MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 22 JUNE 2010 IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL

PRESENT:

Cllr C Cooper (Town Mayor)
Cllr T Gardiner
Cllr Mrs A Grant
Cllr Mrs E Jay
Cllr P Jay
Cllr G Myatt
Cllr Mrs V Edwards (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr E Poskitt
Cllr P Redpath
Cllr Mrs T Redpath
Cllr Mrs P Richardson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Jill Dunsmore and Bob McGurrin.

WTC/61/10 FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Mayor began by introducing the new Finance Assistant for Woodstock Town Council.

WTC/62/10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Carritt, A Glees, Mrs E Stokes and I Thomas.

WTC/63/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

WTC/64/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) Former Railway Station Site

(a) Ref: 10/0738/P/FP
Erection of 33 dwellings, shop and offices with associated parking, roads and landscaping together with rear extensions to 6, 8 and 10 Oxford Street including change of use of upper floors of No.10 to offices. Youngs Garage, 2 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

(b) Ref: 10/0739/P/LB
Alterations and extensions to 6, 8 and 10 Oxford Street. Youngs Garage, 2 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

(c) Ref: 10/0740/P/DCA
Demolition of Youngs Garage, related outbuildings and car showroom. Youngs Garage, 2 Oxford Street, Woodstock.

Cllr Mrs V Edwards proposed that a strongly worded letter should be sent from the council, which was seconded by Cllr P Redpath. It was agreed that a shortened letter from WTC's property consultant should be sent with a cover letter from the council summarising the position and recording that the consultation had been insufficient and appeared to be a 'tick box' exercise. West Oxfordshire District Council will be made aware of the strength of feeling that some residents of Woodstock felt over the lack of consultation. The WTC covering letter will be returned to West Oxfordshire District Council on 23 June 2010, along with the planning consultant's letter detailing the objections.

RESOLVED
That WTC send a covering letter to West Oxfordshire District Council on 23 June 2010, along with the planning consultant's letter detailing the objections.

It was noted that English Heritage and the Duke of Marlborough have both written in support of the retention of the station. Cllr Mrs T Redpath has been working closely with WTC's planning consultant on this matter and had hoped to speak on behalf of Woodstock Town Council when the application comes before the WODC Planning Committee but may not be available when it was due to be heard. She therefore suggested that Cllr C Carritt speak instead and this proposal was accepted by all.

(ii) Planning applications that have come in since the Town Council meeting on 8th June 2010, including.

(a) Ref: 10/0627/P/FP

Erection of extensions to existing agricultural buildings and change of use to storage and distribution (Class B8) (Part Retrospective).
Field Barn, Wootton

RESOLVED
That no comment be made about this planning application.

WTC/65/10 CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr J Cooper announced that Sir Ashley Ponsonby had died. Cllr J Cooper had sent condolences from the council.

WTC/66/10 OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr J Cooper suggested that the Blenheim photograph currently on display in 'Dulcies' shop window should be displayed in the Town Hall when the 'Dulcies' window display is changed. This was agreed by Council.

The meeting rose at 8pm.

Signed …….. Date ……