

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning & Development Control Committee.

Held on Thursday 12th October 2017 8.00pm at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

- 1 Apologies for Absence:**
Steve Reece
- 2 Declarations of interest:**
None
- 3 To receive representations from the previous meeting: None**
- 4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 13th September 2017**
Proposed MF seconded DS
- 5 To consider the following applications submitted by the Local Planning Authority: amended from original actually considering the following: P1033/17/FUL - amendments to access discussed – support no objections**
P1574/17/FUL – support no objections
P1624/17/FUL – support no objections
- 6 Correspondence**
Withdrawal P1206/17/FUL
- 7 Any other business**
None.
- 8 Closure and date for next meeting:**
Thursday 9th November 2017

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 14th September 2017 at 8.00pm
at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors; Mick Fairless, Mary Greenslade, David Storrar David Harris, Roger Southee and Andy Lord

1. Apologies for absence – Steve Reece
2. To receive declarations of interest: none
3. Public Open Forum – none
4. To confirm the minutes of 13th July 2017 proposed AL and seconded DH
5. To consider matters arising - tree in the WI planter; it was agreed that the tree would probably die therefore it was taken away
6. To consider the following matters:
 - 6.1 Policing issues – none to report
 - 6.2 Highways and Footpaths – resurfacing work to Church Lane has been carried out.
 - 6.3 Maintenance - i) Two contractors have forwarded their daily rate to the council. The council decided that in the first instance we would ask Mr Anderson to quote for the repair of the notice board but that they would also consider using Mr Snook for future work. Clerk to contact both and thank them for their interest and that the Council would be in touch with both as and when work arose.
 - 6.4 Churchyard and Cemetery i) It was recommended that the gates to new cemetery should be a foot wider to allow access by modern maintenance machinery. A quote was received from Pete Neal for the new gates, to match the gates on the original cemetery. Due to the area being used, improperly, for parking it was deemed wise to have the gates fitted as soon as possible to highlight that the area is indeed a cemetery and not a parking area. Resurfacing of the parking area was also discussed as a long term plan. A councillor contacted the planning dept. full permission was given in July 2016 therefore the council has until July 2019 to complete planning conditions i.e. the planting of native hedgerow. The same councillor shared an email he wrote to the planning department outlining the progress of the site and plans for hedging and trees asking for acknowledgment that the planning conditions have been met in these actions. Another councillor suggested that the council do not plant beech due to the high level of maintenance involved and suggested that instead the council plant holly as an evergreen, stock proof easily maintained hedge. A councillor advised that they had been informed that legally the council could not specify that to be entitled to a grave a person should have resided in the village for a minimum of a year. A person is entitled to a grave in the cemetery if they die in the parish. In reference to the offer of a grave space to Mr Lewis for donating the land for the new cemetery a letter was circulated by the Chairman to other councillors which will be approved by the solicitor before being sent to Mr Lewis. It was approved without exception by all councillors present. The suckers on the trees in the church yard have been cut. The trees hanging

over the driveway are being looked at again this month including a failing tree and the area where the hedge will need poisoning

- 6.5 Finance - i) Balance accepted without questions i) Clerk's pay increase RS proposed and MG seconded
 - 6.6 To approve accounts for payment i) Merlin Waste £27.12 ii) Litter picking £520 fro June, July, August and September, iii) iv) Phone box £93.21
 - 6.7 Other Matters : i) Skate park meeting; Chairman reported that the committee were professional and driven and doing a great job ii) Clerk position applicants CVs and covering letters were circulated and discussed. The Chairman requested that the position be filled by the next meeting on 9th November 2017. ii) A councillor reported that a parishioner had suggested that there should be a defibrillator in the village, a quotation was received at £1498 it was suggested that the proprietor of The Netherend Inn was willing to have it situated at the pub. It was suggested that the council put an article in the Woolaston News asking for evidence of support and ideas for location. iii) DH recommended that we get the Christmas lights up at the end of November and MG suggested we discuss and approve procuring the Christmas tree. Clerk to ask TrunkArb to supply. Cost of electricity and tree approved up to £250 without objection. It was agreed that the position on the Skate Park Committee be flexible
7. To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent: following discussions with GAPTC the Chairman suggested that the council apply for further transparency funding for a new laptop. The Chairman found a laptop which would cost £450 this expenditure was approved without objection on a unanimous vote.
 8. Date of the next meeting Thursday 9th November 2017