

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.
Held on Thursday 10th November 2015 8.00pm at the
Woolaston Memorial Hall

- 1 Apologies for Absence:**
- 2 To approve minutes for the meeting of 8th October 2015**
Proposed MF and seconded SR
- 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:**
None
- 6 Correspondence**
None.
- 7 Any other business**
None
- 8 Closure and date for next meeting:**
Thursday 10th December 2015

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Held on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 8.00pm
at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

1 Apologies for Absence

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2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Public Open Forum

None present

4 To confirm Minutes 8th October 2015:

Proposed by DH and seconded by MG

5 Matters arising from the meeting of 8th October 2015

None

6 To consider the following matters:

6.1 Policing Issues

6.2 Highways and Footpaths Issues - actions of reported defects/new defects.

Footpath 01 at the bottom of Darken Lane, approximately 3 weeks ago it was reported that this lane was being resurfaced and was it legitimate? DH has discovered that it is being cleared and resurfaced by County.

RS received a parishioner complaint about the footpath that goes past the school behind Ashway to the Netherend Dairy. There is a protruding nail on a stile that cut her dog. RS to find out location and remove nail.

6.1 Maintenance

6.2 Churchyard and Cemetery – i) Tree work MG – hedge around crematorium has been cut to a low level now. MG to speak to P. Blatchley about how the area is administered. On the subject of the significant tree work, MF has produced a tendering pack to send to prospective Arborists. SR proposed that we must request that they produce contractors insurance and a risk assessment. The tendering document was approved with these additions. MF to produce a similar but more detailed document about the removal of the overgrown hedgerow and tree line. DH suggested that we speak to the Bowyers about access, that the tender will have to be released asap due to nesting season and that it should be noted that pulling the trees out by JCB is not recommended due to the proximity to graves SR agreed. Tendering pack to be approved by the next meeting, if we do not have time to receive all tenders then it will be put back to the end of the nesting season in August 2016. MF to check on the removal of the suckers following the request to R Coles, PCK to ask R Cole to ensure it will be or has been done. ii) Extension - Drainage Survey – in brief; report was received

at the EA who queried the location of the culvert which leads into the field. Our surveyor (Simon Firth) spoke to the EA and informed them that the maps they were using were out of date and therefore the information on the culvert inaccurate. The EA then wrote to say that it was all OK other than it would have to be raised it with the planning officer and the LLFA as the condition of the culvert needs to be checked. If it is in a bad way the cemetery could be flooded. The Drainage Officer has stated that a survey is required. RS sent the letter on to our Surveyor suggesting that he find out exactly what is required who then put the PC onto a company (Solum) who could carry out this survey. They quoted £1450 to carry out this work. MF suggested that the PC get further quotes and that they agree that the Church Committee can spend up to £1500 on this drainage survey. This was duly proposed by DH and seconded by SR. It was also accepted that due to the extra assistance received there would be additional costs to Simon Firth surveyor approximated at £300. MF on the Archaeological survey – Dr. N. Phillips quoted £260 per day + travel at .50p per hour +VAT. MF asked if they could give us a fixed price or at least a limit Dr. N. Phillips has yet to respond. 'Church Archaeology' quoted £2400 no VAT, if we provide a digger and driver. 'Archaeological Research Service' quoted £1495, MF suggested they were the most competitive and professional. Reece R offered the use of plant at £245 per day, MF requested that we have a resolution to spend £1495 + ancillary costs proposed DH seconded by DS. Church OB – MG was asked by the Church Warden if we've had the last cut of the year, she assumed we had and informed him so. He also asked what was happening with the Bier House, MG suggested that the PC do not have the capital available to spend on it at this time.

6.3 Finance - i) Account balance was received and approved ii) It was agreed that the precept remain the same for 2016-17 as for 2015-16

6.4 To approve accounts for payment;

- i) Litter picking Carol Southee - £260 approved without objection.
- ii) Merlin Waste – £27.12 approved without objection.
- iii) Website maintenance (- £15.00 approved without objection.

7. Other matters;

7.1 Fracking – open discussion brought up the following comments; concerns sourcing and disposal of water, methane is one of the worse greenhouse gases and fracking

releases it into the atmosphere, it won't necessarily cause earthquakes but these other issues must be considered. In an official capacity the WPC are with insufficient knowledge to have a considered, educated opinion this was proposed by RS seconded by DS.

7.2 Memorial Hall Planning - it is not possible as it is illegal for the WPC to apply on behalf of the Memorial Hall.

7.3 Request from parishioner Sue Rickards to plant a tree in memorium. It was discussed whether it was the position of the PC to have the authority and it was agreed that it is under the authority of Highways. PCK to email Mrs Rickards.

Late email received 12/11/15

Email received from County to visit archives on Tuesday 24th November to view a digital copy of Gloucester Cathedral's Magna Carta. Many councillors interested. RS raised the issue of the overgrown hedges at the entrance of the village. PCK to write a letter and hand deliver. DH raised the need to review the new standing orders which are still in production.

8. To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent

None

**9. To set the date of the next meeting
10th December 2015**