

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &  
Development Control Committee.  
Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 8.00pm at the Woolaston  
Memorial Hall

**1 Apologies for Absence:**

RS

**2 To approve minutes for the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Proposed MF and seconded MG

**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:**

P1342/15/FUL 31 Severn View Road - Support with no objections

P1411/15/OUT Kylemore House – Oppose on the grounds that it is not in keeping with the current street scene and that the hedging must be kept to maintain the current green space in the village.

P1352/15/FUL (late addition) Plusterwine House – Support with no objections.

**6 Correspondence**

None.

**7 Any other business**

Severnweye Farm – MF and RS attended the appeal and the site visit. The Parish Council are thankful for the time and commitment undertaken by MF and RS. At the appeal the inspector insisted it be non-confrontational and all communication through her. Arguments were strong for and against. Result of appeal in 4-6 weeks.

**8 Closure and date for next meeting:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015

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**3 Public Open Forum**

Mr Derek Lockey – offered thanks for responding to his correspondence and for noting it in the minutes. He raised the issues raised in the previous meeting by Mr Warren he also informed us that he had spoken and offered help to another parishioner to help tidy up the village. MF thanked Mr Lockey for his suggestion that a group be formed to help tidy up the village, remove weeds and so on and so forth and that there is strength in numbers and that the more people who report issues like potholes and overhanging trees and branches. County can enforce the cutting back of hedging but the Parish Council cannot. It was suggested that perhaps we asked property owners that if they had no objection would they be happy for the proposed village tidying group to carry out the work. AL suggested that perhaps an article in the Woolaston News would show our eagerness to tidy up the village. MF said the Parish Council would support the development of this volunteer group. MG then raised that the WI would like to get approval for the placing of planters on the green outside Ash Way to celebrate 70 years of the WI in the village in 2016.

**4 To confirm Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> September:**

Proposed MG and AL seconded.

**Matters arising from the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**None**

**To consider the following matters:**

**5.1 Policing Issues**

5.1 MG raised the issue of the empty cannisters found on Netherend Crescent the issue was raised with the PCSO by email.

**5.2 Highways and Footpaths**

5.2.1. Repairing potholes seems to have slowed up. MF offered to take the old Western Power signs down.

5.2.2. Trees on Birchwood Road reported to highways by Mr James Bevan of Bevan coaches. Also PCK to report various other trees on Birchwood Road which are overhanging the road and the pavements.

**5.3 Maintenance**

5.3.1 Churchyard and Cemetery – overgrown trees in the churchyard. MF, MG and RS feel they should be cut

down as they are already pushing over gravestones. DH mentioned that these trees have been up for discussion for many years and if we were to have them cut down what would replace them and the fence. MG said that it would be replaced with native hedging. DH suggested that we remove the trees and then separately have the fence replaced. PCK to get quotes to remove and ensure the fence is sound before replacement and then a separate quote for fencing. It was agreed that when receiving quotes we must have sight of qualifications, method statements, insurance, and risk assessment before employment of a contractor. In addition to this the tree by the rubbish pile requires a few of the lower branches removed. PCK to ask R Cole to remove the suckers on the the other trees. Fir hedging planted to the north of the church by the Yew tree, now in need of maintenance but were planted without our consent or knowledge so MG to look into the details.

5.3.2 Cemetery extension update – environmental survey , an issue of a culvert running through it was raised by district so RS contacted the surveyor who has confirmed that it does not. Quotes have been sought for the archaeological dig; 30m of trenching is required at the cost of £260 a day and would take at least three days and does not include the cost of other archaeologist diggers. They dig until they find archaeology and if they do they refer back to the County Archaeologist.

#### **5.4 Financial Report of the Financial Officer**

Half yearly report. PC accepted the financial report.

#### **6 To approve accounts; all accounts were approved without objection for the following:**

Litter picking Carol Southee - £130 no invoice received put back to next meeting.

Merlin Waste – £27.12 approved

Parish Insurance - £1058.76 approved

Mick Fairless for chains and no parking for the churchyard and for a USB stick for the WPC website £31.73 and £15.98 approved

#### **7 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 Website and the Transparency Funding. The PC needs to approve the application for the funding MF ran down the list of items we require funding for and circulated. MF has

found someone to maintain the website at the cost of £15pcm to be invoiced to the PCK. Alex Van Der Heiden is unanimously approved to take on this responsibility.

**14.2** Dead Christmas tree can it be removed and shall we approve the purchase of the village Christmas tree. All approved and PCK to arrange.

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

None

**16 Date for next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015**