

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2009
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Cllr P Jay (Town Mayor)	Cllr T Gardiner (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr C Carritt	Cllr J Cooper
Cllr Mrs V Edwards	Cllr A Glee
Cllr Mrs A Grant	Cllr E Poskitt
Cllr P Redpath	Cllr Mrs T Redpath
Cllr Mrs E Stokes	

WTC/351/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs E Jay, G Myatt, Mrs P Richardson, I Thomas and B Yoxall.

WTC/352/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs A Grant declared a Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Item 4(iii), Planning Application, 40 Green Lane, as she was the owner of the property.

WTC/353/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

WTC/354/08 PROPOSALS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

It was Proposed by Cllr P Jay, seconded by Cllr T Gardiner and

RESOLVED nem con

That the Council notes the resolution about the retail premises at 2 Market Street passed at the Woodstock Town Meeting on 17th March 2009 and reconfirms its strong wish that an eligible tenant will come forward wishing to continue to use the premises as a hardware shop. It will consider any such approach sympathetically insofar as it can do so consistently with its obligations to the taxpayers of Woodstock and to the law, also having regard to the advice of its professional advisers.

WTC/355/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Ref: 09/0284/P/FP

Erection of boundary fence
25 Flemings Road

Decision: Object. This is an open plan estate and the erection of this fence will restrict vision for motorists.

(b) Ref: 09/0272/P/FP

Erection of two storey and first floor extensions, replacement porch, attached single garage, two rear dormer windows and new vehicular access.

9 Oxford Road

Decision: Object. Overdevelopment of the site.

(c) 09/0266/P/FP

40 Green Lane

Erection of side and rear extension

Cllr Mrs A Grant had declared a Prejudicial Interest in this application. She left the room and took no part in the discussion or the determination of the application.

Decision: No comment

WTC/356/08 *PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SORTING OFFICE FACILITY FROM WOODSTOCK POST OFFICE*

The Council received and considered a report from Cllr Mrs V Edwards regarding the latest situation on the removal of the sorting office from the Post Office in Woodstock.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council is committed to having a postal service and post office that meets the needs of the residents of Woodstock and Bladon. To this end, we oppose the movement of the sorting office to Kidlington. The Town Council is resolved to make representations to the Post Office and Royal Mail to endeavour to get them to rescind the move of the sorting office.

WTC/357/08 *EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS*

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/358/08 *PROPERTY MATTERS*

The Council received an updating report from the Responsible Financial Officer with regard to certain property issues. The Council considered the impact of this report on the Council’s financial situation and it was

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Council’s Solicitor be instructed to take appropriate steps to recover monies that are owing to the Town Council;
- (b) that the Finance Committee be requested to include in its regular in-year reviews of spending and income against budget the possible loss of rental income in 2009/10 and to review the timing of capital items in the light of this review;
- (c) that the scheduled date of the next meeting of the Finance Committee be brought forward if considered necessary.

The meeting rose at 8.00pm.

Signed Date