress. This budget would cover the cost of architect's plans, applying for planning permission and any associated legal costs. The intention is to provide a coherent plan to WPC for the next full WPC Meeting, being the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p>
20/161	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:</b> Cllr J Pyne explained he is looking at funding where c. £10k should be available, although it is unclear when funding will be released. The next step is to provide an 'Expression of Interest' letter. He asked Dst Cllr G Jung who the correct contact is at EDDC, Dst Cllr G Jung explained that a number of EDDC officers have been seconded to other roles in the light of COVID but his understanding there was a new NP Officer and he would report back.</p>

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<b>20/162</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS:</b> <p>Cllr P Bricknell drew attention to a recent traffic order passing Coombe Park Farm diverting traffic up Toby Lane, Woodbury Salterton. He noted Toby Lane had both weight limits and length restrictions. He will make a call to the relevant authorities concerning this.</p> <p>Cllr M Hesketh noted the recent Exton Play Area safety report with a number of issues. Cllr Mrs C McGauley agreed that 'red areas' from all the safety reports must be considered at the next Estates and Assets Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr J Pyne noted lanes are deteriorating rapidly being Stoney Lane and Castle Lane by way of example. Cllr Mrs C McGauley recommended these are individually reported as this is the most efficient response for action.</p> <p>Cllr P Jordan noted a recent smell of diesel on the A376, the Police were called and there appears to have been a recent fuel theft in the area.</p> <p>Cllrs Mrs C McGauley asked Cllr R Parr about a local farmer's concern over uncontrolled dogs being walked in proximity to his farm. Clerk to provide signage and Cllr R Parr to try and re-contact the farmer in question to provide help.</p> <p>Cllr G Murrin noted the good work undertaken by Kiers to clear the diversionary sewer in Exton. Dst Cllr G Jung noted the recent planning application for Woodbury Park has been approved despite EDDC objections.</p>
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*Meeting closed 9.10 pm.*