

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2011
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Cooper (Town Mayor)	Cllr C Carritt
Cllr Mrs J Dunsmore	Cllr T Gardiner
Cllr A Glees	Cllr Mrs L Glees
Cllr Mrs A Grant	Cllrs E Poskitt
Cllr P Jay	Cllr P Redpath
Cllr Mrs T Redpath	Cllr Mrs P Richardson
Cllr Mrs E Stokes	Cllr Mrs E Jay
Cllr I Thomas	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Two members of the public.

WTC/232/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mrs V Edwards (Deputy Mayor), County Cllr I Hudspeth.

WTC/233/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

WTC/234/10 TIME MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF WTC PROCEDURES

The council received and considered a review presented by Cllr I Thomas on time management of the Woodstock Town Council (WTC) procedures, which was created as a result of Cllr P Jay's request following the 2000 review. The role of the Town Council and the written review were discussed. Cllr I Thomas recommended that the council consider a hybridised system of procedures and that a working party be formed to further consider options. This was seconded by Cllr P Redpath. The Council wanted to formally thank Cllr Ian Thomas for his good work on this report.

RESOLVED (14 for, 1 abstained)

That a working party consisting of Cllr Julian Cooper (Woodstock Town Mayor), Cllr Ian Thomas, Lorraine Watling (Woodstock Town Clerk), Cllr Trish Redpath and Cllr Colin Carritt be formed to further investigate the workings of neighbouring Councils with a view to a further report, and if beneficial, subsequent inclusion into WTC working practices. The working party will present its recommendation at the March 2011 Council meeting.

WTC/235/10 PLANNING MATTERS - APPLICATIONS

(a) Ref: 11/0089/P/FP

11 Churchill Gate, Woodstock

Erection of single storey rear extensions.

RESOLVED

That WTC has no comment to make about this planning application.

(b) Ref: 11/0045/P/RM

5 Westland Way, Woodstock.

Erection of attached dwelling and associated parking.

Cllr C Carritt reminded the council that an almost identical application had previously been considered by WTC and it was opposed due to overcrowding of the site. Cllr Mrs J Dunsmore pointed out that it would take away much light and privacy from the house beside it and recommended that the WTC should speak strongly against it. The Mayor was concerned that it would be an invasion of the open space on the estate.

Cllr Mrs E Stokes reminded the council that this would also set a precedent for other corner properties within the estate.

RESOLVED

The WTC will strongly object to this planning application on the grounds that it would be over-developing the site, unsustainable in its form for the site, it would take light and privacy away from No. 2 Marlborough Crescent and it sets a precedent for future applications.

The meeting rose at 9.05pm.

Signed Date