

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
2 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE.

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Guyler, Mrs Cook, Rev Farrell, Mr Lomax and 3 members of the public.

Public comment: The Gadd Brothers and Mr Ginger were in attendance to discuss ideas for the pump garden. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting to set a budget figure.

The Neighbourhood Co-ordinators were introduced to the Parish Council by Mr Kemp & Mrs Wortley.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Howard, Mrs Parker, Mr Melvin and Mr George.

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

3. **To approve minutes of the meeting 5 October 2009.** The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Clerk's Report

Streetlighting Steeles Road redevelopment – 3 of the columns in the area for redevelopment belong to the Parish Council. These can be removed and stored for reuse. Mr Guyler will inspect the columns and Mrs Cook will ask Mr R Baker if he has somewhere that we can store them.

G39 street lighting issues – Cllrs unanimously agreed the letter drafted by Mr Guyler to be sent to Mr Panting, SCC.

Damage to flint wall, Meadowlands – the wall has been damaged by someone stealing the pump. MSDC has been informed and advised of the crime number as it is their wall.

Dog fouling – yet again complaints are being received. A further item will be included in Woolpit Diary.

Overgrown hedging, Mill Lane – the Clerk is meeting a representative from Orbit Housing to ascertain if the hedges belong to them.

5. To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters.

MSDC precept 2010/11 information. **MSDC** distribution of Mid Suffolk Messenger 2009. **Suffolk Housing Association** Choice Base Letting System changes to lettings. **SALC** 2010/11 subscription fees, Winter Warmers & Quality Lunches information. **David Ruffley MP** copy of letter from MSDC regarding Woolpit odour nuisance. **MSDC** Stowmarket Area Action Plan information. **SALC** training information. **SALC** AGM motions and agenda. **Needham Market Town Council** press release regarding Chapel Car Park, High Street. **BBC** breathing places Tree O'Clock. **MSDC** countryside activities November/December. **The following items were passed to Councillors for circulation:** SCC Pension Fund annual report & accounts 2008/9; Mid Suffolk discovery Project autumn-spring 2009/10; SALC Annual report 2008/9 + minutes 2008 AGM; Mid Suffolk South & Stowmarket Neighbourhood Watch newsletters 2, 9, 16, 23 & 29 October. **Product information:** Bago; CGM Ltd; Wybone bins; RSS play equipment.

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

3012/09 Erection of single storey pitched and flat roofed extension to form 2 consulting rooms, waiting area and office. Woolpit Health Centre, Heath Road – support.

3225/09 & 3161/09 Restock the Corsican Pine Ridge over a period of 5/6 years. Tree Ridge of Corsican Pines, Wrights Way – support.

2294/09 Erection of single storey side Extension. 36 Roman Fields. MSDC decision – permission refused due to the close proximity of the proposed side wall to the neighbouring property does not allow room for maintenance of either building. This would have an adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbour.

2869/09 Various tree work. Woolpit Village Hall, Mill Lane. MSDC do not wish to object.

3145/06 One cottage style dwelling house and detached single garage. Land to rear of Companion Corner, the Green. This went to appeal which was allowed on 20 September 2007. Documents have not been received from MSDC.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Mr K Harknett £59.49 litter picking October; J Gadd £160.00 Millennium Garden maintenance September; Suffolk Police Authority £281.75 7 Neighbourhood Watch signs. All payments were approved and cheques issued.

8. To discuss the response from Mr Howard regarding his Chairmanship and take any necessary action.

Due to changes within the company he works for, Mr Howard is unable to make meetings at present. It is hoped that this is a short term issue. The Council accept this absence and approve his absence under Section 85 of the LGA 1972. As Vice-Chairman, Mr Wiley will act as Chairman as necessary.

9. To debate the Editorship of Woolpit Diary and take any necessary action.

Bradley Sieve has resigned although he is willing to help the new editor. Currently all correspondence for the Diary is being directed to Mr Wiley. Mr Moore has put himself forward for the role which Cllrs are happy to accept. Mr Wiley will carry out a briefing and a review will be carried out after three months. *Action: Mr Wiley*

10. To discuss the auditors recommendation to increase Fidelity Guarantee insurance and take any necessary.

Following the audit of accounts to 31/3/09, BDO Stoy Hayward LLP recommends we increase Fidelity Guarantee insurance cover. The Clerk will increase to £85,000.

Action: the Clerk

11 To discuss a request from Gadd Brothers to be allowed to quote to reset disturbed blocks in the Millennium Garden in concrete, re point any loose areas and secure the litter bin.

Currently the bricks are on loose mortar and have been vandalised by pulling them out. It was agreed to request a quote for the block in front of the bench.

Action: the Clerk

12. To receive a report from the Litter Picker. Nothing to report.

13. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – to receive an update on current issues.

A judgement in the High Court has quashed the planning permission by a Certificate of Lawfulness to carry out industrial rendering on the rendering site at Rookery Farm. Mr Clarke may appeal against this decision.

14. To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment

Mr Guyler attended a meeting with Steeles Road residents, MSDC and Flagship Housing. There were no residents' voices raised in support of the community room with each property paying a monthly charge of £17. Flagship will organise a postal ballot of residents to confirm. Future owner-occupiers were unhappy that they will be required to pay £13 a month grounds maintenance charges and may mount a legal challenge. The start of building work has been delayed because of failure to agree

the necessary details required by planning. They still expect to finish phase 1 by February 2010. There will not now be a sod turning event at the start of the project. Instead a topping out ceremony at the end of phase 1 is possible. Concern was expressed again regarding the loss of the warden at the sheltered accommodation. Rev Farrell will discuss with the Poor Land Charity to see if a common way forward can be achieved in Woolpit. *Action: Rev Farrell*

15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7 December 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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