

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY  
4 AUGUST 2008 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE CATHIE PRIOR ROOM OF WOOLPIT  
VILLAGE HALL.

**Present:** Mr Howard (Chairman), Mr Wiley, Mr Guyler, Rev Farrell, Mr Melvin, Mr Sieve Editor Woolpit Diary and Mr Sharp. Mr George joined the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Lomax, Mrs Cook, P.C. Catton and P.C.S.O. Pendergast.

2. **To receive a presentation of ideas for the running of the village website [www.woolpit.org](http://www.woolpit.org) and to take any necessary action.**

Mr Sharp asked what type of site was required. It needs to be simple, with information about groups, things going on in the village and photographs and kept up to date. The Parish Council needs to be in control and approve the information going onto the site.

Cllrs agreed that they want to go ahead with the site and Mr Sieve and Mr Sharp will liaise to get it off the ground. An item will go in the next Diary asking groups if they would like to contribute information for the site. Mr Sharp will produce a front page and copy to Cllrs for approval. He will not be making a charge for this work.

3. **Public comment**

Mr Guyler attended a meeting on the Locality Pilot Project. This will be a community board covering the area of the SNTs, this includes 39 parishes. The possible constitution would be 4-6 parish councillors, 2 county cllrs, 2 district councillors, 1PCT rep, 1 Police rep and small number of other community representatives. The board will have its own budget and will distribute money for public services as it sees fit. The pilot is due to start in September. Further information will follow shortly.

Mr Melvin advised that Mr Clarke's appeal for IPPC permit was successful.

Enforcement action is being taken at Woolpit Café. The Clerk asked for a complaint to be lodged with MSDC. The Planning Department had referred an enquiry to the parish to find out the planning application numbers involved for Woolpit Cafe. The Clerk advised that MSDC is the planning authority and they issue the application numbers and therefore they should be able to find relevant numbers within their own system rather than passing the work over to parish clerks.

In the absence of the Police, the Clerk read the report. Between the 7 July and 4 August there have been 6 crimes reported; 2 criminal damage to dwellings; 2 burglary of dwellings; 1 theft other and 1 criminal damage to a car. There have been a number of trailer thefts in rural areas of West Suffolk and owners are asked to take precautions to prevent further thefts. Attention will be given to reports of youths drinking alcohol on the playing field and in the Millennium Garden. Recent speed checks along Heath Road resulted in 3 fixed penalty tickets and 2 cautions being issued. An event occurred on 1 August which required the use of the Police helicopter over the parish.

The Clerk advised that PCSO Pendergast has been contacted by an allotment holder as vegetables have been stolen/removed. He will contact other allotment holders to see if anyone else has been a victim.

4. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.

5 **To approve minutes of the meetings 7 July 2008.** Approval was proposed, seconded and carried.

6. **Planning – to consider current applications and receive MSDC decisions.**

**2023/08** Convert part of dwelling to form annex. Tom Pecks House, Borley Green. Having conducted a site visit and seen the amended plans showing the correct siting of the staircase, Cllrs support the application.

**2247/08 and 2255/08** Removal of existing and installation of 2 louvred wall grills in external wall, in association with new extraction system. The Swan Inn, The Street – support.

**2249/08** White PVCU conservatory. 6 Mill Close – support.

**2547/08** Erection of front porch (existing porch to be demolished). 3 Mill Lane – support.

**1604/08** Erection of offices B1 use class. Plot 8, Windmill Avenue. MSDC decision – permission granted.

**1807/08** Erection of front porch, single storey rear and side extension and detached single garage following demolition of existing garage. Rosecroft, Borley Green. MSDC decision – permission refused by reason of its excessive size, form and bulk being detrimental to the character and appearance of this modest bungalow. Furthermore the extensions are out of keeping with the dwelling and surrounding area.

**1077/08** The erection of 14760sqm of extension to existing factory to provide new production facilities, offices and ancillary accommodation. Ancillary parking and turning areas. Engineering operations including ground modelling works. Land and buildings at Two Sisters Food Group, Access Road to Haughley Park from Haughley New Street. The application was reported to MSDC planning committee 30 July, no decision notice has been received to date.

