

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 56 - DRAFT

Minutes of the meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe, Woodchurch on Friday 14 January 2011 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mr J Robinson (chair), Miss R Dewar, Mrs J Haynes,
Mrs J Robinson and Mr J West

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Hicks and Mr P Davison

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mr J Cridge (prior commitment) and Mr A Mobbs (ill health)

No apology was received from Mr Steer.

Mr Robinson reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor McGrath. The Clerk will contact ABC and inform them of the vacancy. Councillors expressed their appreciation of all the work done by Mr McGrath on behalf of the council, the Bonny Cravat bus stop project being given special mention.

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 December 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. PUBLIC INTERVAL

The meeting was opened to members of the Public present from 7.10– 7.22 for questions and comment.

5. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Mr Robinson reported that, with Councillor Davison, he had met with Mr Bunnett and Mr Vink at ABC to discuss planning concerns within Woodchurch.

With regard to the problems with water at 42 Front Road and the fact that the strictures put in place by the Inspector have not been adhered to, Mr Vink promised to do something, but said he is experiencing problems as ABC does not have enough Enforcement Officers.

The situation at the Stonebridge with regard to the permission now being for 80 rooms was discussed. Mr Robinson pointed out that if similar problems arise to those being experienced at 42 Front Road, the Parish Council will complain to ABC.

Although ABC stated that they were unaware of the fact, Cornerways has been demolished and numerous complaints have been received regarding the fact that the roofing material has been deposited on the highway. The Parish Council have paid Mr Norris to clear it up as concerns were raised about the children walking through it on their way from school.

An email has been received regarding Maiden Wood. The Clerk will respond explaining that an Article 4(i) has been issued.

Dr Busk contacted Mr Robinson with a proposal to build 4 affordable houses on the site originally proposed for an extension to the surgery.

Following an article in the Kentish Express, the Clerk was asked to write to ABC and ask them to take the same action over Shirkoak Park as they have taken with the Mobile Home Park at Biddenden.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no Matters Arising.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Chapman re Georges Hill

ABC Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) Regulation 27 – Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations in 2008 and 2009

KALC Parish News etc

Southern Water - Calendar

Clerk and Councils Direct

University of the Third Age

Councillor Angell inviting councillors to a meeting on 21 February to discuss issues within their parishes.

The Clerk was asked to contact Louise Thornaby and inform her that the members of the Parish Council fully support Mr Chapman's request to change to George's Hill.

The Clerk was asked to write to Col Drummond Brady offering the Council's support to any events held to support the 90th anniversary of the British Legion.

EMAIL CORRSPONDENCE

Mr R da Costa

8. ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID**Account Balance:-**

Opening Balance	£28547.81	Money Managers a/c	£28969.92
Plus Receipts	<u>27041.50</u>	Less u/c cheques	<u>1217.91</u>
	55589.31		27752.01
Less Payments	<u>27787.30</u>	Community Account	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>27802.01</u>		<u>27802.01</u>

Earmarked Funds:-

Including amounts included in 2010/2011 budget.

	Balance	+/- Nov	Balance
Election/Standards Committee	5000.00		5000.00
Bus Shelter	NIL		NIL
Contingencies	4540.74		4540.74
Community Exercise Equipment	NIL		NIL

Accounts to be Paid

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay Mr Norris for one extra hour for clearing the roofing material from the road in the vicinity of the Stonebridge site.

PAYEE	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £	DETAILS
Mrs J Batt	488.57		488.57	Salary and Expenses
Mr D Norris	219.33		219.33	Litter Picking
KCC (KCS)	479.40	83.90	563.30	Grounds Maintenance

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

Grass Cutting – Quote received 09.01.11 – Councillors agreed to discuss at this point**Resolution:**

Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quote for grass cutting from KCC Landscape Services for 2010 of £47.94 per cut.

The Clerk was asked to request a quote for rolling The Green twice a year.

Budget and Confirmation of Precept for 2011-2012

Please see attached budget.

Councillors unanimously agreed the Budget for 2011-2012 and agreed that the Precept for 2011-2012 will be set at £20,000.

Insurance

Nothing to report.

Charities

Nothing to report.

Website

Miss Dewar still needs 2011 programmes from some of the clubs and societies.

Village Youth Forum

Help is still needed as Mrs Saunders is relying on Youth Workers and the Community Warden.

Public Toilets

Nothing to report. ABC will contact the Parish Council once they have set their budget for the year. This item to be removed from the agenda.

Adoption of Standing Orders

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the revised Standing Orders issued by NALC.

Posts on Village Green

We are still waiting to hear from Mr Munday.

Tenders for Willow Trees

The Clerk invited 4 tenders but only one has been received from Mr W Hollands for £830.00.

Resolution: Mr Robinson proposed that the Council should accept Mr Holland's tender, seconded by Mrs Robinson. Unanimous

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing to report.

10. ITEMS TO BE REPORTED TO THE COUNTY LENGTHSMEN

The Clerk was asked to report the following to Kent Highway Services:-

Place Lane has flooded over the past few days. The culverts need clearing. 20841

Large potholes extend from Place Farm to Wisteria Cottage. 20842

A large pothole at the entrance to Bourne Place. 20843

A large pothole adjacent to the Play Area. 20844

A pothole outside of 80a Front Road. 20846

A large pothole along Bethersden Road adjacent to the new sewerage workings. 20847

Susan's Hill from the junction of Bethersden Road to Brickwall Farm. 20848

The light at the entrance to the car park is not working 21126

It was suggested that KHS should extend the layby in Front Road as far as 42, rather than reinstate the verge. – emailed KHS

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

Mr West asked for Mobile Homes to be added to the next agenda. He will send a list to the Clerk so that she can make enquiries with the Planning Department.

Concern was expressed at the amount of cars being parked in the Memorial Hall car park. The situation will be monitored over the next few weeks.

The Clerk was asked to write to the school and ask whether they would like to plant crocus bulbs in September around the village. The Council will provide the bulbs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman

WOODCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2011

DECISIONS TAKEN AT MEETING HELD 14 JANUARY 2011

10/01471/AS Mr I Prebble, 59 Lower Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent TN26 3SG
Alterations to existing bungalow, new access and new detached dwelling and garage
Consultation Date: 29.01.11
Planning Officer: Stephanie Viney
Parish Council: OBJECT on the grounds that it is unacceptable infilling in line with the comments of the new coalition government

Borough Council:

An appeal has been lodged in relation to Application:-

09/01430 Land North East and Rear of 101, Shirkoak Park, Woodchurch, Kent
Application for Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed – use of land for stationing 6 residential mobile homes
Parish Council not consulted

10/01038/AS Mr and Mrs G Andrews, 55 Lower Road, Woodchurch,
Ashford, Kent TN26 3SG
Proposed side extension and car port