

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018
IN WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEW ROAD, WOODSTOCK.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. P Jay (Mayor)
Cllr. F Collingwood
Cllr. S Parnes
Cllr U Parkinson
Cllr S Rasch
Cllr T Redpath

Cllr. A Grant (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr. J Cooper
Cllr M Parkinson
Cllr E Poskitt
Cllr P Redpath

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: CCllr I Hudspeth and one member of the public Mr B Yoxall attending on behalf of the Woodstock & Bladon News to write a monthly report for the publication.

WTC59/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr D Davies

WTC60/18 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Cllr J Cooper **Item 10 Planning:** Personal interest as he is a member of WODC Uplands Planning Sub-Committee.

Cllr E Poskitt **Item 10 Planning:** Personal interest as she is a member of WODC Uplands Planning Sub-Committee.

WTC61/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

None

WTC62/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 12th JUNE 2018:

Cllr S Parnes commented that the minutes were very accurate and it was pleasing to see a balance reflecting the essence and detail of the June meeting. There were no amendments and the minutes were agreed.

WTC63/18 REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

Council briefly discussed the request for a fourth memorial bench in the Lawn Cemetery. The Council Policy regarding the placement of memorial seats was referred to and it states three maximum. Other requests received in previous years had been refused.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 0 Against: 9 Abstaining: 2

RESOLVED: Council did not agree to the request.

Cllr S Parnes requested an update from The Clerk on the progress of the Council email addresses for Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that the current IT supplier had offered a discounted rate for hosting the additional mailboxes which she is in the process of accepting.

The content of the other items within the report were noted.

WTC64/18 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' UPDATE:

The monthly Parish report from Cllr I Hudspeth was received.

Cllr F Collingwood sympathised with Cllr I Hudspeth over his experience of being bitten by a dog whilst delivering leaflets, as he had also been bitten whilst doing the same job. Several other Councillors confirmed that they had experienced dog bites in the past when delivering Council material.

Cllr F Collingwood suggested that there was a problem that needed addressing and proposed that:-

WTC publicise that all dog owners should have a letter box attached to their wall rather than a letter box in their door.

Cllr S Rasch seconded the proposal

The Mayor asked who would send out the publicity? Cllr F Collingwood replied that WTC should prepare a draft to be published on the Notice boards, on the Council's website. Cllr E Poskitt suggested including it in the next issue of the Council's Newsletter.

Cllr T Redpath although agreeing that publicising the problem was a good idea, she suggested.

that all dog owners put up a notice alerting people if there is a danger.

Council agreed that the two suggestions were good ideas and a vote was taken:-

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: Council agreed for a notice to be drafted and published on the Noticeboards, Council Website and in the next issue of the Council Newsletter.

Cllr A Grant asked Cllr I Hudspeth if there was any progress on the designated motor cycle parking bays as this would free up more parking spaces. Cllr I Hudspeth replied that they would be considered within the overall review of parking in Woodstock.

Cllr S Parnes asked about the two additional TAC members. Cllr I Hudspeth confirmed that these were the two members of the Heart of Woodstock (HOW) group. He also said that he had arranged a meeting with Cllr Steve Good separately and was awaiting a response from WODC to confirm a date for the main meeting.

Cllr S Parnes also asked if OCC had any plans to mark the visit of President Trump. Cllr I Hudspeth replied that the County Council is not marking it in any way at all.

Cllr Cooper referred to the Shared Service Arrangement between Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council. He asked how many candidates were interviewed for the post of joint Chief Executive and what the redundancy package was for the present Chief Executive.

CCLr I Hudspeth confirmed that the redundancy package was £150,000 the amount to which he was entitled as he had served the County Council for 29 years. He said that there had been one candidate.

The Mayor asked how he could be redundant if someone else is being appointed to his job.

CCLr I Hudspeth explained that the position is now a joint post with Cherwell District Council.

Cllr P Redpath asked if CCLr I Hudspeth could foresee the restricted use of motor vehicles in Oxford.

CCLr I Hudspeth replied 'yes' as OCC were looking towards a zero emissions zone in the centre of Oxford which would mean a reduction in vehicles as they would have to be zero emissions or be electric.

Cllr P Redpath asked if this would be imposed through charges.

CCLr I Hudspeth said that OCC were looking at how it could get to a zero emission zone in the centre of Oxford which might be by levying charges or by congestion charging.

The District Councillors' report was received, without comment or questions raised. Cllr J Cooper reported that there would be a further slight delay to the Local Plan owing to a court case in the European Court of Justice where there is a challenge to the interpretation of the habitat directive which would therefore remain out for consultation for a further month.

