

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning & Development Control Committee.
Held on Thursday 11th May 2017 8.00pm at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

- 1 Apologies for Absence:**
Steve Reece
- 2 Declarations of interest:**
None
- 3 To receive representations from the previous meeting: None**
- 4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 13th April 2017**
Proposed DH seconded MF
- 5 To consider the following applications submitted by the Local Planning Authority: amended from original actually considering the following:**
P0658/17/FUL – Plusterwine Cottage, Station Road, Woolaston –
unanimously supported
- 6 Correspondence**
No
- 7 Any other business**
None.
- 8 Closure and date for next meeting:** Thursday 15 June 2017

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

1. Election of Officers –
Chairman – DH Nominated MF seconded by MG.
Vice-Chairman – Proposed by MG and seconded DH.
Chairman of planning – Andy Lord, proposed by DH seconded by MG.
Vice- Chairman planning – Mary Greenslade – proposed DH and seconded by ,
Footpaths Officer – Roger Southee proposed by AL and seconded by MG.
2. Apologies for absence – Steve Reece
3. To receive declarations of interest: none
4. Public Open Forum – following up from Thursday 13th April meeting, representatives of the parish shared their responses from FODDC in respect of the industrial action at the field backing onto Birchwood Road. On 14th April it was noted that there was a removal of industrial equipment from the site and tractors moved in. The parishioner remarked that this was to 'stage the site as agricultural', what did the Parish Council know of an enforcement order that had been placed on the property. The Chairman reported that following a conversation with FODDC enforcement office, he was informed that they would inform the PC when the enforcement order was responded to. He also reported that the fence posts have now been painted brown to replicate wooden posts. The parishioner also shared the planning passed on the site in October 2008 which passed an agricultural shed for storage of agricultural machinery and hay bales. The parishioners noted that all the industrial equipment had been returned and the activity recommenced. The second point raised by the parishioner was that of the application for a TPO on an oak tree on the boundary of his property Laburnum, Ring Fence and the adjacent field in question. The response from the Tree Officer was that though the tree was of public amenity value it was not deemed to be in immediate effect and therefore it was appropriate to place a TPO on it. The parishioner responded to the Tree Officer his disappointment. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council contact the Tree Officer raising their concern another Councillor suggested also contacting Patrick Mollyneaux. The same councillor also asked if the parishioner knew whether the tree was on his property or that of Mr Dewhurst. Raising that from our point of view the tree is under threat from the development occurring.
5. To confirm the minutes of 13th April 2017 after adding Roger Southee to those present proposed DH and seconded DS
6. To consider matters arising - the posts in the aforementioned (public open forum) field have been painted brown
7. To consider the following matters:

- 7.1. Policing issues – none.
- 7.2. Highways and Footpaths – i) Miriam Corringham correspondence in respect of the forthcoming A48 meeting. She asks if the PC would like her to represent the PC ? The PC decided that we would and that currently we had nothing to raise but that her presence was valued. Highways – A48 in general is not in a good state. Footpaths – PCK raised that the path going to the A48 from the playing fields was getting quite overgrown with nettles and that you couldn't get through the gate without getting stung. The Chairman then proposed that the PC buy a small hand held cutter to cut back small amounts of brambles and nettles, he had found a Stihl for approximately £110, it was unanimously agreed that the PC should purchase one and proposed by RS and seconded by DS.
- 7.3. Maintenance - i) TPO on large oak on the Common by the old sheep pen. Proposition by DH can we apply to have a TPO placed on the aforementioned tree? MF seconded and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead. ii) Bins – the middle of one of the bins by the skate park has had its centre stolen. PCK to swap centre for one of the bins outside the shop, iii) Grass cutting strip by the phone box, wait to see what happens on the next 2Rivers cut.
- 7.4. Churchyard and Cemetery i) Solicitor has now had the paperwork back from Mr Lewis' solicitor confirming that the whole piece of land is to belong to the PC. The next step will be registering the land. A councillor asked if the PC was content for the Cemetery Committee to approve the documents on behalf of the PC. ii) To consider the proposal that the PC offer Mr Lewis a burial plot in lieu of his donation of land, following discussion it was agreed that the PC formerly offer Mr Lewis a double grave, a copy of the proposal will be sent to the PC's solicitor for approval and advice, following legal approval the proposition will be sent to Mr Lewis. It was noted as an aside that Lydney Cemetery is due to be closed as it is full having taken on burials from Alvington and Aylburton. A councillor requested that we ask the new contractor to cut back the shoots at the base of the trees.
- 7.5. Finance - i) Balance accepted without questions, ii) Online banking
- 7.6. To approve accounts for payment i) Merlin Waste - £40.68 ii) A M Services £400 iii) Litter picking – no invoice was received iv) Web administration - £15 all approved without issue.
- 7.7. Other Matters : i) Riparian FODDC correspondence – circulated by email to all councillors – Do we know of any water courses that are raising concerns? A definition of 'riparian' was discussed – from the bank to the middle of the water course ii) A councillor asked if there were any questions raised at the APM? New grass cutting contracts was raised and the situation with the hedges opposite the Netherend Inn.
- 8.** To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent: Skate Park – the PCK reported that a member of the parish was pursuing grants for the replacement of the skate park and it was agreed that a quote for the further work required across the the entire facility was

necessary. Though the skate park was unanimously deemed to be an asset to the village there were councillors who were concerned at the current costs to repair the park and the level of future maintenance costs. David Harris proposed that we hold a public meeting about the future of the skate park as soon as possible which was seconded by MG and unanimously supported. Agenda this for the next meeting following receipt of a quote to repair and a quote to replace.

- 9.** Date of the next meeting Thursday 15th June 2017