

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch on Friday 24 February 2012 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr J West (chair), Mrs G Davies, Mrs J Haynes, Mr A Faiers,
Mr P Spice and Mr R Woods

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr M Angell for part of the meeting

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 2 Members of the Public present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Miss Dewar (prior engagement) and Mr C Steer (work commitment).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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 January meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr West should sign them as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Mr Woods Seconded Mrs Davies


4. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to Members of the Public present from 7.10 – 7.25 for questions and comment.

Mrs Hicks updated councillors on various matters during the Public Interval.

5. PLANNING

No Planning Applications have been received.



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6. MATTERS ARISING

Mr West reported that he had spoken to Mr Hobday regarding the purchase of new goal posts. At the present moment in time there may not be enough players in the Woodchurch Wanderers to form a team, so this matter will be deferred to a later date.

Mr West will speak to Mr Davy and arrange for the existing posts to be removed from The Green as soon as possible.

We have not received any correspondence from ABC regarding the rates and insurance for the toilets. The Clerk has emailed and telephoned and will do so again.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Southern Water
South East Water
ABC re Queen'
KALC Minutes of Meeting held 8 February 2012
AwCRK
ABC re toilets
Canterbury Oast Trust
Major Drummond Brady re War Memorial
Mr M Thurley re posts on The Green
Mr D Smith re drainage at Woodchurch House

Councillors will respond to any emails they consider to be of importance, individually.

8. REPORT ON PUBLIC ACCESS MEETING

Please see attached.

Councillors all felt that the meeting went very well. The issue of road safety was still causing concern and it was agreed to write to KHS and reiterate this point.

The Clerk will write to Mr Vink and thank him for attending the meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS**Request for Funding towards renovation of War Memorial**

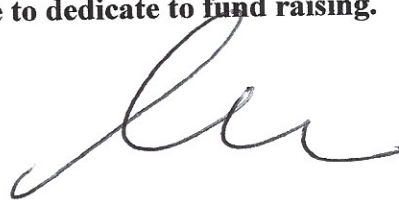
Mr Angell suggested that the Parish Council apply for a grant from his Members Grant to help towards the cost. The Clerk will contact him and ask for a form.

The rededication of the memorial is due to take place on 26 May at 12.00 pm.

Resolution: The Parish Council resolved to take over the administration of this project from Major Drummond Brady, to allow him more time to dedicate to fund raising.

Proposed Mr West

Seconded Mrs Haynes



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Account Balance:-

Opening Balance	£27516.66	Money Managers a/c	£43600.29
Plus Receipts	<u>28810.17</u>	Less u/c cheques	<u>1799.65</u>
	56326.83		41800.64
Less Payments	<u>14476.19</u>	Plus Community a/c	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>41850.64</u>		<u>41850.64</u>

Earmarked Funds

	Balance
Election/Standards Committee	5000.00
Contingencies	
Budget 2011/2012	7040.74
TOTAL	<u>12040.74</u>

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
Mrs J Batt	484.68			Salary
	26.94		511.62	Expenses
Mr D Fogden	227.50		227.50	Salary
Mr D Fogden	4.48	0.89	5.37	Black Bags/Broom
Mr J West	25.74	5.15	30.89	Broom
Woodchurch Memorial Hall	15.00		15.00	Heating Tokens
P S Property Services	180.00		180.00	Green Maintenance
Woodchurch Memorial Hall	17.00		17.00	Rent
TOTAL	981.34	6.04	987.38	

Paid from Woodchurch Windmill Trust Charity Account

Ashford Borough Council £21.50 Fee for Temporary Licence for Diamond Jubilee Weekend

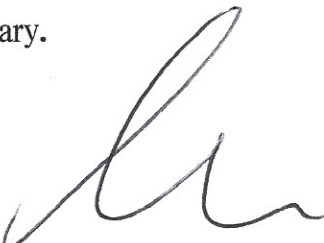
Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts

Proposed Mr Woods

Seconded Mr Spice

Risk Assessment

Mrs Haynes and Mr Faiers will complete this on 26 February.


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Website

Mr Woods reported on behalf of Miss Dewar.

The website is being revised.

There is now a Twitter Feed account which has 15 followers and is linked to the website.

Future development of the website and the production of a village newsletter is to be progressed as part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations and Mr Woods is applying for grant funding to allow the first edition of the newsletter to be delivered to every house in the parish, along with the programme for the Diamond Jubilee weekend.

Village Youth Forum

Nothing to report.

Report for Parish Magazine

Miss Dewar will attend the next Diamond Jubilee meeting and report on the progress of the arrangements for the weekend.

