

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday, 09 March 2021

Minutes of a meeting of a WPC meeting, held remotely via Zoom, on Monday, 8th March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Andrews, R Ball, P Bricknell, P Jordan, G Jung, Mrs S Knighton, Mrs C McGauley (Chairman), G Murrin, R. Parr and J Pyne. Dst Cllr B Ingham. Cty Cllrs R Scott & J Trail.

Mr T Bennett (TW). One member of the public.

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| 21/30 | Public Session: A representative of Greendale Business Park spoke of his desire to continue their liaison committee meetings, including members of WPC, which had been curtailed as a result of COVID restrictions and challenges. He spoke of application 21/0502/MFUL being the use of attenuation pond as fishing lake at Greendale Business Park, explaining he did not see a conflict between an attenuation pond being used as a fishing pond, as long as it is properly managed, adding it provides an additional attractive low impact leisure facility on a modest scale. He also spoke of application 21/0489/MFUL, being the extension to agricultural building and proposed constructed farm wetland drainage system together with associated bank regrading at Hogsbrook Farm. Noting the wetland drainage system is designed, alongside consultation with the Environment Agency, to mitigate potential surface run off risks. Cllr G Murrin expressed a frustration at the number of retrospective applications made by Greendale Business Park and its associated businesses, adding he felt that an organisation of its standing should make applications prior to developments, as a matter of good practice. A neighbour of Mill Park spoke in relation to 21/0337/OUT and asked that conditions placed on the site in June 1999 were respected in the interest of neighbouring properties. |
| 21/31 | APOLOGIES: <i>None.</i> |
| 21/32 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr P Bricknell in relation to 21/0337/OUT. |
| 21/33 | MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd February 2021 confirmed as a correct record. AIF. The Minutes of the SS&P Committee Meeting, held on the 1st March 2021, were deferred to the next meeting to allow recommendation SSP/42 'WPC FORWARD STRATEGY' STATEMENT to be put to full Council, as an agenda item. |

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| <p>21/34</p> | <p>PLANNING:</p> <p>EXTON <i>None.</i></p> <p>WOODBURY 21/0551/TRE T1 - Oak Reduce eastern aspect by 3m to suitable growth points, MDC 75mm. Shape north & southern aspects to leave a well-balanced tree. Remove major hazardous deadwood. Reason for Works: Large specimen is dominating small garden, pruning work is deemed appropriate management Castlehay Castle Lane Woodbury Exeter Devon EX5 1EA. <i>Important tree under TPO, would look to the Tree Officer to decide if a 3m reduction is excessive or not.</i></p> <p>WOODBURY SALTERTON 21/0502/MFUL Use of attenuation pond as fishing lake, installation of 15 fishing stands, siting of new hut, including provision of toilet facilities, to support fishing use, and the provision of 12 vehicle parking spaces and associated vehicular access (retrospective application). Centre Pond Greendale Business Park Honey Lane Woodbury Salterton. <i>Deferred to next meeting, concern over the combined use as an attenuation pond and a fishing pond. Would look to the Environment Agency to provide advice in this matter.</i></p> <p>21/0337/OUT Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the change of use of land to B2 (General Industrial) Land Adjacent To Mill Park Industrial Estate Woodbury Salterton. NOT SUPPORTED. Outside the employment area, building in the open countryside. AIF.</p> <p>21/0489/MFUL Retrospective extension to agricultural building (approved under planning consent 17/2430/MFUL) and proposed constructed farm wetland drainage system together with associated bank regrading Hogsbrook Farm Woodbury Salterton Exeter EX5 1PY. SUPPORT. AIF.</p> <p>21/0513/FUL Construction of replacement garden building/summerhouse Witley Cottage Woodbury Salterton Exeter EX5 1PT. SUPPORT. Provided it is not used as a separate dwelling. AIF.</p> |
| <p>21/35</p> | <p>PUFFING BILLY: RESOLVED. Grant of request to use a portion of the Exton Play Area, same footprint as used in 2020, for only outdoor seating up until end September 2021, provided the area is fenced off (demonstrating clear separation), licensing is in place, appropriate insurance is in place, a risk assessment is completed and appropriate safety measures are undertaken. This is to be evidenced to the WPC Clerk before any trading takes place. To be noted, this is a WPC reaction to the exceptional impact of COVID restrictions and a need to help businesses operate legitimately in the current and forthcoming environment. Deference should be taken to the event minuted under 21/36 below. Seven in favour, one abstention, two against.</p> |
| <p>21/36</p> | <p>EXTON VILLAGE EVENTS: RESOLVED. To allow the use of the sectioned area of Exton Play Area for a VC day event on the 18th September 2021, provided appropriate insurance and safety measures are in place. AIF.</p> |
| <p>21/37</p> | <p>EAST DEVON LOCAL PLAN: RESOLVED. WPC proposed response to East Devon District Council's 'Issues and Options' consultation to be provided as per Cllr P Jordan's written recommendations following consultation with Cllrs S Andrews, Mrs S Knighton and J Pyne. Confirmation that response to question 28, concerning preferred distribution of housing being option 2 favouring 75% close to Exeter with the remaining 25% being in towns and villages. AIF.</p> |

