

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 8.00pm  
at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

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

1. Apologies for absence – SR and DH
2. To receive Councillors declarations of interest none
3. Public Open Forum
4. Matters arising from the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015:
5. To consider the following matters:

**6.1 Policing Issues** – Welcome Inspector Steve Chester - noted increase in burglaries, 5 this year. There have been recent arrests in Newnham. The police believe that these are the perpetrators who have burgled both Sedbury and Woolaston. The perpetrators of former arrests and charges for burglaries in different regions. Inspector Chester said that they were chased in a stolen vehicle, crashed and decamped and shed their shoes to avoid detection, so they are 'savvy' burglars. There have been no further burglaries in the last week in the entire Forest of Dean. MF mentioned that it would help if the Parish Council was informed if there was another burglary or incident so that the WPC can make people aware and ask for witnesses. PCK mentioned that the Neighbourhood Watch RS asked about the traffic police van checking for speed outside the Gurkha Inn following a few fatal accidents, but that the black spot is at the brow of the hill where the road converges into one lane. Inspector Chester said that speed and road design is down to highways and confirmed that highways are informed of all accidents. MG asked if the Police were expecting congestion and problems with lorries going through villages while the A48 is shut at the end of April and May. Inspector Chester said that he was not aware of the closure and that Highways should be prepared with good signing for detours. RS asked if there was going to be a police present in the village. Inspector Chester said that due to the limited numbers of officers that as and when they could that they would. He also informed the PC that Lydney Police Station will be closing shortly and everything will be central to Coleford. i) The wood in both bus stops on both sides of the A48 are broken possibly due to vandalism. It was decided to consider replacing with concrete. MF and RS to have a look.

**6.2 Highways and Footpaths Issues - actions of reported defects/new defects** – i) Orange netting at the bottom of Netherend Crescent is being dealt with, ii) Pothole by Corner Cottage photo sent to Clerk, iii) parking outside the school still iv) parking outside shop needs double yellow lines this has been requested before but highways did not consider it necessary, v) Map to go up on the hall wall PCK to action ASAP iv) MF and RS are going to walk the footpaths to put up signs.

**6.3 Maintenance** – Grass make sure they are aware that they must pick up throughout the village. ii) Grass Keep Licence tenders –The WPC received two tenders; one from Mr Alistair Fraser who offered £300 per year if he could have it for the next 3 years, the Chairman asked if he would accept one year at this amount which Mr Fraser did not accept. The second tender was received from Mr Alex Bailey without provisos. His tender was £395 for the 364 day grazing licence. MG suggested that we do not accept either tender

at this time. As the field has been grazed for many years now she suggested that we should now allow it to go fallow and rejuvenate. The Chairman agreed and mentioned that he had also investigated and considered the possibility of putting the field out to fallow. It was proposed by Councillor Southee and seconded by Mary Greenslade that the WPC will leave the field to go fallow for a year, this was unanimously supported. It was also agreed that the WPC will give Mr Fraser until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May to remove his animals and his property and that he will not be charged for the use of the field during this period. PCK to write to Alex Bailey to thank him for his tender and to explain that we will be allowing the field to go fallow this year.

RS raised the following as a parishioner; Grazing Land belonging to the Poors' Land; fencing is badly maintained and needs repairing as the horses are pushing it over, the field is not maintained, and overgrazed and has not been given a chance to go fallow for some time now. PCK to write to the Poors' Land Committee.

**6.4 Churchyard and Cemetery** – i) The Chair to ask SR to speak to the archaeological group and get them on site to commence their dig. ii) Planning; 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> May extension on their decision. iii) Removal of hedge in the cemetery. Prepare tender pack for May meeting.

**6.5 Finance** - i) Balance accepted without questions. ii) Funding request from the Brownies and Guides trip to the Mall, London – RS proposed that we offer £175 MG seconded this and it was agreed with a majority.

**6.6 To approve accounts for payment**

- i) Sage accounting TBC after trial period £12 per month approved in advance for the year
- ii) Merlin Waste £27.12
- iii) Planning Fees for the Telephone Box payment agreed
- iv) Added on the night £60 to D Storrar for distribution of the Spring news letter

**All the above was approved without objection.**

**7.** Other matters i) sighting of the new dog bin MF and MG to walk around ii) Phone line into the hall, once the P.Ck. has found out what the phone number is the broadband can be installed.

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

**9.** Date of the next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &  
Development Control Committee.  
Held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 8.00pm at the  
Woolaston Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Andy Lord– Chairman, Mick Fairless, David Storrar, Mary Greenslade, and Roger Southee Clerk Georgina Harris

**1 Apologies for Absence:**

David Harris and Steve Reece

**2 Declarations of interest:**

None

**3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:**

None

**4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Proposed seconded

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

i) P0384/FUL/16 – Telephone Box – Change of use; support no objections

ii) P0439/16/FUL – Woolaston Court Cottage - Extension to a two storey; support no objections.

**6 Correspondence**

None.

**7 Any other business**

None.

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

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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