

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.
Held on Thursday 11th September 8.00pm at the Woolaston
Memorial Hall

1 Apologies for Absence:

Andy Lord
Roger Southee

2 Declarations of interest:

None

3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:

None

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

4.1 P1307/14/FUL Ring Fence House, Ring Fence, Woolaston one storey extension to original cottage – Support no objections

4.2 P1381/14/FUL – White Gables, Brookend, Woolaston; erection of a detached garage – support no objections

5 Correspondence

None

6 Any other business

Draft Allocation Plan – DH had a list of issues raised at the Meeting of the Parish in August against which Report 42 attended support objection to quarry and encouraged parishioners to state their objections on the website. It was agreed that WAQ would reform to fight the case. Draft Allocation Plan – there were no supporters in attendance, main points raised were – traffic and drainage as several people along that road had had to have non-return valves fitted to stop the sewerage backing up. They were worried that 22 of the 48 built would be affordable and as there is not a local requirement for affordable housing there would be an influx of people coming into the village from Bristol or Newport and therefore for the properties built

would not be to the benefit parishioners. DS – in reality the quarry was abandoned due to objection but equally the market for limestone collapsed. It was agreed that the notes circulated by DH off the back of public opinion following the meeting would stand as the opinion of the Parish Council.

Chris Brieger of Silverwood House, Woolaston – came to discuss a proposed change of use at his property from an office to an holiday let and came to gauge Councillors opinion. He has already been to see FODDC and they seem to be in support. Councillors support the idea in principle.

7 Closure and date for next meeting:

Thursday 9th October 2014

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3 Public Open Forum

4 To confirm Minutes:

4.1 Minutes confirmed and signed for The Parish Council Meeting of 11th July 2014 proposed by MG and seconded by DS

4.2 Matters arising from the meeting of 11th July 2014

None

To consider the following matters:

5 Policing Issues

MF was asked to answer a survey about the Police service in the village as a parishioner. Parish Council would like to see a PCSO at a meeting once in a while, this message was passed to the Police and they will pass it on to the local PCSO unit.

6 Highways and Footpaths

6.1 Thanks received from John Anderson for getting bridges fixed and SR also impressed with the work done. Thanks to RS for arranging all. MG raised issues concerning Severn View Road; Cherry Tree in number 64 causing the pavement to split and rise causing a trip hazard and the two limes in front of the Hibberts are low and obscure the view (Highways have already viewed this and do not deem it a hazard) finally the tree on the left to the entrance of Birchwood also needs reporting as it does obscure the view. Email or write to highways to report the break in the pavement. Grass ownership raised PCK had already spoken

to Gloucestershire CC and FODDC both of whom have said that these areas do not belong to them and are therefore not their responsibility. Highways have also confirmed it is not on their maintenance/cutting plans. Agenda grass on Severn View Road for next meeting. **AOB on Maintenance:** Chris Brieger asked if there had ever been any proposals to improve the access to Platts House/Silverwood/Woolaston Court on the opposite side of the A48 to Netherend etc. Parish Council were not aware that there had been any.

7 Maintenance

7.1 Grass Cutting – Orchard area and football field. Very long and we will change the timings for the four agreed cuts to one at the start of the cutting season, one at the end and two in the middle.

8 Churchyard and Cemetery

8.1 AL not present for update.

8.2 Councillors agreed that they were happy for the Parish Clerk to remain and that her presence would not influence or prevent honest opinion. Health of Lime tree in the Churchyard – an assessment, as agreed following last year's work, has been carried out. There is some dead wood which is falling from the tree due to die back. It will eventually, spread through the entire tree and then removal of the tree would be both costly and mean the total loss of the tree. If the tree is cut back now this will be prevented. MG suggested we asked for more quotes, DS agreed that it would be prudent to do so as did MF and SR. MF suggested we request a quote from parties within 7 days and the dead wood removal completed within 30 days. Henry Bendall, TrunkArb Tree Surgery and one other to be asked to quote. All relevant qualifications to meet methodology outlined in method statement, public/products liability and employers liability, and a method statement will be requested and received before consideration of quotes.

9 Financial Report of the Financial Officer

Reference fine by HMRC. It was agreed that we pay the fine and contact our local MP to gauge support for our appeal for it to be refunded.

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

- 12.1 Merlin Waste, dog waste removal – £27.12 x3
- 12.2 Richard Cole – £3648
- 12.3 Parish Clerk dog bin £201
- 12.4 Litter picking £130 x 3

13 To receive other correspondence posted on the Members portal/Notice Board/Facebook page:

Web links to a variety of support and information websites sent to Parish.clerk@woolaston.org.uk	

14 Other matters – AOB Village Hall funding request – agree to go ahead with the previous year’s funding of £3000 as the the WPC funding for this year. While we take on board the items mentioned in the request we leave the allocation of the £3000 from the WPC to your discretion.

Boar in the village RS would like us to write to District and ask what we do if they destroy gardens?

Financial spread sheet summary was requested by DH in time for the next meeting.

15 To consider and other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent
None

16 Date for next meeting: Thursday 9th October 2014