**4070/07** Construction of additional vehicular access. 6 Heath Road and **0914/08** Erection of one dwelling house, formation of vehicular access, car parking and turning areas, screen walls and all ancillary works. Land to rear of Waverley, Heath Road. Appeals have been made to the Planning Inspectorate.

#### **7. To approve accounts for payment.**

Mr K Harknett £59.58 litter picking July; Suffolk County Council £120.92 pension payment July; Playground Services Ltd £1721.38 play equipment (Roman Fields Dividend); J Gadd £256.00 hedge cutting playing field; Suffolk County Council £1506.16 street lighting April-September; KDS Print £189.69 Woolpit Diary August/September and Woolpit Village Hall £6.50 room hire. All payments were approved and cheques issued.

#### **8 Rookery Farm, Drinkstone.**

a) To receive a report on the meeting held on 23 July 2008 at MSDC

b) To consider a response to the email from David Ruffley to Drinkstone Parish Council regarding the way forward.

It was unanimously agreed that the above two items should be discussed in camera. The Clerk advised there were 101 complaints in June.

#### **9. To receive a report on the Local Transport Action Plan review meeting with SCC on 21 July 2008.**

The LTAP has now been superseded and SCC works on a more target driven basis. Various sites were visited and issues discussed. Anthony Smith, SCC will look into issues and compile a report.

#### **10. To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters.**

**Mrs Wortley** concerned that heavy vehicles connected with the fun fair used Mill Lane for access to the playing field and that the Parish Council was unaware that the fun fair was coming. She feels that there should be better liaison. **Mrs Aldis** on behalf of Mrs Crone regarding thick replacement electricity cables that have been installed above her garden. Is this permitted within the conservation area. Mr Guyler volunteered to look at the wires but it was felt that there would not be restrictions in putting in the cables. **Mr Knight** request for footway in Haybarn Meadow. The Clerk advised that she has visited Mr Knight to find out what the issue is. The footway only runs for a few feet within that part of Haybarn Meadow. SCC has advised that

residents would need the support of the Parish Council before they look into the matter further. Cllrs feel that there are more urgent issues within the parish and

county that require SCC funding and are unable to support the request. **P.C. Catton** regarding problems in the car park. There have been problems with motor cycles and cars in the car park and on the roads with speeding etc. The Police would like to put in CCTV and Mr Howard would like to pursue this option. Cllrs were in full agreement and Mr Howard will draft a response letter. **Smith of Derby** has carried out routine annual maintenance of the church clock. A form was passed to Rev Farrell from Smith of Derby to be completed to advise of the presence or not of asbestos at St Mary's Church. **SALC** newsletter of the Year competition information passed to Mr Sieve. **Boundary Committee** Review of Local Government passed to working group. **SCC** advising that EDF and Carillion attempted to repair light 31 opposite Briar Hill without success. Mr Guyler reported that the light is working and therefore no further action will be taken at this time. **SCC** has raised an inspection order for Housing Repairs to carry out remedial work on the brick pillar in the car park. **SCC** advise that Carillion will remove the conduit and clips under the archway next to The Swan and will confirm if the box on the wall is to do with light installation. **MSDC** Countryside activities, Thornham Walks August & September. **Suffolk Acre** AGM 2 October information. **The following items were passed to Cllrs for circulation:** SCC Play Your Part; Anglian Water drinking water quality report; Suffolk's Environment monitoring report 2006/7 summary; SCC Olympics Briefing sheet July 2008; Clerks & Councils Direct July 2008; DanceEast summer dance 2008; Oskarfoxtrotproductions wanted poster; Mid Suffolk Key Saver newsletter summer 2008; MSDC Arts Directory; Highways Agency roadworks in England June to August; Steeles Road Steering Group minutes of meeting 16 July 2008. eera review of East of England Plan; SCC mineral specific site allocations submission document.

**11. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute.** Noted.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.19 p.m.

**8 Rookery Farm, Drinkstone.**

a)To receive a report on the meeting held on 23 July 2008 at MSDC Various issues relating to the IPPC Permit Appeal Decision had been discussed and Cllrs were updated. Mr Coad, on behalf of the 4 villages, had been permitted to make a presentation to MSDC Executive before they made a decision whether to request a judicial review.

b)To consider a response to the email from David Ruffley to Drinkstone Parish Council regarding the way forward.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed.....

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