

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
1 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mrs Parker, Mr Guyler, Rev Farrell and 4 members of the public.

Public comment: Dr Riddsdill-Smith requested a grant for the Twinning Association of approximately £500.00 to help reduce the cost of the trip to La Bonneville to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the twinning. Hire of the coach is very expensive and this would allow a discount for Woolpit residents.

The Gadd brothers have produced a plan for the Pump Garden to fit in with the proposed budget. This will be considered at the next meeting.

P C Swain gave the Police report. There were 4 crimes reported between 1 & 31 January: theft from a motor vehicle, criminal damage to a collection box at the church, causing an affray and attempted theft of fencing and water dispenser.

Regular visits have been made to the Village Hall area. Information on countywide metal thefts, thefts from vehicles and puppy fraud.

Mr Guyler congratulated Mr Handshaw on the presentation of Woolpit Diary. He will email his thoughts to Mr Handshaw.

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

2. **To receive declarations of interest.** Mr Guyler declared a prejudicial interest in item 9 and duly signed the interest book.

3 **To approve minutes of the meeting 4 January 2010.** The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Clerk's Report.**

Hedges around the parish – have been cut by Mr R Baker's staff. A letter of thanks will be sent.

Hedge at Woolpit Interiors – has now been cut back.

Streetlight 51 near the Village Hall – a second hand lantern was installed last Friday at no cost to the Parish Council. This should rectify issues.

BBC4 Radio programme on the Green Children – 5 names have been put forward for the producer to contact.

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

Woolpit Nurseries unable to provide new quote for Pump garden. **SCC** Stars of Suffolk Awards 2010. Posters will be displayed. **MSDC** Parish Liaison meeting 24 March. **SALC** information of Buckingham Palace Garden Parties. **The following items were passed to Cllrs for circulation:** Mid Suffolk South & Stowmarket Neighbourhood Watch newsletters 6 & 27 January; your place matters update January 2010; MSDC Countryside Events 2010; Clerks & Councils Direct January 2010; Suffolk Constabulary Community Speedwatch Initiative update November 2009; Optua information and News and Views Autumn 2009; Age Concern annual Review 2008/9; The Local councillor issue 1 2010.

6. **Planning – to consider current applications, any others received prior to this meeting and receive MSDC decisions.**

3747/09 Erection of 1 two storey four bedroom dwelling and detached double garage. Approval of reserved matters under outline planning permission 1443/07. Guiting House, Borley Green – support.

3749/09 Erection of single storey attached annexe (following demolition of existing garage and store). 40 Briar Hill – support

0022/10 Works to four Ash trees as per schedule. Woolpit Village Hall, Mill Lane – support

3080/09 Retention and completion of single storey side and rear extensions and installation of roof lights. Re-siting of domestic fuel tank. (Revised scheme to that

granted under 3804/07). Cherry Trees, Rags Lane. MSDC decision – permission granted.

1285/09 Extension over part of existing single storey building to create master bedroom and en-suite and internal alterations. Soundings, Green Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

3152/09 Proposed re-siting of plot 35 bungalow. Additional front porch to plot 37 bungalow. Addition of rear conservatory to plot 38 house (revised design to that approved under 2515/07). Plots 35, 36 & 38 Land adjacent to Steeles Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Mr K Harknett £33.05 litter picking January; Glasdon UK Ltd £28.12 tamtorque for 2 dog bins; Suffolk County Council £125.55 January pension payment; TailorMade IT Solutions Ltd £94.00 web domain name renewal; Suffolk County Council £1438.52 street lighting October 09-March 2010; Woolpit Institute £108.00 room hire July-December 2009; J M Forestry £275.00 completion of work at Ladyswell; SPL Print £180.00 Woolpit Diary Feb/March 2010. All accounts were approved and cheques issues.

8. To receive an update on the Parish Council Room within Woolpit Institute and take any necessary action.

Mr Melvin has applied for a grant to pay for the refurbishment of the room but there is a delay due to change of grant rules.

Mr Guyler left the meeting.

9. To discuss a request for a donation from Woolpit Twinning Association.

Councillors felt that if a grant was made it could be misconstrued by some residents of the parish as subsidising holidays. It was also felt that the trip does not reach the whole parish. It was agreed that no grant would be made. *Action: the Clerk*

Mr Guyler rejoined the meeting.

10. To discuss Suffolk Constabulary – Delivering the Policing Pledge and take any necessary action. The questions were duly answered and the Clerk will return the information. *Action: The Clerk*

11. To agree whether to comment on MSDC proposed budget 2010/11 and take any necessary action. It was agreed no comment would be made.

12. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.

Due to the snow there has not been much litter to pick up.

13. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – update on current issues

There were 16 complaints in November and 29 in December.

14 To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment

Building work is progressing but Phase 1 has been delayed due to planning and the bad weather. The revised completion for this phase is May/June 2010. Mr Guyler met with Matt Kiddell, Site Manager and any queries we may have can be referred to him. The PC streetlight columns will be stored at Woolpit Business Park and the contact is Craig Smith. The cul-de-sac will be called Steeles Close.

15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 1 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....

