

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2014
IN THE TOWN HALL, WOODSTOCK**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Cooper (Mayor)
Cllr B Yoxall
Cllr T Wray
Cllr E Poskitt
Cllr P Jay
Cllr S Rasch

Cllr M Robertson (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Mrs E Stokes
Cllr C Carritt
Cllr Mrs E Jay
Cllr L Maybury

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: members of the public

WTC/189/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies for absence

WTC/190/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The following councillors notified the meeting of their interests:

Cllr E Poskitt: pecuniary interest in agenda item 5, Motions Presented to Council as she is a resident of Hedge End and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. Cllr E Poskitt also declared a general interest in agenda item 6, Planning Application 14/01497/FUL as she is a Member of West Oxfordshire District Council and member of Uplands planning sub-committee.

Cllr J Cooper: general interest in agenda items 5, Motions Presented to Council and 6 Planning Application 14/01497/FUL Member of West Oxfordshire District Council and member of Uplands planning sub- committee.

Cllr Yoxall: agenda item 6 Planning Application 14/01497/FUL general interest as personal friend of the applicants.

WTC/191/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- (i) Mrs Alicia Wild
Mrs Wild addressed the Council about planning application 14/01497/FUL.
- (ii) Mrs Pat Williams
Mrs Williams addressed the Council about planning application 14/01497/FUL.
- (iii) Mr John Banbury
Mr John Banbury addressed the Council about planning application 14/01497/FUL
- (iv) Mr Mark Faulkner
Mr. Mark Faulkner addressed the Council about planning application 14/01497/FUL.

WTC/192/14 QUESTIONS There were no questions submitted under standing order no. 8

With the agreement of the council the meeting brought item 6 forward on the agenda and took this matter next.

WTC/193/14 PLANNING APPLICATION 14/01497/FUL: 1 GLOVERS CLOSE, WOODSTOCK
Removal of garage and erection of new two storey dwelling (amended application).

Following extensive discussion Cllr Wray proposed that Woodstock Town Council makes no comment on this application. This was put to a vote and there were 4 votes in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention so the motion fell.

Cllr P Jay proposed, Cllr M Robertson seconded the motion, there were 6 votes in favour, 5 abstentions and the Council

RESOLVED that Woodstock Town Council reaffirms its previous **objection** to this planning application on the grounds of Planning Policy B2 of the WODC Local Plan which is a general reducing in standards of the street scene.

Cllr E Poskitt then left the meeting as she had previously declared pecuniary interest in the motion that would be discussed next.

WTC/194/14 MOTIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

The following motion from Cllr P Jay had been submitted in accordance with WTC Standing Orders.

“The council reaffirms its policy towards the proposed development in East Woodstock, namely that, in agreement with the recent Town Meeting and Town poll, it opposes any development or urbanisation on green fields abutting and surrounding our town of Woodstock and confirms that the so-called ‘Town Partnership’ is a private organisation which does not speak for or with the approval of the Town Council on planning or any other matters. It calls upon the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group to convene with all possible speed to formulate proposals both for resisting the proposed development in East Woodstock and for guiding the future development of the town in the best interests of its residents and to report promptly. It appoints Councillor Yoxall as an additional member of the group.”

Cllr Jay moved an amended motion:

“The Council reaffirms its policy towards the proposed development in East Woodstock. It opposes the developers’ plans in their present form and calls upon the Neighbourhood Plan Working group to convene with all possible speed to formulate proposals both for resisting the proposed development in East Woodstock and for guiding the future development of the town in the best interests of its residents and to report promptly. It appoints Councillor Yoxall as an additional member of the group. It considers that the Town partnership is an organisation independent of the town council which does not speak for or on behalf of the town council.”

The amended motion was seconded by Cllr Stokes and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed Date