

**MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2016 AT 8.00 P.M. IN ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**Present:** Mr Guyler (Chairman), Mr Lomax, Mr Jones, Mr Wheatley, Mr Howard and Mrs Parker and 26 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence.** There were none.

2. **To receive declarations of interest.**

Mrs Parker declared a prejudicial interest in application 1636/16 as she is involved in a different parcel of land for development in the parish. She duly signed the interest book.

3. **To consider SCC Highways' post consultation report from Heath Road parking and take any necessary action.**

The Chairman gave the background for this item and that SCC has now rejected the four previous options following public consultation. SCC has now put forward a fifth option of double yellow lines both sides of Heath Road from Hedgehogs /the Health Centre to the school area where the zig-zag lines take over.

The meeting adjourned at 8.06 p.m. for public comment which included concerns regarding no lines in Mill Lane, inconvenience to visitors to homes in the area covered by the lines, urbanisation of the village, road safety, pedestrian safety, enforcement of the parking restrictions, speeding, traffic entering and exiting Health Centre, damage to grass verges if the parking just moves further down the road.

The meeting reconvened at 8.30 p.m.

Mrs Parker advised that the reason WPC has gone down this path is that residents came to the PC regarding inconsiderate parking by parents at the school. WPC instigated a meeting with SCC and as the experts they feel this is the best way of doing it, it was agreed that this is a compromise but there have been long discussions with SCC on options. There may be modifications in the future with various development proposals in the parish but this is the best option at the moment.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to accept this fifth option. It is noted that residents affected will receive consultation documents on the proposal; if objections are received it will go to SCC committee for a decision.

4. **Planning – to consider applications**

**0595/16** Replacement of windows (to second floor dormer windows) and insertion of rooflight to rear elevation; Internal works including removal of an internal wall and conversion of bedroom into a bathroom at second floor level; Insertion of door at ground floor level. Granmore, The Street. Following additional information on conservation matters, WPC has been asked to reconsider the application. It was unanimously agreed to not comment and leave the matter to MSDC Conservation Officers.

Mrs Parker left the meeting at 8.36 p.m.

Reconsultation of application **1636/16** Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 120 dwellings. Construction of a car park to be associated with Woolpit Health Centre. Access to the site and individual accesses to five self-build plots and associated open space. (Proposal includes highway improvements to Heath Road and Old Stowmarket Road, including double mini roundabout at The Street, Old Stowmarket Road and Heath Road junction). Land South of Old Stowmarket Road.

Me Guyler advised that MSDC planning Committee heard this application this morning and approved the outline planning permission. Comments can be received on this application up to 10 August and any comment made by WPC tonight will go

to the Planning officer and if relevant will be considered again by MSDC Planning Committee.

The applicant has revised the application to take into account the objections raised. A proposed double mini roundabout plus cycle/footway from the site to the junction and footway from Costcutter to the car park and a designated cycle track from the crossroads to the Church have been included.

The meeting adjourned at 8.40 p.m. for public comment.

Construction traffic must only access and leave the site by A14 and not along Heath road or the centre of the village, crossings in Heath Road should not be raised otherwise will cause noise nuisance, road safety with lorries at the roundabout, whether the mini roundabouts would be raised, would the mini roundabouts be in place before the development starts.

Mr Guyler stated that SCC will ensure that the roundabouts meet SCC standards.

The meeting reconvened at 8.47 p.m.

Mr Guyler feels that WPC objections to the previous plan have been addressed with the revisions but it is essential that the car park for the Health Centre gets built at an early stage.

After a vote it was unanimously agreed to support the application with the following comments:

1. Construction of the Health Centre car park is assured and takes place at an early stage in the development of the site.
2. An enduring legal pedestrian and cycle access through the Health Centre grounds must be confirmed to allow for school parking at the car park then walking through to the school.
3. That the mini roundabouts are constructed at the crossroads.
4. That the cycle tracks and footways from the site to the centre of the village are incorporated into full proposals.
5. A pre-construction plan is agreed for all construction vehicles to access to the site from the A14 Junction 47 and leave the site along Elmswell Road to junction 47 so that construction traffic doesn't come through the village centre or along Heath Road.

**5. Date of the next full Parish Council Meeting – Monday 5 September 2016 at 7.30 pm.** Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

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