

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008  
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr P Jay (Town Mayor)	Cllr T Gardiner (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr J Cooper	Cllr Mrs V Edwards
Cllr A Glees	Cllr Mrs A Grant
Cllr Mrs E Jay	Cllr G Myatt
Cllr P Redpath	Cllr Mrs T Redpath
Cllr Mrs P Richardson	Cllr I Thomas
Cllr B Yoxall	

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Honorary Townsman J Banbury, District Cllr Mrs J Dunsmore and two members of the public.

**WTC/232/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Carritt and Mrs E Stokes.

**WTC/233/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Cooper declared a Personal Interest in Agenda item no. 5(d) regarding Grants and Donations, as he was Chairman of the Youth Club.

**WTC/234/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr D Allen spoke in opposition to the two applications for planning permission regarding the Youngs Garage site. He was concerned as to the unneighbourly proposal to place three houses on the site of the station building, which would overlook his house and garden; the lack of visitor parking for the new health centre; the proposed demolition of the former GWR station building; and the affordable housing issue.

**WTC/235/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Ref: 08/1059/P/FP (Revised Plans)

Demolition of Youngs Garage and 6 Hensington Road, erection of thirty six dwellings, health centre and retail unit. Associated parking, roads and footpaths. Alterations to 6, 8 and 10 Oxford Street.

4 Oxford Street

Berkeley Homes (Oxford & Chiltern) Ltd.

Decision: As per letter attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

(b) Ref: 08/1061/P/DCA (Revised Plans)

Demolition of Youngs Garage, related buildings and 6 Hensington Road.

4 Oxford Street

Berkeley Homes (Oxford and Chiltern) Ltd.

Decision: As per letter attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

**WTC/236/08 BUDGET 2009 - 2010**

Cllr Cooper had declared a Personal Interest in respect of agenda item (d), Grants and Donations.

The Council received and considered the following documents:

a) the Budget 2009-10(09) documents;

- b) the Report by the Chairman of Finance Committee:
- c) a Report from the Responsible Financial Officer summarising previous spreadsheets, reconciling movement between the options and including a list of items referred by the Finance Committee as further options for consideration by the Council
- d) requests for financial support received after the closing date for receipt of applications for Grants and Donations:
  - Woodstock Players
  - Supporting Oxfordshire Carers Forum
  - Volunteer Centre
- (e) the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 18 November 2008

It was MOVED by Cllr J Cooper, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded by Cllr T Gardiner

That the Council adopt the recommendations of the Finance Committee contained in the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2008.

By six votes to five it was agreed that the £1500 sum should be returned to the Environmental Budget for 2009/2010.

By eleven votes to one it was agreed to defer the provision for the purchase of additional cemetery land for two years to commence 2012/13.

By ten votes to three it was agreed to add £2,500 as a one-off capital sum for consultation and architect's fees for the Community Centre in 2009/10.

It was noted that the option of borrowing money could remain open, if needed.

It was agreed by nine votes to one that £250 should be returned to the Bloom budget for 2009/10.

By eight votes to two, a proposal to award a grant of £300 to the Woodstock Players was defeated, as the application had been received too late.

**RESOLVED** (by seven votes to two)

That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted, subject to the amendments set out above.

**WTC/237/08 PROPOSALS OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

It was Proposed by Cllr J Cooper, seconded by Cllr Mrs P Richardson and

**RESOLVED** unanimously

(a) That Woodstock Town Council condemns the policy of Cottsway Housing Association concerning its withdrawal from the “*supporting people contract*” conditions for providing warden services to Caroline Court and Ryegrass in the town;

(b) It believes the housing association has broken the terms of the agreement signed between Woodstock Borough Council and Blenheim Estate on twenty first January 1974 specifically schedule 2(a) relating to Caroline Court.

(c) It requests the District Council's chief legal officer to advise West Oxfordshire on what it can do to enforce this clause.

**WTC/238/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(a) Ref: 08/1708/P/FP

Rebuild existing garage to incorporate side passage with new flat/mono pitch roof over.

16A Park Street

Prof & Mrs G Bentley

Decision: No comment.

(b) Ref: 08/1721/P/FP

Erection of rear conservatory (Part retrospective)

25 Cockpit Close

Mrs L Holderness

Decision: No comment.

**WTC/239/08 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED**

That in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**WTC/240/08 PROPERTY MATTERS**

The Council received an oral report as to the latest situation on this matter.

Meeting rose at 9.45pm.