

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
16 JUNE 2014 AT 7.30P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE.

Present: Mr Guyler (Chairman), Mrs Cook, Mr Smith, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Parker and 1 member of the public.

Public comment: P C Brown advised there were 8 crimes between 18 May and 15 June; 4 criminal damage The Heath for which five people are being dealt with, 2 theft other, 1 theft of motor vehicle and 1 criminal damage to a motor vehicle. There were 35 event calls during this period. Problems continue with the car park and P.C. Brown has consulted a specialist ASB officer for advice.

The Clerk read the report from County Cllr Storey who was duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Council for the coming year and has already attended 2 events. The Cabinet meeting outlined the final stages of three to two tier for the Bury St Edmunds schools. Cllr Storey raised the question with regard to Raising the Bar and how schools dealt with bullying and how many cases were recorded where children were kept away from school. Clearly if SCC has an aspiration to make sure that every child reaches their full potential then the issue of bullying, and its many side effects, must be dealt with. Cllr Storey believes that this may have stirred up wider issues and is looking forward to seeing what comes out as a result.

Cllr Storey was very pleased to walk round Woolpit on Saturday and to enjoy the many gardens. Congratulations to all those who opened their gardens and to everyone who helped, including the sponsor.

Mrs Cook asked regarding cutting of the hedge beside the footway along Bury Road to White Elm Lane. The Clerk will contact the landowner. *Action: the Clerk.*

The footpath Briar Hill to Lower Broom Road has a lot of ground elder. The Clerk will contact the adjacent homeowner and SCC to get cleared. *Action: the Clerk.*

Mrs Parker advised that the hedge of the property at the end of Drinkstone Road is in urgent need of cutting as it is interfering with visibility to exit the road. The Clerk will write to the occupant. *Action: the Clerk.*

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Melvin and Mr Jones.

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

3. **To approve minutes of the meeting 12 May 2014.**

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Clerk's Report

Police Parish Council Quiz 4 July – Mr Guyler and Mr Melvin will organise a team.

Action: Mr Guyler/Mr Melvin

Hedge Cow Fair – the Clerk has contacted Orbit Housing who has confirmed that they do not own the land and are not responsible for the hedge. The land originally was owned by Whitbread so it is likely the hedge belongs to The Plough.

Green Road resurfacing – SCC has advised that work will commence 9 July. Cllrs feel the potholes are so large a temporary repair is necessary. The Clerk will contact SCC. *Action: the Clerk*

Steeles Road redevelopment – work on the garden area has commenced.

Metal bollard outside Oak Cottage – has been reinstated.

Neighbourhood Watch – Malcolm McKessar, Police Liaison Officer will attend our meeting 21 July at 7.00 p.m.

Parish Liaison Meeting 5 June – Mr Guyler and the Clerk attended. Important changes to election procedures were advised. All nomination forms now have to be delivered to MSDC in person and there are no days after the deadline to withdraw nominations.

Memorial bench Yvonne Barker – the family has asked for an idea of costs before taking further. *Action: the Clerk*

Millennium Garden and allotments: Mrs Cook, Mrs Parker and the Clerk are meeting with SJH Landscapes on 19 June to discuss addition grass and bark for the garden and clearance of the area beside the allotments.

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

Eon changes to product names and tariffs. It was agreed that as the cost for the Pump Light is about £20 per quarter it is not worth changing. **Mrs Moore** concerns regarding burger van, the Clerk will respond that no license is required by MSDC to trade. **Suffolk Police** Costcutters application to extend the hours for selling alcohol to 2300hours. A letter of objection will be sent but WPC would not object to an extension of hours to 2100 hours. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs:** Rural Services Network news digest 19 May, 2 & 9 June, Seminar – Sustainable Tourism Strategies, Rural Vulnerability Service – Broadband, Spotlight on small businesses and the rural economy, Rural Opportunities bulletin. Community Action Suffolk VCS groups invited to discuss SCC transformations, latest funding news 3 June, newsletter 4 June. SCC Smarter Choices newsletter. SALC forthcoming courses, Suffolk Show park and ride. Suffolk Sport Badminton Smash up, Mid Suffolk summer rounder's league, inter villages rounder's tournament 14 September. Thurston College Community forum meeting 10 June. Suffolk Police Latest scams information and Mid Suffolk South and Stowmarket Neighbourhood Watch newsletters May & June. Wetherden Parish Council item for newsletter regarding A14 noise.

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

1642/14 Raise the roof to provide first floor accommodation. Threeways, Borley Green – support.

3373/13 Application to vary conditions 1 (ii) & 2 of planning permission 0049/90 for Continued and permanent use of land for Gliding Club purposes (renewal of planning permission 977/87)" in order to allow an increase in aerotow operations hours, currently from 10:00hrs to 16:00hrs, to become from 10:00hrs to 18:00hrs 7 days a week and to increase the permitted number of light aircraft movements to 30 per month in connection with the Gliding Club activities but not restricted to Rattlesden Gliding Club members. Rattlesden Gliding Club, High Town Green, Rattlesden (part in the parishes of Felsham and Gedding) – support.

1589/14 Various tree work. Monks Close, Masons Lane. MSDC decision – no objection.

1150/14 Change of use and alterations to agricultural buildings used as scaffolding company store, office and staff room" to vary the hours of permitted use between 0600-1800 Monday to Friday and between the hours of 0700-1500 Saturday. Lawn Farm, Warren. MSDC decision – permission refused.

