

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL HELD
AT 5.30PM ON FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr P Jay (Town Mayor)
Cllr T Airey Cllr J Cooper
Cllr Mrs A Grant Cllr P Redpath
Cllr Mrs T Redpath Cllr Mrs P Richardson
Cllr Mrs E Stokes Cllr B Yoxall

WTC/ 85/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs C Carritt, A Glees, T Gardiner and Mrs E Jay

WTC/86/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

WTC/87/08 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED

to suspend Standing Order 1 (a) to allow the meeting to take place other than on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.

WTC/88/08 PROPOSAL FOR "ECO -TOWN" AT WESTON OTMOOR

The Town Mayor reported that at the ordinary meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 24 June 2008 Cllr Philip Redpath had asked for his plans to address the subject of the proposal to build an "eco - town" known as Weston Otmoor. The Town Mayor had therefore explained that he had agreed under Standing Order 2.4 (a) to call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to submit the view of the Town Council to the Department of Communities and Local Government as part of its consultation on proposals for "eco- towns". The deadline for responses was the following Monday - 30th June 2008

At its meeting on 24 June 2008 the Council had been addressed by Mr Norman Machin of the "Weston Front" campaigners and had heard powerful arguments of objection. The meeting had asked for a response to be drafted in objection to the proposal to be submitted to the extraordinary meeting for consideration.

A simple letter of protest to be sent to the Housing Minister had been drafted and circulated to all members.

It was recommended that the letter also be sent to the consultation office of the Department of Communities and Local Government, and to the local MP and West Oxfordshire District Council with a request for their support, and to Oxfordshire County Council as the Strategic Planning Authority.

RESOLVED (unanimously)

To send the circulated letter registering the strongest possible protest against the inclusion of Weston Otmoor on the Government's list of potential eco-towns to the Department of Communities and Local Government, to the Rt Hon David Cameron M.P., to West Oxfordshire District Council and to Oxfordshire County Council.

(the meeting closed at 5.40pm)

Chairman