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| 21/38 | PARKING: To continue to monitor parking issues, reporting individual and patterns of inappropriate and dangerous parking. |
| 21/39 | DOG FOULING: To consider the use of more impactful signage. Clerk to email suggested signage to Cllrs. |
| 21/40 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Cllr Mrs C McGauley noted the state of the footpath beyond the Woodbury Breakers toward Exton, it is suffering from a collapsed culvert. The farmer will clear the leat, post harvest, but it will require further work under P3, post clearance. There is an added problem of horse riders using the path. Clerk to procure signage concerning this. |
| 21/41 | PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: Cllr G Murrin reported on a meeting with Base Officers of the Royal Marines (CTCRM) concerning their wish to extend on site range hours up until the early hours of the morning. They were able to demonstrate near inaudible discharge noise from their choice of ammunition, between the Camp and Station Road, attending Cllrs are satisfied that they are operating in a thoughtful and appropriate manner. |
| 21/42 | <p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:</p> <p>Cty Cllr J Trail reported two new bus stops will be installed at CTCRM with the addition of security boulders on sidings. He wished to thank Cllr R Parr, in advance, for helping with the installation of the boulders.</p> <p>Cllrs R Ball and J Pyne thanked Cty Cllr R. Scott for responding to the Parish Council's desire that Rydon Lane be improved to be a much more accessible, safe and reliable walking and robust cycling route between Woodbury and Exton. Much improvement work has already been achieved. The importance of finding a way to restrict motorised traffic was stressed.</p> <p>Cty Cllrs J Trail and R Scott confirmed two grants from DCC Locality Budget to WPC, £2,000 for flood resilience and £2,627 for public realm improvement. Encouraging WPC to allow focus on smaller projects that might typically fall under DCC's radar. They noted that a further £100,000 is soon to be made available DCC wide, on a match funding basis, for further public realm improvements and encouraged WPC to make appropriate applications as this becomes available.</p> |

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| 21/43 | <p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:</p> <p>Dst Cllr B Ingham stated that a recent report to the Scrutiny Committee revealed a prevalence of stress and depression amongst EDDC serving staff with some specific complaints of bullying by EDDC Cllrs. These will need to be fully investigated and appropriate action taken.</p> <p>Dst Cllr G Jung noted, on the same subject, that the departure of two senior members of staff, alongside the disruption of COVID restrictions may have exasperated the situation. He felt strongly bullying in the work place had no place within EDDC and an investigation was immediately in order.</p> <p>Dst Cllr G Jung stated that East Devon District are now rated first in the country by DEFRA for recycling in terms of producing the least amount of residual waste per head than any other district. He noted this achievement was driven by residents' commitment to sorting household waste for recycling.</p> |
| 21/44 | <p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: Cllr J Pyne explained an inspector has now been requested to undertake a health check on the NP, an expression of interest form and grant application has been drafted and the committee are now awaiting a grant applications opening date.</p> |
| 21/45 | <p>COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS:</p> <p>Dst Cllr G Jung wished to thank Cty Cllrs R Scott and J Trail for their work within the Parish paying particular note to their instigated improvements on Rydon Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs C McGauley expressed her concern over allegations of bullying at EDDC encouraging a rapid, robust investigation and response by Dst Cllrs, believing it undermined EDDC's reputation and ability to act effectively on behalf of the public. Noting employees should be afforded the protections they deserve to focus on what are often challenging roles, otherwise EDDC will lose key staff. She will look for an update from Dst Cllrs at the next full WPC meeting.</p> <p>Cllr R Parr expressed a disappointment in the overall roll out and service from Jurassic Fibre. It was suggested that the company should provide a follow up presentation to WPC to explain their current performance.</p> |

Meeting closed 9.40 pm.

| Responsible | Action | Timing |
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| Clerk | To receive appropriate documentation and assurances from the Puffing Billy prior to trading taking place. | Before trading, 12 th April 2021 |
| Clerk | Email suggested signage to mitigate dog waste issues. | 11 th March 2021 |
| Clerk | Signage to prevent horse riders using designated footpaths. | Request by 11 th March 2021 |
| Cllr P Jordan | WPC response to East Devon local plan questionnaire submission. | 11 th March 2021 |