

Woodchester



Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting - Minutes

Recorded by: Mandy Rossiter - Clerk

Date: 6th July 2023

Meeting Commenced: 19:30

Meeting ended: 21:30

Present:

Parish Councillors:	Peter Lead (Chair) Katharine McNealey (Vice-Chair) Paul Baynham-Honri Elizabeth Hasinski
District Councillors:	
County Councillor:	Steve Robinson
Clerk:	Mandy Rossiter
Other:	Ten Members of Public

Items

2023/61 To receive and accept any apologies for absence
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Dunbar and Noon and District Councillor Smith

2023/62 To invite and receive any declarations of pecuniary interest in items on the agenda
There were none

2023/63 To offer an open forum to members of the public for discussions and questions
National Trust (NT) reps introduced themselves and spoke about the new café and public open space in what was Thistledown campsite, and will now be called Tinkley Gate. This will open on 24th July. A press release will be issued soon.
Summary: There will be a Café which will be open every day through to October and then just weekends through the winter. The Trust are very open to suggestions as to how the site could better meet local needs.
The council expressed some concerns about encouraging people to drive to a location just to eat and concerns over litter management. Particularly takeaway coffee cups etc. The council made the following suggestions for consideration:

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- A doggy safe area, where owners can allow well behaved dogs to run free. NT responded to say that they are considering zoning for dog areas
- Natural play areas for children.

The National Trust representatives explained that they are aiming to be more accessible and inclusive, and are looking to come away from being perceived as a middle class membership organisation.

The council suggested talking to Allsorts charity to get advice on inclusivity options for children with disabilities.

A member of public raised Concerns over the pedestrian safety at the bottom of Bear Hill and gave an example of how a van had tried to avoid a pot hole narrowly missed a pedestrian with a pushchair. The member of public would like to raise awareness to the dangerous road. Cllr Lead spoke about the work the council has been doing towards road safety in Woodchester and the investigation taking place into putting forward a claim for the need for speed reduction. It was noted that recent public comments and concerns have been emailed to GCC Highways. Clerk to raise the pothole concern to Paul Helbrow as this is the big reason for the car needing to swerve

A representative from Minchinhampton Rangers Football Club attended to say that the team wish to use the football field for training sessions. The council are currently unable to enter a formal agreement as the land owners presently have the land on the market, but the PC are happy to informally consent to usage.

A member of public spoke about the speeding on bath road between Fleece and Nailsworth and explained that they would like to see an overall reduction in speeding along A46.

Council explained the work that is being doing (See Cllr Dunbar’s reports on the pc website)

A member of public raised concerns about overhanging trees on the A46 between Nailsworth and Woodchester. County Cllr will raise at his Highways meeting.

2023/64 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11th May 2023
The minutes were agreed and signed by chair

2023/65 To receive County and District Councillor reports
Cllr Robinson provided a report. A copy will be published on PC website.
Following the report, Chair suggested applying for the Cotswold Warden grant to install accessible gates in place of the existing gates. It was agreed that the council would discuss finer details via email, but would agree to request grant. Chairman will liaise with Cotswold Warden.

It was also noted, following the report that a Woodchester Word article has been written regarding the control of dogs.

2023/66 To receive Road Safety Matters Update from Cllr Dunbar and agree further actions
a) Resident Correspondence – Cycle Track at Station Road
b) Resident Correspondence – Pedestrian Safety at Bear Hill

The council noted receipt of correspondence from residents relating to a) and b) and commented on the conversations taking place between Cllr Dunbar and GCC Highways to resolve the safety concerns. An update will be provided in the next meeting.

c) Rooksmoor A46 Crossing

Chairman reported on a resident's meeting which took place at the Village Hall on the 5th July. It was noted that the landlord of The Fleece has agreed to allow a footpath from the land adjacent to the A46 and will permit a bridge to be built for safe crossing of the Nailsworth Stream to provide access to the cycle track. The District Councillor will find out who owns the land adjacent to the embankment.

d) GCC Have your Say survey on Highways

The council highlighted the current survey being run by GCC. Link for the survey will be shared on the PC facebook page

e) Other Road Safety Matters

This item was covered during item 2023/63

2023/67 To receive the Clerk's report on actions and correspondence following previous Parish Council Meetings and agree any further actions (appendix 1)
Council agreed to purchase a new bin with a lid following correspondence from member of public

2023/68 To consider and comment on the following planning applications/enforcements, decisions and appeals:

- a) S.23/1226/HHOLD | Erection of garage extension | Woodchester House Woodchester House Drive Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NY
 - b) S.23/1227/LBC | Erection of garage extension. | Woodchester House Woodchester House Drive Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NY
 - c) S.23/1162/LBC | Replacement front windows | 1 Grigshot Cottages Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NE
 - d) S.23/1224/LBC | Installation of timber stud partition | Flat 3 Hillgrove House Bath Road Woodchester Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 5NR
- The council reviewed each of the above applications and agreed to make no comments.

2023/69 To review and comment on consultation on 'SDC Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Orders'
Following a discussion, the Council agreed to respond individually to this public consultation and not formally as a council

2023/70 To discuss current councillor vacancy and agree next steps
No interest has been shown in the position. Poster will be put up on noticeboards to echo the Woodchester Word article

2023/71 To note decisions and actions following discussions as per May 2023 meeting:

a) Contractual and Regular Payment Review (minute ref 2023/51)

Agreed

b) Policy Review Timeline (minute ref 2023/52)

Agreed

c) Councillor Responsibilities (minute ref 2023/53)

Agreed. Clerk will add posters to noticeboards

d) Traffic Order Regulation (minute ref and 2023/44 and 2023/55)

Agreed to process

2023/72 To approve expenditure and sign cheques as per payment schedule (appendix 2)
The following payments totalling £5,850.48 were agreed:

Expenses for Playground opening – Cllr McNealey	LGA 1972 S137.
Gloucestershire County Council – TRO payment	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.72 Highways Act 1980 S.274A
P Lead – Replacement of returned cheque no. 1051	LGA 1972 S13ex7
T Curtis – Village Maintenance	Highways Act 1980 s.96
C R Signs	Highways Act 1980 S.274A
T W Hawkins	Public Health Act 1875 S.164
HMRC – PAYE July	LGA 1972 S112
A Rossiter – Salary July	LGA 1972 S112
P Lead - Expenses for Bin Lunch Event	LGA 1972 S137
Woodchester Village Hall Hire	LGA 1972 S133
HMRC – PAYE June	LGA 1972 S112
A Rossiter – Salary July	LGA 1972 S137
Leopard Press	LGA 1972 S142

2023/73 To review AGAR report prepared by clerk :

a) Section 1 (appendix 3)

b) Section 2 (appendix 4)

Both sections were agreed by the council

2023/74 To receive verbal reports from councillors

Cllr McNealey reported on the following:

- Litter task force. It was noted that she will be chairing the October GAPTC networking event for Parish Councillors in her role as a Woodchester Parish Councillor. Eric Torrington from Dursley will be the guest speaker and share his experience of anti-litter campaigning.
- Public concerns were raised to council over anti-social behaviour in North Woodchester. It was confirmed that police are aware of the issue and are handling the matter.

2023/75 To confirm date of next Parish Council Meeting

Council confirmed next meeting will be held on 7th September 2023 at 7:30pm

****AMENDMENT TO MINUTES****

****DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF COUNCILLORS THE MEETING DATE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 14TH SEPTEMBER****

Initials.....