

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

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Melvin, Mr Guyler, Mrs Parker, Mr Lomax and Mr George.

Public comment: Mrs Parker advised that the hedge around the HGV sign opposite Wrights Way needs cutting. The Clerk will contact SCC. Various hedges along Green Road are encroaching onto the path. A pillar at the bridge on Drinkstone Road is broken and will be reported to SCC.

Mrs Parker attended the SNT tasking meeting at Norton. Late night driving at excessive speed in Woolpit was raised and those present were told this is difficult to police.

District Cllr Melvin advised that the attempt to work with Babergh DC wherever possible is going well but will be difficulties before it comes to a conclusion. Council tax has been frozen for next year but as yet there is no information regarding parish precepts. Mrs Parker asked regarding any change back to weekly bin collections. Mr Melvin advised he would make enquiries but that there have been very few complaints in Mid Suffolk and felt this would be a backward step as the twin bin system works very well here.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Cook, Rev Farrell and PCSO Pendergast.

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

3 **To approve minutes of the meetings 17 May 2010.** The minutes were approved and signed.

4. **Clerk's Report**

G39 street light issues – Copies of all correspondence have been passed to Shona Bendix, SALC CEO as she is meeting with Andrew Guttridge, SCC Strategic Director in July.

Half night lighting – Mr Guyler advised he attended a SALC meeting and a letter is coming from SCC to see if we want to change to half night lighting to save money and energy.

Pump meter box – Siemens will be replacing the current meter.

Pump garden electricity box – has been inspected and needs replacing.

Pump area one-way reinforcement – no plans or further communication has been received from Susan Room, SCC.

SNT Quiz – Woolpit team came 8th.

Tree Ridge Lower Broom Road – Terry Willington, MSDC has confirmed that Mrs Baker has been contacted regarding the trees she felt were dangerous behind her property in Wades Wood.

Car park litter bin – MSDC has confirmed that if a bin of the same size or a slightly larger is placed close by to the wall mounted bin, it will be emptied weekly.

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

MSDC copies of letters to tenants/owners of unity housing in Steeles Road. **Suffolk CPOD Services** Pulmonary Rehabilitation Courses information will be published in Woolpit Diary. **SCC** pension fund annual meeting 14 July. **SCC** local flooding survey. The Clerk will advise that flooding has occurred at the junction of Rags Lane and The Street and that Masons Lane is prone to flooding during heavy rainfall. **Suffolk ACRE** AGM 14 July Cllrs unable to attend. **MSDC** Countryside Activities and Thornham Walks July. **The following items were passed to Councillors for circulation:** Mid Suffolk South & Stowmarket Neighbourhood Watch newsletters 25

May, 1, 8 & 16 June; The Local Councillor issue 2 2010; Speed Management Guidelines; Suffolk ACRE Update spring 2010.

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

0876/10 Demolition of wall; remove tie beams; replace part of roof structure; replace missing wall bricks; repair and repoint brick wall cracks; remove brick and concrete floor and install new floor; replace internal door; inject chemical DPC; insert 5 new rooflights and 3 new window openings; clad part of external walls; install kitchen and WC. Lawn Farm, Warren Lane – support.

1397/10 Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1439/01 (Hours of work in respect of Unit 6) to enable operation of Unit 6 for 24 hours, seven days a week, including bank holidays. Unit 6, Brickfields Business Park, Old Stowmarket Road – object. Cllrs are concerned that others on this development will wish to operate outside previously agreed hours. If permission could be personal to this business this would remove our objection.

3720/09 Erection of attached garage to dwelling under construction under Outline Planning Permission OL/164/03 and Reserved Matters approval 2446/07. Land adj The Lanes, Warren Lane. MSDC decision – permission granted.

0742/10 Erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey extension to form car port. Erection of porch to front. Demolition of existing garage. Brook House, Masons Lane. MSDC decision – permission granted.

1294/10 Remove Dawn Redwood. Brook House, Masons Lane –MSDC does not wish to object.