WTC65/18 COMMUNICATIONS:

President Trump Visit: The Mayor said that he had said at the last council meeting that he had no plans to mark the event, because he had none. Since then he has been briefed that a short visit on 13 July was expected. It would take place entirely within the precincts of Blenheim. There would be a private dinner. Thames Valley Police would be visible in the town in substantial numbers and would be responsible for public order. The visit is to Blenheim, not to Woodstock; and he saw no need for the town to take any steps about it, whether of welcome or otherwise. Individual citizens could of course make their own decisions as to where the line between good manners and free speech should be drawn;

Blandford Wedding on 8 September: The Mayor had been told that Blenheim had applied for a road closure from the Town Square to Woodstock Gate from 0900 until 1400. The wedding was at 1200. So Blenheim expected the 300 guests to arrive from 1100, to park in Hensington car park and to buggy or walk to the church. Blenheim were arranging a brass band to be playing on the Town Square and for Bladon and Woodstock primary school children to come and wave flags as the couple leave the church. Blenheim are then taking the children to the Pleasure Gardens for some games and a picnic. There were 500 flags for the children and well-wishers to wave. The park would be closed to visitors that day, but Blenheim obviously would not chase away the early walkers obviously and the rights of way would remain open. – He asked at the last meeting what the council should do to mark the event but had received no suggestions. He therefore intended in the spirit of neighbourly good will to send to the

palace a message to the young couple of best wishes for a joyful wedding and a long and happy life;

A flag would be flown on the Town Hall on this occasion.

The Mayor confirmed that he had written as authorised by the council to Canon Adrian Daffern and his wife, as follows “you brought warmth, wit and wisdom to your role in this community; and the community loved you for it. We are sorry, very sorry, you have to go; but we do not grudge Cambridge the good fortune which their good sense has earned them. We hope you both will be very happy there. Take warm clothes!”

The Mayor had heard from Blenheim that “aside from the first day, there has been zero take up of the Barclays Bank service opening in the old estate office every Friday”. He had been asked whether we had any ideas whether and how to improve take-up of this experimental facility.

Finally The Mayor confirmed that a former Mayor Mrs Jill Dunsmore would join Cllr A Grant, Cllr J Cooper and Mr B Yoxall on the existing working group for the 110 Legacy Project and commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I.

Cllr T Redpath referred back to the request from Blenheim and asked how well had the Barclays Banking Service been publicised. The Mayor replied that there had been an article in the Woodstock and Bladon News. He acknowledged that it could be further publicised. Cllr T Redpath suggested promoting it on the Council Noticeboards and website and also on the ‘We Love Woodstock’ facebook page.

RESOLVED: The Mayor would reply to Blenheim advising that WTC would promote the Barclays Banking Service on both the Council Noticeboards and website. Cllr M Parkinson agreed to post a message on the ‘We Love Woodstock’ facebook page.

WTC66/18 QUESTIONS

The following was received from Cllr S Parnes:-

‘Since the June 12th Council meeting when the Town Mayor communicated report of a US Presidential visit to Blenheim, and triggered roar of facetious laughter filling the Mayor’s Parlour when the Mayor stated “I have to say I have no plans to mark this event”, there have emerged plans for protests within the Town boundary as well as online references to the US President as “Nazi” or “fascist”; therefore, does the Town Mayor agree such depictions of a US President, especially by any Councillors, are potentially inciting and counter-productive to an enduring special relationship; and, does the Mayor agree that any US Presidential visit to the Town or adjacent locality deserves some element of dignified marking of the occasion, to support those who do welcome a Presidential visit, bearing in mind the Town is open to all visitors, a Presidential visit presents the opportunity for immense publicity for the Town, and the United States shares many things in common with Woodstock including among other things more than 20 communities by the same name in America?’

The Mayor responded that his statement at the June council meeting that he had no plans to mark the possible visit of the president to this area was the literal truth. He was surprised by the mirth it caused. His opinion was that traditional English good manners should prevail, however unwelcome any particular visitor might be. He agreed that Woodstock, like Britain, had good reason to cherish a warm and lasting relationship with the American people.

WTC67/18 MOTIONS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL:

No motions were presented to Council.

