

WOODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

13th May 2021

**Minutes of a meeting of a WPC meeting, held at Woodbury Village Hall,
on Monday, 10th May 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs S Andrews, R Ball, P Bricknell, Mrs S Cole, P Jordan, G Jung, Mrs S Knighton, Mrs C McGauley, G Murrin, R Parr and J Pyne.

TWs: Mr Tony Bennett and Mr Gavin Black.

Three members of the public.

21/16	PUBLIC SESSION: TW Mr T Bennett urged careful consideration of the environmental impact of certain weed control methods when considering removal of weeds within the Parish.																					
21/17	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs D Atkins. Cty Cllrs R Scott & J Trail. Dst Cllr B Ingham.																					
21/18	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: <i>None.</i>																					
21/19	MINUTES: RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 th April 2021, were confirmed as a correct record. AIF.																					
21/20	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS: The Clerk provided an update of recent Cty Cllr elections, being:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>TRAIL Jeff</td> <td>3,727</td> <td>23.80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCOTT Richard</td> <td>3,685</td> <td>23.50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WHIBLEY Joe</td> <td>2,373</td> <td>15.10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DUMPER Tim</td> <td>1,844</td> <td>11.80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PARKHOUSE Josie C</td> <td>1,509</td> <td>9.60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WILSON Daniel</td> <td>1,224</td> <td>7.80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ROSSER Michael J</td> <td>1,214</td> <td>7.70%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cty Cllrs R Scott and J Trail were therefore duly elected for another four years as Cty Cllrs and representing Woodbury Ward.</p> <p>Mrs Alison Hernandez has been voted the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Devon and Cornwall for another term.</p>	TRAIL Jeff	3,727	23.80%	SCOTT Richard	3,685	23.50%	WHIBLEY Joe	2,373	15.10%	DUMPER Tim	1,844	11.80%	PARKHOUSE Josie C	1,509	9.60%	WILSON Daniel	1,224	7.80%	ROSSER Michael J	1,214	7.70%
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21/21	<p>EXTON AMENITY TRAIL: Cllr Mrs S Cole explained there had been a huge response from Exton residents. Exton Cllrs are still collating this information and potential solutions including, but not limited to, increased and improved signage. They will report back at the June WPC full council meeting.</p> <p>Cty Cllr R Scott to be asked if he could provide the Sustrans cycle route report.</p>																					

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<p>21/22</p>	<p>FLOWER STREET PROJECT: Cllr P Jordan explained he has now completed and distributed to Cllrs architectural plans and well as a business plan. He has kept the business plan deliberately simple to provide clarity. Whilst the life of the building would be in excess of ten years the business plan suggests a ten year pay back. WPC would look to a public consultation in July.</p> <p>It was majority agreed the Flower Street toilets will remain closed until a public consultation can take place in July noting there was a need to address the c. £10k p.a. current cost of running the conveniences.</p>
<p>21/23</p>	<p>WOODBURY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: RESOLVED: To instigate a WPC led 'Environment Group' to provide advice and practical help to Woodbury Parish Council on a wide range of environmental issues and solutions. Initially appointing: Cllrs R Ball, S Andrews, Mrs Sally Cole (as representatives of the respective Woodbury Villages), TWs T Bennett & G Black, Dst Cllr G Jung, with the suggestion of asking a Parishioner, who is a former Dog Warden, to be invited to join as well but also to include other interested parties and individuals.</p> <p>Clerk to help set a first date for the Group to meet, where a Chairman will be appointed. Cllr Mrs C McGauley suggested Cllr R Ball might be a suitable Chairman. AIF.</p>
<p>21/24</p>	<p>DEVON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE: Cllr R Ball explained works had already started with completion due by the end of the week.</p> <p>Cllr R Ball was asked if there had been progress on a night landing site for Exton. His understanding was the preferred site was on the sports playing fields opposite CTCRM, but as yet no progress. Cllr C McGauley explained that she was attending a meeting with the Commanding Officer CTCRM, Lt Col Chris Samuel RM, on the 27th May and will raise the issue.</p>
<p>21/25</p>	<p>REMOVAL OF WEEDS IN THE PARISH: Cllr S Andrews explained there were a number of options with varying consequences, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do nothing; • Use of weed killers containing glyphosate, this would require only once a year spraying, but there are concerns that it is damaging to biodiversity and harmful to pets, particularly cats; • Use of acetic assets, this would require treatments three times a year, therefore tripling the costs of using equivalent weed killers containing glyphosate; • Steam treatment, again this would require treatments three times a year; • Physical removal. <p>Cllr Mrs C McGauley noted that many Parishioners had planted flowers, rather than weeds, path side. Physical removal therefore provided the opportunity to be selective but required dedicated and regularly committed work parties to undertake this. Cllrs to provide Cllr S Andrews a list of 'hot spots' and the newly formed Environmental Group to help provide a sustainable plan.</p>

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21/26	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>EXTON – <i>None</i></p> <p>WOODBURY – <i>None</i></p> <p>WOODBURY SALTERTON – 21/1105/FUL Construction of building for mixed A1 (Shop) /A3 (Cafe) Use and associated ancillary works (Resubmission) Greendale Farm Shop Sidmouth Road Farringdon Exeter EX5 2JU. NOT SUPPORTED. Development in the open countryside. AIF.</p>
21/27	<p>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Cllr Mrs C McGauley expressed continued concern of unnecessarily aggressive messages posted on social media directed at WPC when it undertakes, for example, necessary works which may conflict with the wishes of some individuals. She urged people to think of the balance of needs required for Parishioners and the Parish as a whole before making such posts.</p> <p>It was agreed that the intention to provide feather board fencing around the play area on the Green should be postponed in the light of EDDC advice that metal looped fencing is considered suitable and the recent experience in Clyst St Mary where the feather board fencing had attracted graffiti. Clerk to obtain three quotes for metal hooped fencing.</p>
21/28	<p>PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS: <i>None.</i></p>
21/29	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS: <i>None.</i></p>
21/30	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS: Cllr G Jung explained the start of vegetation clearance work in preparation for the Lower Otter Restoration Project has been postponed due to concern over nesting birds.</p> <p>Cllr G Jung confirmed Natural England, in collaboration with Clinton Devon Estates, has announced a new National Nature Reserve (NNR) for East Devon Pebblebed Heaths. East Devon Pebblebed Heaths, stretches between Woodbury towards Budleigh Salterton, is the latest site in the county to join the UK’s list of nationally and internationally important landscapes. The new NNR will make up part of the wider Nature Recovery Network to significantly expand and connect wildlife rich places to benefit people and nature.</p>
21/31	<p>COUNCILLORS’ QUESTIONS: It was noted that a local resident was using the Flower Street car park to store and remove building materials for an extension being built, without WPC permission. It was also noted that the property did not have legal or established direct access to the car park, despite a wide entrance having been created. Cllr C McGauley will visit the resident in question.</p>

Meeting closed 9.20 pm.

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Action	Responsible	Achieved by
Sustrans cycle route report to be provided to Exton Cllrs	Cty Cllr R Scott	21 May
Environment Group first suggested meeting	Clerk	18 May
Exton progress on DAA night landing site post meeting with RM	Cllr C McGauley	Early June
Identify weeding 'hot spots'	All Cllrs	21 May
Metal hooped fencing the Green	Clerk	Early June