

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 14th February 2016 at 8.00pm
at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors Mick Fairless – Chairman, David Harris, David Storrar, Steve Reece, Roger Southee and Mary Greenslade

1. Apologies for absence Andy Lord
2. To receive Councillors declarations of interest
3. Public Open Forum
4. To confirm the minutes of Thursday 10th December 2015 – proposed by **DH** and seconded by **SR**
5. Matters arising from the meeting of 10th December 2015:
6. To consider the following matters:
 - 6.1 **Policing Issues** – series of break ins and thefts. On Birchwood/Severn View Road and signs stolen from house on the Common. The Chair had reported a suspicious vehicle after a visit from the police this was seemingly legitimate. An increase in police presence will follow.
 - 6.2 **Highways and Footpaths Issues - actions of reported defects/new defects** – i) Litter and dog waste - RS reported that, following a walk up Sandtumps and down Severn View Road, he noted that there was a lot of dog waste, in plastic bags had been thrown into the hedges. PCK to put something on Facebook about the issue and warn that action will be taken and to contact Street Warden about action to take. It was also noted that along the A48 from Chepstow back towards Woolaston there was a lot of bags of rubbish, seemingly thrown from passing cars, along the edge of the carriageway. RS informed the council that there was a campaign underway in the FOD led by Hubub (environmental group) to tackle the problem of rubbish. RS offered to find out more. Report of new or unfilled potholes i) Outside Rosemont, Woolaston Common P Clerk to report. Other highways and footpath issues; the culvert that runs through the allotments over flows onto the road and down Brooklet Lane. RS to report to Amey/highways.
 - 6.3 **Maintenance**
 - 6.4 **Churchyard and Cemetery** – i) Revised cemetery rules; comments – DH asked why must it only be wooden coffins, why can it not include biodegradable coffins. MF said it would be possible to change to include biodegradable coffins and it was unanimously agreed to do so. Amendment proposed by **DH** and seconded **SR** ii) New cemetery charges; comments – all agreed on the increase of 10%. Proposed by **SR** and seconded by **DS** iii) Update on cemetery audit – all graves and spaces have been photographed, trying to cross reference to the map is proving time consuming but it will all correlate once complete.
 - 6.5 **Finance** - i) Account balance was received without additional enquiries.
 - 6.6 **To approve accounts for payment**

- i) Litter picking £390
- ii) Merlin Waste £67.80
- iii) Firth Consultants additional work- £360
- iv) Web maintenance Alex Van Der Heijden £30
- v) Funding of the Spring newsletter to advertise the APM agreed to a maximum spend of £150 MF proposed DH seconded
- vi) Printer paper bulk buy £29.90
- vii) Added on the night – Hilary Chalk £50 **All the above was approved without objection.**

7. Other matters

- 7.1 Spring newsletter **DS** it was agreed that Thursday 7th April 2016 should be the date of the APM
- 7.2 Christmas Lights **DH** Christmas tree support needs replacing, it was agreed that this needed to be done. **DH** also requested that we bury the cable for the lights across the green and have a plug at both ends to plug in for the three weeks over Christmas. This was approved by all. **MG** suggested that following the councils approval of a commemoration, raised, floral bed for the WI that the positioning of the raised bed should coordinate with the digging in of the cable so all works are done together and positioning is approved by both the WPC and the WI. All this can be carried out once the ground has dried out.

8. To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent - none

9. Date of the next meeting Thursday 10th March 2016

**Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.**
**Held on Thursday 11th February 2016 8.00pm at the
Woolaston Memorial Hall**

Present: Councillors David Harris– Chairman, Mick Fairless, David Storrar, Steve Reece and Roger Southee and Clerk Georgina Harris

1 Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Andy Lord and Mary Greenslade

2 Declarations of interest:

none

3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:

None

4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 10th December 2015

Proposed **MF** and seconded **SR**

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

- i) P0142/16/FUL Extension to increase living space to Cleveland House, Station Road - support
- ii) P0072/16/FUL – Windywell, Station Road, Brookend – The Chair noted that on the website the drawings for proposed elevation are the same as existing. PCK to contact planning to ask to see the correct drawings, correct their website and let us have a copy of the correct elevation. No decision to be made tonight but to be made via email once correct elevation drawings have been viewed.

6 Correspondence

None.

7 Any other business

None

8 Closure and date for next meeting:

Thursday 10th March 2016