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

A funding bid has been prepared and will be submitted once further information is in place.

The committee needs more local residents to help with the arrangements.

The next meeting is due to be held on 29 February 2012.

The funding for this event will be taken from the Windmill Trust.

The Kite flyers have agreed to attend on 2 June.

Litter Bins

Mr Faiers will measure the litter bin liners and pass the details to the Clerk.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Hall

Nothing to report.

The Green

The contractors working on 17 The Green will make good any damage to the verge once they have completely finished the extension.

Mr West will speak to Mr Munday about treating the benches and replacing the boundary posts to the lower section of the car park as detailed in Mr Thurley's letter.

KALC

The minutes are available from Mrs Haynes, Mr Spice or The Clerk.

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11. **ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY LENGTHSMEN/PROW**

Large Pothole at Junction of Front Road and Lower Road

Two potholes outside the School

One Pothole by the Play Area

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

Mr Faiers will arrange to meet Mr Smith to discuss the drainage issue at Woodchurch House.

The Clerk was asked to write to 2 residents and ask them to cut back their hedges.

Mr West will speak to a resident of Bridge Close about the hedge adjacent to his property.
If he is not willing to cut it back, Mr West will speak to Mr Grabham.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed



..... Dated 20/3/12

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2012

MEETING HELD 24 FEBRUARY 2012

Decision Notices received from ABC

- 11/01153/AS Dr M Busk, Land at Stone Bridge Lands, opposite 135 – 141 Front Road
Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3SL
Erection of four detached dwellings with access and parking and provision
of footpath along Front Road
Borough Council: Refuse
- 11/01350/AS 132b Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26 3SH
Construction of an oak framed porch with glass walls and roof
Borough Council: Permit
- 11/01374/AS Mrs B McDonald, Townland Farm, 80 Front Road, Woodchurch,
LBC Ashford, Kent TN26 3SA
Various internal and external works including: repointing; new boiler and flue;
provision of new partition walling and demolition of wall in 1930's extension to
enlarge kitchen and create new utility rooms; removal of chimney; provision of new
ensuite bathrooms and conversion of two windows to French doors
Borough Council: Grant Consent
- 11/01450/AS Swing Bridge Barn, South of England Rare Breeds Centre, Highlands Farm,
Woodchurch, Kent TN26 3RJ
Change of use from B8 (storage and distribution) to A3 (restaurants and cafes)
of Swing Bridge Barn, plus associated external alterations
Borough Council: Permit
- 11/01488/AS 28 Front Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3QE
11/01489/AS Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and removal of existing
corrugated iron roof over garage and construction of new single storey rear
extension
Borough Council: Permit

**REPORT ON THE PUBLIC ACCESS MEETING TO DISCUSS PLANNING
APPLICATION NO 11/1430/AS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
WOODCHURCH ON 15 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT:

**MR MARTIN VINK, CONTROL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, ABC
6 PARISH COUNCILLORS
PARISH CLERK
28 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting commenced with a discussion as to how the proposed development complied with the VDS, the Core Strategy and the Tenterden and Rural Sites DPD.

The site in question was put forward by the Parish Council some years ago as a suitable site for development in the parish. Following submission of a planning application, serious reservations have been voiced by residents regarding the suitability of this site.

The major concerns expressed by members of the public present related to:-

The number and style of houses – The general consensus of opinion in the village is that the number of houses proposed for the site, 12 in total, is too large. It was also felt that Woodchurch would benefit from a mix of terraced and semi detached houses, with reasonable sized gardens and adequate parking, as opposed to large detached dwellings, as this sort of development would give younger members of the community a greater opportunity of purchasing a reasonably priced property and allow them to stay in the village. Residents would like to see the development arranged in such a way that the vista would be preserved.

The height of the houses – This is not clear from the plans. The VDS sets out the height considered acceptable for new properties, to ensure that they fit in with the existing. Mr Vink will look into this.

Sewerage – Mr Vink explained that it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the sewerage system is able to deal with the volume of sewerage that a development of this size is likely to generate. The developer must work with the water authority to ensure that both foul water and surface water will be taken away with no adverse effects on residents in the area. Southern Water will be involved in agreeing as to whether or not planning permission is granted. The scheme should to comply with the SDP.

Road Safety – After listening to their concerns, Mr Vink suggested that local residents write to Kent Highways and express their concerns, giving evidence of any accident or incident that they were aware of that had taken place on the stretch of road in front of the proposed development. He said that it might be the case that a number of access routes into the development would provide better site lines, than one large access to all of the houses.