

**MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
4 APRIL 2011 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE**

Present: Mr Wiley (Chairman), Mr Guyler, Mr Melvin, Mrs Cook, Mrs Parker, Rev Farrell and Mr Lomax.

1. **Apologies for absence.** There were none.
2. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.
3. **To approve minutes of the meeting 7 March 2011.** The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Clerk's Report

Computer problems – the ongoing problems with the email have now been resolved. A letter of complaint will be sent to BT about the service received to get the telephone line and broadband set up in the office. *Action: the Clerk*

Telephone bills – BT has advised that if we wish for paper bills and to pay by cheque this will cost an additional £9 per quarter. This will be made an agenda item at the May meeting.

Litter picking – Keith Harknett has advised that he is unable to carry out his duties due to sickness but will keep the clerk informed and recommence as soon as he is able. It was noted that willing volunteers had cleared the playing field during the recent Spring Clean.

Pump garden – the Clerk has contacted the Gadd brothers requesting a start date for the work to be carried out.

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

SCC temporary closure of Steeles Road to enable construction of foul sewer works to be carried out 28 March – 13 May 2011.

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

0625/11 Erection of first floor rear extension and rear porch. White Cottage, Mill Lane - support.

0930/11 Change of use of land Elmswell Road, Woolpit for parking HGV vehicles and trailers only, for a temporary period of three years. Land between Leggetts and O C Jewers, Elmswell Road – object. The plans are inadequate. Too many additional vehicle movements and 24 hour operation will cause disruption to the village with noise interference and further light pollution. Water run off issues are also a concern.

3512/10 Change of use of agricultural land to vehicle enforcement site, erection of office building, construction of weighbridge, hardstanding parking and inspection areas, vehicle access and egress and attenuation pond. Land adjacent Kiln Lane, Elmswell – additional information – continue to object

3437/10 Retention of outbuilding. Fern Cottage, Heath Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

0072/11 Erection of single bay garage store – Tolmers, Borley Green. MSDC decision – permission granted.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

Mr K Harknett £67.60 litter picking March; Suffolk County Council £135.07 pension payment March; HM Revenue & Customs £4.02 tax & N/I January-March; SPL Print £215.00 Woolpit Diary April/May; SALC £602.00 annual subscription 2011/12; BT Payment Services £82.57 quarterly phone bill; Viking Direct £161.75 stationery; Gadd Brothers Trees and Landscapes £180.00 tree work around youth shelter; Woolpit Institute £90.00 room hire July-December 2010; D J Haill sleepers for raised garden at ARC; Suffolk ACRE Ltd £25.00 annual subscription 2011/12; Equity pc

£101.29 set up email and provide printer cartridges and Woolpit Institute £260.00 PC room rent May-July 2011. All accounts were approved and cheques issued.

8. To consider the future of Suffolk Libraries consultation and take any necessary action.

Mr Guyler has spoken to the Clerk at Elmswell and Elmswell PC are looking to take over the management of Elmswell Library. EPC is holding meetings with SCC to agree proposals. Woolpit PC would not be required to contribute.

The Clerk will respond to the consultation that WPC deplores the closure of Elmswell library which Woolpit residents use and support the moves being made by Elmswell PC to take over the running of the library. With regard to the Mobile Library, it is difficult to comment on this until the fate of Elmswell library is known. A copy of the response will be sent to EPC. *Action: the Clerk*

9. Woolpit Council Tax.

The letter sent with Council Tax shows a rise of 0.6% in the Woolpit parish precept yet our overall precept remained unchanged. Mr Wiley has contacted MSDC and been told that the tax base change due to the development in Steeles Road has caused this. The Clerk has been asked to write to MSDC asking why the parish proportion has risen when other components of the Council Tax haven't.

Action: the Clerk

10. To receive a report from the Litter Picker. No report due to illness.

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

Mr Melvin & Mr Guyler have a meeting with MSDC on 6 April.

12. Date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting – Monday 16 May 2011. Noted.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

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