1246/14 Conversion of existing garage to provide ground floor bedroom with en-suite facilities. 9 Lower Broom Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

The payment of £26.59 to Anglian Water for allotments 13 February to 14 May was unanimously ratified. Mr K Harknett £68.75 litter picking May, Equity pc £108.00 June/July Diary, SPL Print £269.00 printing June/July Diary, Material Change Ltd £604.80 bark for play area and Suffolk County council £201.13 pension payment. All accounts were approved and cheques issued. Payments made by direct debit/standing order Mrs P Fuller £642.07 salary May, Mrs O Johnson £149.47 salary May and eon £24.82 pump light quarterly payment.

8. To discuss the repeal of Section 150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 repealing the statutory requirement for 2 elected members to sign cheques and other orders for payments and take any necessary action.

Cllrs agreed to discuss at a later date when further information is available and other councils have tested other methods of payment other than cheques.

9. To discuss evidence of noise nuisance along the A14 and take any necessary action.

A letter has been sent to Mrs Baker to see if she has any written evidence that can be put forward. It was agreed to also contact Mr Barnes. *Action: the Clerk.*

10. To discuss odd jobs required around the village and take any necessary action.

Mr Hardiman has offered to carry out small jobs around the parish. No payment will be made but he will be reimbursed for any costs. Mr Hardiman was thanked for this kind offer.

11. To consider a Parish Council notice board in the Pump Garden and take any necessary action.

The Clerk will contact Harry Stebbings for prices and Mrs Parker will contact a resident who has made boards for other groups in the past to see if he is willing to make one for WPC. This will be discussed again at the next meeting. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the notice board would be dedicated in memory of John Wiley. *Action: Mrs Parker/the Clerk*

12. To consider an Emergency Plan for Woolpit and take any necessary action.

Mrs Parker is prepared to lead this project and has a team who will look into taking this forward. *Action: Mrs Parker*

13. To discuss the removal of the litter bin in Lady's Well and take any necessary action.

The bin is not on a route for emptying by MSDC and Woods for Woolpit would like it removed. It was agreed to remove and store for future use. *Action: Mr Hardiman.*

14. To consider the need for a directional fingerpost to Woolpit Sports Field and take any necessary action.

Cllrs would prefer for the Rectory Lane sign to be replaced with to the sports field in smaller letter below. The Clerk will contact MSDC. *Action: the Clerk*

15. To discuss an inspection of the Lock Up and take any necessary action.

Mr Guyler and Mrs Cook will inspect with Mrs Wainwright and advise if any repairs are required. *Action: Mr Guyler/Mrs Cook*

16. To receive an update on the redevelopment of unity housing in Steeles Road.

Mr Guyler and Mr Melvin attended pre planning discussions with Orbit Housing and saw the proposed layout of tranche 2. A public meeting will take place with further consultation in early July before a planning application is submitted the end of July. The Clerk was asked to find out why 82 & 84 Steeles Road have been left out of the tranche 1 redevelopment. *Action: the Clerk*

17. To discuss tree work required at Ladyswell and take any necessary action.

A report of the meeting with David Pizzey, MSDC Tree Officer has been circulated to Cllrs, It was agreed that Mr Guyler will contact Reg Harris of Urban Forestry to meet on site along with Mrs Parker and advise on what work should be carried out on the 500 year old beech tree and request a separate quote regarding the other trees requiring work. Mr Wainwright Woods for Woolpit will also be invited to attend. *Action: Mr Guyler*

18. To discuss the consultation on MSDC Community Infrastructure Levy and take any necessary action.

CIL will be used to collect developer contributions towards infrastructure needed to support the development and will be charged per square metre of floorspace. It will

not replace Section 106 planning obligations but compliment it. MSDC needs to set the rates to be applied. WPC does not wish to comment on this consultation.

19. To discuss the litter bin in the Millennium Garden and take any necessary action.

The bin has been used by youths to climb on the Village Hall shed roof. It has been temporarily removed for safety. Mr Hardiman will look at possible action to secure the bin in place in the centre of the Millennium Garden. *Action: Mr Hardiman.*

20. To discuss co-option of a councillor to fill the casual vacancy and take any necessary action.

The statutory period of time has passed for electors to request an election. The vacancy can now be filled by co-option. Various names were suggested and Mr Guylor will speak to some asking if they are interested. *Action: Mr Guylor.*

It was agreed that in the run up to the election in May 2015, items will be put in Woolpit Diary inviting residents to attend PC meetings to see what is involved in being a councillor in the hope of attracting additional people to stand for election.

21. To receive a report from the Litter Picker.

There has been an increase in litter this month but it cannot be attributed to just the burger van. It is likely to be because more people are using the field due to the lighter evenings.

22. To receive a report from the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee.

Lots of residents attended the AGM and were unaware that the Village Hall is self-funding therefore an article about the VH will be included in the next issue of Woolpit Diary. There have been recent complaints about the condition of the play area but repairs have been carried out and more bark put down. County Cllr Storey has put money from her Locality Budget towards replacement of soundproofing in the VH. Further grants will be required and the Clerk will find out how much is left in the Community Grant pot for Woolpit. *Action: the Clerk*

The Playing Field Committee has agreed to erect a small goal near the basketball area.

23. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 21 July 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

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