

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

**Present:** Mr Wiley (Chairman), Rev Farrell, Mr Guylar, Mrs Parker and 1 member of the public.

**Public comment:** Mr Bolden NW Co-ordinator gave the Police report. There were 6 crimes reported between 1 & 26 February; 3 burglaries, 1 theft, 1 theft from a motor vehicle and 1 attempted theft from a motor vehicle. Metal thefts are occurring countywide and warnings of various telephone scams were given.

Mrs Parker advised that a further dog litter bin has been installed in Rectory Lane. The Clerk will advise MSDC.

Mrs Eburne will conduct a litter pick both side of the road between Vindis garage and Leggetts.

The County Councillor's report advised that SCC proportion of council tax will rise by 2.4%. The budget includes setting aside an extra £1.5m for road repairs following the recent bad weather and an extra £1.7m on front-line social workers.

Cllr Storey attended a workshop on the Big Freeze and the outcome will be used by SCC to deliver better service next time the weather is so severe. A report of the workshop was circulated to Cllrs.

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

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

3 **To approve minutes of the meeting 1 February 2010.** The minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Clerk's Report.**

**Hedge in Mill Lane** – the hedge beside the pavement is the responsibility of Suffolk Housing Society.

**Rags Lane old allotments** – the Clerk has spoken with Mr Scott regarding upkeep of the hedge.

**Allotment rents** – only 1 rent remains outstanding and the Clerk has sent a reminder letter to the tenant.

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

**MSDC** copy letter received from E Wilson regarding litter. The Clerk will respond to her concerns. **MSDC** Parish Liaison meeting 24 March. Cllrs present are unable to attend. **Hastoe East** information on a shared ownership property in Haughley. **SCC** copy of prohibition order for HGVs on Warren Lane, Elmswell. **NHS** the application for full inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at Station Road Elmswell has been granted. **SNAP** letter of thanks regarding grant. **MSDC** annual playground inspection information. **SCC** pension fund annual meeting 8 March. **MSDC** Wingfield Barns and TIC information. **Mr Laursen-Jones** information on the tourist map in Woolpit. The Clerk will refer him to MSDC. **The following items were passed to Cllrs for circulation:** Mid Suffolk South & Stowmarket Neighbourhood Watch newsletters 8, 15 & 22 February; Time newsletter from Smith of Derby spring 2010; Synthesis of Table Discussions: Big Freeze Workshop; Energy Saving Trust – greener communities; NSPCC awareness of NSPCC helpline. **Product information:** Wickstead Leisure; Marshalls Landscaping.

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

**0477/10** Crown thin and lift 3 Hazel trees. Ladys Well, Elmswell Road – support

**3720/09** Erection of attached garage to dwelling under construction under Outline Permission OL/164/03 and Reserved Matters approval 2446/07. Land adjacent to The Lanes, Warren Lane – support.

**3492/09** Erection of single storey side extension. 36 Roman Fields. MSDC decision – permission granted.

**3749/09** Erection of single storey attached annexe (following demolition of existing garage and store). 40 Briar Hill. MSDC decision – permission refused. The proposed annexe by reason of its poor design, excessive size, bulk and close proximity to northern boundary is considered to dominate the existing dwelling and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the local area.

**0022/10** Works to four Ash Trees as per schedule. Woolpit Village Hall, Mill Lane. MSDC decision – no objection.

**EN/10/00034** MSDC is looking into a possible breach of planning control with the removal of trees at Brook House, Masons Lane.

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

Mr K Harknett £46.27 litter picking February; Suffolk County Council £125.55 February pension payment; Anglian Water £66.40 allotments 28/8/09 – 18/2/10; Viking Direct £286.49 paper and toner; J M Forestry £125.00 pollard lime trees in Pump Garden; Suffolk County Council £1497.42 grass cutting sports field and playing field 2009/10. Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship £62.18 and St Mary's Church PCC £62.18 as 50% share of the money received from MSDC for delivering Mid Suffolk Messenger. All accounts were approved and cheques issued.

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

There has been no response from Woolpit Institute Committee. Mr Wiley will talk to Tom Barker, MSDC with questions raised regarding funding availability for the project.

*Action: Mr Wiley*

#### **9. To discuss a speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting and take any necessary action.**

It was suggested to ask Phil Kemp Community Watch & SNT Liaison Officer to talk to residents about the regenerated Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and what they hope to achieve.

*Action: The Clerk*

#### **10. To consider a revised plan and quote for the Village Pump garden and take any necessary action.**

Cllrs were expecting a detailed full specification from Gadd Brothers showing the materials and planting to be used. Carried forward to May meeting. *Action: the Clerk*

#### **11. To receive a report on the SNT tasking meeting 17 February 2010.**

Mr Wiley had attended but there was no attendance by parishioners to the disappointment of Suffolk Constabulary. Parking in Heath Road was put forward as an issue.

#### **12. To receive a report from the Footpath Warden.**

All footpaths are walkable but very muddy.

#### **13. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.**

Work was not so disrupted by the weather in February.

#### **14. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – update on current issues**

Planning Law – MSDC has served Planning Enforcement notices. An appeal against the notices has been lodged.

Environmental Permit – The permit granted to John Clarke following an inquiry in 2008 has not yet been issued. MSDC legal team to see if this can be issued in the name of John Clarke following his recent death as the application was personal to Mr Clarke. In any event the operators will have to make an application to transfer the permit to the new operator.

Public Nuisance – the undertaking now falls away as this was personal to John Clarke.

There is a liaison meeting scheduled for 18 March which Mr Guyler will attend.

**15 To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment.** Nothing to report.

**16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 17 May 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

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