

**Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.**
**Held on Thursday 8th September 2016 8.00pm at the
Woolaston Memorial Hall**

1 Apologies for Absence:

Andy Lord and Roger Southee

2 Declarations of interest:

None

3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:

None

4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 14th July 2015

With amendments they were proposed MF seconded DH

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

P0848/16/FUL – Support with no objections

6 Correspondence

From Clarke Telecom about the position of a telecommunications aerial at Woolaston Woodside (see attached correspondence documents). The documentation was discussed as was the position of current and the proposed aerial. MG suggested that it was in quite close proximity to property (judged to be approximately 150m to the properties on Ring Fence) and that this should be an issue raised to Clarke Telecom and DH suggested that our comments should include requesting that if it is to be erected then could it be of a visually, low impact design.

7 Any other business

None.

8 Closure and date for next meeting: Thursday 20th October
2016

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

1. Apologies for absence – Andy Lord and Roger Southee
2. To receive
3. Public Open Forum – Parishioners Colin Ball, Dr and Mrs Van der Heijden were in attendance. Dr and Mrs Van der Heijden previously raised in 2013. Mr VDH asked the land owners politely for the path to be cleared. The WPC raised this to the CC wouldn't change the route of the path when this issue was raised in 2013. Chair stated that the route of the path is in the correct place and agreed that the width was insufficient (advisory under 1.5m/two people walking side by side) and state (overgrown/brambles) was not within the jurisdiction of the WPC. The Chair will pass on all the information gathered tonight from Dr and Mrs VDH to Mike Barton from Highways and Amey who will pursue it. Clerk to write to both Dr and Mrs VdH and Mr Dowler. Dr VdH challenged the fact that the path was now in the correct place as Google Maps show it as being further away from the hedge (approximately 10ft). The Chair agreed that it did show that indeed the path was in this position courtesy of Mr Eagles (previous land owner) who cut it for walkers but that the definitive map at county still shows it to be currently in the correct position. The Chair said all the issues raised will be brought to the attention of Mike Barton from Amey and that they will be dealt with.
4. To confirm the minutes DH and MG
5. To consider matters arising - none
6. To consider the following matters:
 - 6.1 **Policing Issues**, suspicious white Audi A3 seen in association with recent break ins across the Forest.
 - 6.2 **Highways and Footpaths;** see public open forum i) . Steps leaving the playing fields to the left of the skate park, there are plans afoot to fix and make safe. It was noted that there was now a new Forest of Dean footpaths representative. ii) Path from Pinedale to the other end of Birchwood is overgrown. SR raised the point that if we have to ask the owner of the property in Pinedale to cut back the hedge then surely the same applies to the landowner mentioned in the public open forum. Clerk to contact owner of property side on to Pinedale path.
 - 6.3 **Maintenance** – Fencing at the grass keep. WPC needs to make it animal proof so we can use it as a grass keep. DH suggested stock fencing. Clerk to get three quotes treated full rounds, 3-4"posts 2 strands of wire at the top 1 and the bottom and stock fence. Clerk to circulate quotation document.

6.4 Churchyard and Cemetery – Tender document for removal of lleylandii in the cemetery was circulated for comment and was approved. Qualifications must be reflected in the method statement. It was decided that advertising would not be required as it was a one off job not an ongoing contract and that 3 quotes is all that is legally required. Philip Blatchley contacted MG and MF about a parishioner of Alvington has requested that cremated remains be interred in Woolaston Churchyard. It was unanimously agreed that permission would not be granted as it could set a precedent for burials and internment. Had a long term parishioner moved into Alvington from Woolaston to downsize due to age then this would be considered. MG and MF are going to speak to the solicitors in reference to the ownership and registration of the new extension site.

6.5 Finance - i) Balance accepted without questions.

6.6 To approve accounts for payment

- i) Merlin Waste payments approved until May 2017 proposed DH and DS seconded
- ii) R Cole both invoices approved DH and MG the contract will be reviewed in December when quotes will be sought as the fixed term for R Cole is up in 2017
- iii) Merlin Waste 2 x £27.13
- iv) Pete Neal £96 for the new Christmas fitting proposed by DH and seconded by SR

All the above was approved without objection.

- 7.** Other matters i) Protection of the new socket for the Christmas tree. Can it be galvanised to stop it corroding? DH to organise all the works that go with sighting of the Christmas tree base and the cabling that was discussed and approved earlier in the year. Approval to spend a maximum of £200 on the above works proposed by SR and seconded by MG.
- 8.** Date of the next meeting Thursday 20th October 2016 (Clerk to book the new date with Jacky Weller)