

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.
Held on Thursday 13th February at 8.00pm at the Woolaston
Memorial Hall

1 Apologies for Absence:

Steve Reece
Andy Lord

2 Declarations of interest:

No declarations of interest were recorded under the Parish Council Code of Conduct.

3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:

The Cottage, The Lodge, Alvington access onto the A48 –
Insufficient visibility PC deem this to be unsafe and therefore
unanimously object.

Swan Inn, Cone Valley, Woolaston – unanimously supported on
both applications

P1725/13/AG – Plusterwine Farm erection of a portal framed cattle
shed – no comments

**4 To consider the following applications submitted by the Local
Planning Authority:**

None

5 Correspondence

None

6 Any other business

7 Closure and date for next meeting:

Thursday 13th March 2014

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5.2 – David Harris

3 Public Open Forum

Rachel Watts of Orchard Cottage, Woolaston Common – would like to erect a sun room and bedroom to the rear of the aforementioned property. The property has a 106 agreement and is therefore deemed an affordable home, if sold it must be offered to a resident or village family before being put on the open market. In principle the PC have no objections but would like to see plans to have a further discussion and also suggest that Rachel Watts gets a copy of the 106 agreement to raise further questions at a meeting and address any restrictions that may or may not be overcome.

Patrick Molyneux District Councillor – offering help and support. Raised the issue of speeding by the Woolaston Inn which is an issue he is currently fronting following up the issues raised by RS at the A48 meeting RS raised the issue of speeding by the Rising Sun by the derestriction zone. MG asked for an update on the houses by the shop, how will the actions be enforced? MG concerned that the actions will not be enforced and it will slip under the radar and not happen.

4 To confirm Minutes:

4.1 Minutes confirmed and signed for The Parish Council Meeting of 12th December 2013

5 Policing Issues

101 call RS made a week ago after seeing suspicious lights and activity on Woolaston Common which they were told was rabbiting. Letters of registration plate taken and as it was suspicious it still required reporting but he was kept on hold for an age. Pck to contact GPC and let them know about the length of time it took to report it.

5.2.1 Poor's Land

David Harris spoke. As per November minutes – would the PC like to take over the administration of the allotments. Rent needs to be collected March for the forthcoming year. As a charity it makes money 'for the poor of Woolaston' but its responsibilities do not fall to maintenance. PC already trustees for the land opposite the Rising Sun. £250 insurance covers two areas of woodland, the grazing land and the allotments. The PC could manage it better and enforce maintenance. Allotment holders not interested in taking on the administration of it. Find new trustees to take on the responsibility of allocation, invoicing, paying the water bills, hedge cutting, banking and so on. PC to consider approaching people to administer the Trust. Agenda for March. PC requested list of allotment holders and figures.

5.3 Highways and Footpaths

5.3.1 Everything re-reported and plenty of new holes following the recent bad weather. Pck to report on new problems once the weather abates.

5.3.2 Diversion of public footpath – unanimously supported

5.4 Maintenance

5.4.1 Pck to look at prices for fitting a dog waste bin on Severn View Road

5.4.2 How do you prosecute for dog fouling? PM suggested we speak to the district street wardens about the specific issue areas cc PM into the email. Pck to contact.

5.4.3 PC received a report on the Swan steps being dangerous. Footpath on Memorial Hall land but are replacement steps are down to Parish or District Council?

Plan to have a look on a Wednesday Walk to see who's responsibility they are and how bad they are.

5.4.4 Map for grass cutting to forward to prospective contractors. DH and MF to meet and draw up a new map.

5.5 Churchyard and Cemetery

5.5.1 Purchase of land to extend churchyard AL not here to update.

5.6 Finance

5.6. Increase of the precept to £17,500.00

5.7. Banking – third form sent in the Lloyds for the change of signatories and internet banking. MG has now been in to complain.

5.7 To approve accounts; all accounts were approved without objection for the following:

5.7.1 Merlin waste £27.12- approved and £35.64 approved

5.7.2 Mike Truman – £30.00 approved

6: To receive other correspondence posted on the Members portal:

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7: Other matters – AOB

7.1 Correspondence from H Bendall received and dealt with accordingly

7.2 Litter collection – Main Road to the end of Severn View development and to the Post Office, the field and the around the hall. MG suggests that the bin men cause much of the litter. RS suggests it's been thrown from cars. RS to phone District Council to request bags and pincers to collect rubbish on walks.

7.3 Western Power Distribution RS notes to be distributed. WPD to keep Parish Councils informed.

8: Urgent matters – Tendering process raised by a concerned parishioner in December. Councillors informed that this has been dealt with through the District Council's Monitoring Officer and no further contact has been made.

9: Date for next meeting: Thursday 13th March 2014