

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 46

Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Woodchurch on Monday 22 March 2010 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mr J Robinson (chair), Miss R Dewar, Mrs J Haynes, Mrs J Robinson
Mr I McGrath, Mr A Mobbs, Mr C Steer and ~~Mr C Steer~~
Mr C Banyard (Community Warden) *Mr. J. West* *JR*

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 4 Members of the Public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence has been received from Mr J Cridge (Prior Engagement),

Councillors unanimously agreed to approve the above absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Robinson declared an interest in items pertaining to 40 Front Road as he is a near neighbour.

i) Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Robinson should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Mrs Haynes Seconded Mrs Robinson

4. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to Members of the Public from 7.35 – 8.05 for questions and comments.

5. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

The development at 40 Front Road is now underway and has caused a lot of problems in the Village. Access to the garage and the Post Office has been restricted and we have received numerous complaints from residents. When permission to develop the site was granted, 2 pages of restrictions were attached to the decision notice, but none of these have been adhered to. Mr Robinson reported that he is in correspondence with ABC regarding this matter. There is no site office and no Site Manager. There are serious health and safety problems and the site has been reported to the Health and Safety Executive as being illegal. Evidence to back this up is available. Mr Robinson asked Mrs Hicks to follow this matter up with the Borough Council.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mr Steer asked whether a letter of thanks had been sent to Mrs Stone and Mr Robinson confirmed that he wrote to her following the last meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Awards for All

ABC re Submission of Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD – ABC LDF

Kent Highway Services re Speed Limit Review – Area 1

HMR&C Employers Pack

Parkleisure.com

KCC re Changes to the Definitive Map

AwCRK Community Retailer of 2010

KALC Agenda for 13.04.10

Audit Commission

Seminar Invitations

LCR

Try Angle Awards

AwCRK re Traffic Management Forum

ABC – The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD

KALC Minutes of meeting held 03.02.10

ABC Chairman's Report for the Parish Forum Meeting held 17.03.10

Housing News

Mr Robinson asked all Councillors to read The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople DPD and respond to him by 22 April.

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Robinson did not bring any emails to the attention of the Council.

8. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**Account Balance**

The account balance stands at £28549.76, £5,000 of which is earmarked for election expenses should the need arise, £2500 for a bus shelter and £500 for a bench. The available balance is therefore £20549.76.

Bank Reconciliation:-

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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Opening Balance | £18876.75 | Money Managers a/c | £30137.58 |
| Plus Receipts | <u>24378.83</u> | Less uncleared cheques | <u>1637.82</u> |
| | 43255.58 | | 28499.76 |
| Less Payments | <u>14705.82</u> | Community Account | <u>50.00</u> |
| | <u>28549.76</u> | | <u>28549.76</u> |

Accounts to be paid

| PAYEE | NET £ | VAT £ | GROSS £ | DETAILS |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Mrs J Batt | 534.28 | 4.89 | 539.17 | Salary and Expenses |
| Mr D Norris | 226.33 | | 226.33 | Litter Picking |
| Mrs J Batt | 59.71 | 10.46 | 70.17 | Equipment for Litter Picker |
| Britannic Garden Furniture | 370.00 | 64.76 | | 4ft Eton Bench |
| | 417.00 | 72.98 | 924.74 | 5ft Eton Bench |

Councillors asked Mr Norris to undertake 2 hours road sweeping during the month and unanimously agreed to pay his £14.00.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously resolved to pass the above for payment.

Benches

We ordered a 4ft bench as agreed at the last meeting, but it was decided that a 5ft bench would be more appropriate for the site and so Councillors unanimously agreed during the month to keep the 4ft bench to replace the picnic table and pay for it from funds earmarked for a bench in the budget for 2009-2010 and after discussion with Mrs Davy a 5ft bench was ordered to be installed in memory of Mr Ron Davy.

Mr West reported that a local resident had offered to purchase the 4ft bench. Councillors unanimously accepted this offer and asked Mr West to thank the resident, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Insurance

Nothing to report.

Charities

Nothing to report.

Website

Nothing to report.

Community Exercise Equipment

Wicksteed have agreed to hold their quoted price until 31 March. Following discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to order the equipment. We have £6000 in the budget for 2010-2011 and The Clerk and Mrs Robinson will meet next week to complete the grant application forms. The total cost of the equipment is £11173 + VAT. The Clerk was asked to place the order immediately to secure the quoted price.

Village Youth Forum

Mr Banyard reported, during the Public Interval, that Mr and Mrs Saunders have expressed an interest in becoming involved with a Youth Club. All adults who assist with the club will be CRB checked.

Public Toilets

We are still waiting to hear from Ashford Borough Council regarding future arrangements for the management of the toilets.

9. SIX MONTHLY RISK ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF FIXED ASSETS

Mrs Robinson agreed the figures with the Clerk.

10. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have been experiencing a lot of problems with Anti Social Behaviour lately and are taking steps to ensure the problem is dealt with as soon as possible.

11. ALLOTMENT PROPOSAL

Nothing to report.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee invited 2 young ladies to attend a meeting to represent the youth of the village. Their input was very relevant and they are going to talk to other youngsters in the village about issues that concern them.

The refurbishment of the toilets in the annexe should be complete by the end of the month.

The Village Hall Committee have a new cleaner and everyone is very impressed with the condition of the hall.

13. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY LENGTHSMEN/PROW OFFICER
For Highways

The Clerk was asked to report the following:-

A large pothole opposite Pond Farm on Bethersden Road 8248

A pothole outside Little Vale 8249

Three potholes between the School and the Bonny Cravat 8251

The road outside 47 Lower Road has been repaired but is breaking up, stones are flying up which pose a safety hazard to pedestrians

The condition of the surface of Susans Hill in its entirety is of concern to Councillors 8256

The drain outside of Cornerways is blocked 8257

The drain outside of The Stonebridge is blocked 8258

Mr Steer is going to plot the missing signs to enable us to report them to KHS.

14. **FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS**

The APM is booked for 23 April. The schoolchildren will be here at 7.15 to give a presentation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Signed



Dated 26/04/10.

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2010

DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN AT MEETING HELD 22 MARCH 2010

Full Planning Permission requested – Delegated to Officers unless otherwise stated:-

10/00181/AS Mr and Mrs C H Luckhurst, Holly tree Cottage, Brook Street, Woodchurch,
Ashford, Kent TN26 3SX
First floor side bedroom extension
Parish Council: Support
Borough Council: Granted

The following appeal has been dismissed:-

APP/E2205/A/09/2115213/NWF

09/00754/AS Mr J Hacker, Land adj 16 Cherry Orchard, Woodchurch
Erection of 2 semi detached dwellings with parking and the creation of a new
vehicular access

The following applications have been granted:-

09/01462/AS Mr and Mrs K Bugden, Cuckoos Pit Farm, Haycross Lane, Woodchurch,
Ashford, Kent TN26 3TF
Replace temporary mobile home with the erection of a 1 ½ storey dwelling

10/00001/AS Mr T Koster, 74 Shirkoak Park, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3RR
Erection of a garden shed

10/00006/FC Land at Post Wood South east of Shadoxhurst Road and North of Coldblow,
Woodchurch
Compartment 1 – to fell 14 Oaks (20cu.m.approx). Compartment 2 – to fell 6
Oaks (6cu.m.approx). Understorey will be coppiced only where necessary to
enable the above thinning operation

The following application has been refused:-

07/01139/AS Mr Ford, Willow Barn Farm, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch,
Ashford, Kent TN26 3QR
To raise the roof structure to enlarge existing bedroom in the loft with storey
extension to south elevation