

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30PM  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WOODSTOCK**

**PRESENT:** The Town Mayor, Councillor Mr J Cooper, members of the Woodstock Town Council (WTC), District Councillor Elizabeth Poskitt, County Councillor Ian Hudspeth and some 170 members of the public.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Mayor explained that the meeting had been called by residents to debate the Pye / Blenheim consortium proposals for 1500 houses on land abutting Woodstock.

**2. MOTIONS**

i) Proposed by Trish Redpath and seconded by Ann Grant.

*"This meeting opposes any development or urbanisation on green fields abutting and surrounding our town of Woodstock."*

**Resolved** by large majority of electors in attendance with 4 votes against.

ii) Proposed by Chris Baylis and seconded by Mrs H Brown

*"This meeting recognises the grave concerns of a large number of residents about the scale of the proposal for Woodstock East development and asks WTC and its retained Planning consultant to engage immediately with the BLENHEIM / PYE consortium to express these concerns and elicit what benefits the town might gain."*

The motion received 20 votes in favour and 58 against. **The motion fell.**

**3. CALLING OF POLL**

Mr Peter Jay addressed the meeting as follows:

"Mr Mayor,

I give formal notice that I hold in my hand a piece of paper, duly signed by [11] local electors. I shall deliver it into your hands as soon as I have finished.

It reads:-

We the undersigned, being local government electors of Woodstock, demand under Section 18(4) of schedule 12 of the local gov't act of 1972 a poll on the question "*do you oppose any development or urbanisation on green fields abutting and surrounding our town of Woodstock*".

As you are aware, Mr Mayor and as has been confirmed to us by the Returning Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council, this is sufficient under local government law to trigger a poll.

This meeting has already passed the duly moved and seconded motion that "*This meeting opposes any development or urbanisation on green fields abutting and surrounding our town*".

We have been reliably informed that such a poll will take place between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> day after the poll was demanded (which is today) and that the polls will be open from 4.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

I now place in your hands, Mr Mayor, for onward transmission to the Returning Officer the paper confirming the demand for the poll.”

Chair

Meeting closes at 9.16pm