1159/10 Erection of chimney to side of dwelling. Conversion of garage to ancillary office accommodation. April Cottage, Green Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Mr K Harknett £54.08 litter picking May; Suffolk County Council £270.14 pension payment April/May; Mrs S Eburne £25.00 internal audit of accounts to 31 March 2010; SPL Print £180.00 Woolpit Diary June/July. All accounts were approved unanimously and cheques issued.

8. To complete and sign the Statement of Assurance and Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2010. The accounts were approved and the form completed and signed.

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

A further letter has been received from the Institute Committee offering the PC sole tenancy for 5 years at a rental of £20 per week for the first 3 years rising to £30 for the following 2 years with the matter to be reviewed at the end of 5 years. The PC will be required to pay an additional sum towards heating and lighting, pay for the installation of a telephone line and be responsible for insurance cover of IT equipment. It is understood that the Institute Committee have been offered an interest free loan to renovate the room. The following was proposed, seconded and carried that the Parish Council 1) agrees to take on sole tenancy for 3 years at a rent of £20 per week and review after that period. 2) pay an additional sum towards heating and lighting used. 3) pay for the installation of a telephone line. 4) be responsible for keeping the interior clean and tidy and make good any damage the PC may have caused. All other maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the Institute Committee. 5) insure IT equipment but building insurance is provided by the Institute Committee. Other than the above items the rental is inclusive of any other outgoings of the building and payment of rent to be quarterly in advance.

Action: the Clerk

10. To receive a request from Woolpit Playing Field Committee for a contribution towards repairs of the tennis club car park and take any necessary action.

The Tennis Club has approached WPFC as the car park is in a poor state of repair and they feel that a substantial amount of damage is caused by the lorries emptying the bottle bank. WPFC therefore are asking the PC to help towards the cost of repairs. A verbal quote has been received for £1000. Cllrs are not convinced that the bottle bank lorries are to blame as they usually park in the road and lift the containers over the fence. It has been noted that IWJS lorries have been discharging into the manhole on the car park. In principal the PC is prepared to make a contribution but need to see more quotes to comply with Standing Orders and further details of plans. The PC will pay a contribution on sight of the receipt for the work being carried out. A letter will be sent to IWJS Managing Director or with a copy to SCC advising that we understand that they are discharging into the main drains at the car park in Rectory Lane and has been witnessed by a parishioner. This has caused damage to the manhole cover and the car park surface and request that this does not happen again as we are being approached for funds to resurface the car park. *Action: the Clerk*

11. To receive information from MSDC on the AIMS project plus a request for financial support and take any necessary action.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that no action be taken at this stage.

12. To receive a request that Woolpit Parish Council purchases goalposts from Woolpit U12's Football Club for the use of the village and take any necessary action.

It was agreed that the Parish Council does not wish to buy the goal posts.

13. To receive an update on Steeles Road redevelopment

The first phase will be occupied at the end of June with phase 2 being completed about March 2011. All 5 phases are expected to be completed at the end of 2013. Phases 1-3 are all funded but funding for phases 4 & 5 will depend on government cutbacks. It is hoped that as the project has started, it will be given priority for funding. An opening ceremony is to be arranged by MSDC shortly after completion of phase 1. Other lorries using Steeles Road are cutting up kerbs and paths. Persimmon is trying to identify them and SCC Highways is aware. As the originally proposed community room will not now be created, a planning application will be submitted for it to be a flat. The next liaison meeting is scheduled for September.

14. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.

There has been lots of broken glass in the Millennium Garden.

15. Rookery Farm, Drinkstone – update on current issues.

There were 46 complaints in April and 36 in May. A further item will be discussed in camera.

16. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 19 July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed to the public 9.35 p.m.

17. To consider a solicitor's letter regarding a complaint for cutting of fir trees outside The Firs, Broom Hill Lane and take any necessary action. (in camera)

The letter has been sent to Suffolk ACRE as intermediaries for insurance for their consideration. Greene & Greene Solicitors have been advised of this.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....