

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.
Held on Thursday 9th April 2015 8.00pm at the Woolaston
Memorial Hall

1 Apologies for Absence:

SR & AL

2 To approve minutes for the meeting of 15th March 2014

Proposed MF and seconded DH

3 Declarations of interest:

None

4 To receive representations from the previous meeting:

None

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

5.1 P0244/15/Ful 45 Woolaston Grange – object on the grounds of scale. The size of the extension seems extreme and would not be in keeping with neighbouring property/

5.2 P0271/15/FUL Bramley Barn, Station Road – no objections

5.3 P0474/15/FUL – Severnweye Farm, Smallbrook – Object on the grounds that the previous plans (P0704/15/FUL) stated strongly that the project was not viable without a dwelling, on site, for staff and that the new plans were almost identical to the original plans, except for the lack of an on site dwelling therefore making the current plans unviable. DH circulated a formal reply stating this, which was circulated to the councillors and agreed that this would be the Council's formal response.

5 Correspondence

None received

6 Any other business

None raised

7 Closure and date for next meeting:

Thursday 14th May 2015

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 14th May at 8.00pm
at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

1 Election of Officers

Election of Chairman – Mick Fairless. Proposed by DH and seconded AL
Vice-Chairman – DH proposed RS, AL seconded
Chairman of Planning and Development – DH proposed Andy Lord DS seconded
Vice-Chairman P And D – DH proposed MG and AL seconded
Properties' Officer – DH proposed we dissolved the position seconded be DS
Footpaths Officer – DS proposed Roger Southee seconded by AL

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MG and SR

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none

3 Public Open Forum

Parshioners from Brewers Lodge, adjacent to Plusterwein Farm owned by Paul Guest (who had proposed in APM 2014 that he would like to close footpath 118 cross his farm), they and their neighbours would object to it's closure as it is well used by dog walkers and families. DH explained the process that would be required to close a footpath explaining it to be expensive and lengthy. Clarification on the process was gratefully received and it was agreed that the Footpath's Officer would walk the path to ensure it was clear and use-able.

4 To confirm Minutes 9th April:

Proposed DH seconded RS

4.2 Matters arising from the meeting of 12th March 2014

RS said he will get the wood for the bench outside of the school.

To consider the following matters:

5.1 Policing Issues

5.1 PCSO could not attend tonight's meeting but will try and attend next. MF raised the issue of the recent break ins and suggested that we email the PCSO and ask for some feedback on the subject/crime report.

5.2 Highways and Footpaths

6.1 Church Lane potholes and road edges. Re-report to Highways. John Waters reported that on the lane from St

Briavels to Keynsham, people have been pulling into his entrance and breaking the stop cock to the house. Could the WPC contact Highways to look into the possibility of flexible bollards. RS complaint from Gill Claydon about the footpath along Laurel Lane, by the derelict cottage, that has been blocked by barbed wire on the fence. RS has sent a report to Amey which has been acknowledged. The second complaint was from a resident of Spout Hill, Deborah Edwards, concerning a sign that had been erected for Severnwey Farm, which was blocking the road sign and using the FODDC's post. There was also report of a unburied cable at the same location, which has been reported.

5.3 Maintenance

7.1 Litter collection agreement approved by the WPC and Carol Southee.

8 Churchyard and Cemetery

Purchase of land update. RS – the visit by the ground surveyor/hydrogeologist Tier 1 inspection, Mr Reece dug three holes to at least 14ft, no ground water, and they were re-filled and compacted. The surveyor then inspected the local vicinity for flood risk. Cost is estimated at £1000. WPC will receive the report, and then speak to the Planning Officer about the planning process. DH suggested that once this is approved we can get it fenced and ownership transferred. The plot has increased to 23 x 41m. Access road into the car park will be improved by the current owner including fencing. Letter of thanks to Mr Ernest Reece, New Farm House, Ashwell Grange. NP16 7LS for digging the hole with no cost to the WPC.

12 Financial Report of the Financial Officer

The bank balance was received.

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

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

14.1 It was agreed that WPC could not enforce any action about the farm traffic on Parkhill.

14.2 Speed bumps/traffic calming measures outside the school and squaring the corner at village shop. WPC agreed that

there was currently nothing they could do and that Highways currently do not consider the area as high risk.

14.3 Brambles, it was agreed that the MF and RS would inspect.

14.4 Phone Box – WPC agrees that it would be nice to see it refurbished but that it was not solely their responsibility. It was suggested that we publicise the BT offer of adoption and ask if there is a committee available to take on the responsibility of it's upkeep, maintenance and use and that the WPC will support any proposal.

14.5 Litter bin outside the shop. The issue seems to have been resolved.

14.6 Swan Steps and their general upkeep, clearance and repair. It was suggested that we contact the Probation Service about using community service people.

14.7 DH Grass Keep Licence for Alistair Fraser invoice for £300

14.8 Email from Chris Wathen a response was agreed and the PCK will respond.

14.9 RS Declarations and Register of Members Interests.

15 To consider and other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent

None

16 Date for next meeting: Thursday 11th June 2015