WTC68/18 PLANNING:

Council had no objection to any of the planning applications below:-

- a) Ref: APPLICATION NO: 18/01520/S73 61 Oxford Street, Woodstock
Non-compliance with conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 17/00972/HHD to allow revised plans and materials. (Retrospective)
- b) Ref: APPLICATION NO: 18/01587/FUL Coach House Woodstock House, Rectory Lane, Woodstock
Creation of boreholes for ground source heat pumps.
- c) Ref: APPLICATION NO: 18/01687/FUL Woodstock House, Rectory Lane, Woodstock
Amendment to previous consent for a Garden Pavillion - Approval references 17/04159/FUL, and 17/04160/LBC
- d) Ref: APPLICATION NO: 18/01688/LBC Woodstock House, Rectory Lane, Woodstock
Amendment to previous consent for a Garden Pavillion - Approval references 17/04159/FUL, and 17/04160/LBC
- e) Ref: APPLICATION NO: 18/01602/HHD 2B Hensington Close, Woodstock
Alterations to include replacement of existing conservatory with new single storey rear extension

WTC69/18 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – JUNE 2018

Cllr F Collingwood explained that there was a week's expenditure missing from the reported figures owing to the Finance Assistant completing the report early because of being on annual leave at the month end. Cllr F Collingwood proposed that the payments be approved and that both the Bank Reconciliation Statements and Income & Expenditure Statements be noted, which was seconded by The Mayor.

RESOLVED: The payments totalling £14,508.21 made up until 21st June were approved.

RESOLVED: The Bank Reconciliation Statements up until 21st June 2018 were noted.

RESOLVED: The summary and detailed income & expenditure statements up until 21st June were noted without comment.

Cllr A Grant requested that the previous Property Agent be removed from the income and expenditure sheets and the current Agent added. This was agreed.

WTC70/18 COMMUNITY PLAN:

Council considered the following motion proposed by The Mayor, Cllr P Jay and seconded by Cllr E Poskitt:-

WTC:

- a) *approves in principle a Community Plan project for Woodstock, on the lines discussed at the town hall meeting on 21 June, as a process of engaging the wider community in the work of defining in broad terms a future for our town that accords with the aspirations of most of our residents; and*
- b) *will nominate a town councillor sympathetic to this as a member of the steering group suggested at the meeting.*

Mr B Yoxall was permitted to speak on behalf of the Community Plan project group and gave a brief update. He advised that there were no grants available and suggested that WTC might allocate a small amount of funds (no more than £2,000) to the Community Plan. The Mayor explained that as the allocation of funds was not proposed within the motion it would not be considered at this meeting and suggested that a request should be submitted ready for the budget review later in the year.

Cllr P Redpath referred back to the Town Appraisal and asked Mr B Yoxall if the 13 residents were representative of the community. Mr B Yoxall replied that they were as representative as he could make them to start the process off and he acknowledged that many more people needed to be involved.

Cllr T Redpath stated that she had always been slightly concerned about Community Plan issues. She felt that although it is a wonderful and great idea she had witnessed cases where a plan could be done with the best of intension but the group needed to be especially careful about what they were seeking and how wide spread the responses were. She warned that there were people out there that were looking for any opportunity in what was a well-intentioned plan actually to use it as justification for doing something else. She said that she was not against the idea of doing it and not against the process of it but, she might be against the use of it if she felt it was not truly reflective or was too open ended

The Mayor suggested that Mr B Yoxall should take note of Cllr T Redpath's concerns.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: WTC approves in principle a Community Plan project for Woodstock, on the lines discussed at the town hall meeting on 21 June and appointed Cllr M Parkinson to the Steering Group.

WTC71/18 OALC SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING:

The report from Cllr S Parnes was discussed and noted.

Council considered the following motion proposed by Cllr S Parnes and seconded by Cllr P Redpath:-

WTC will invite the Officer from Witney Town Council to come and address this Council on the ideas contained within Cllr S Parnes' report.

VOTE: For: 10 Abstained: 1

RESOLVED: The motion was carried.

WTC72/18 COUNCILLORS AREAS OF INTEREST:

After a short discussion on the report from Cllr A Grant, Cllr F Collingwood agreed to clarify the willingness of Councillors to take up their roles and advise The Clerk of any refinements required to the list, which would then be circulated by The Clerk.

WTC73/18 PLANNING MATTERS: PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE (PIP) AND TECHNICAL DETAILS CONSENT (TDC):

Cllr J Cooper confirmed that this was a proposed government regulation that had been introduced with little consultation with Town and Parish Councils and in essence was meant to speed up the planning process. Several comments were made and Cllr F Collingwood asked whether it applied to listed buildings and properties in conservation areas. Cllr I Hudspeth was unable to answer those questions and The Mayor asked the District Councillors to provide answers to the questions.

Discussion followed at the end of which Cllr T Redpath suggested that this should be referred to NALC for their assistance. Letter to be written by The Clerk and sent to NALC, Robert Courts MP, Phil Shaw WODC and Cllr I Hudspeth OCC setting out Council's opposition to the proposed regulation on the grounds that it was prejudicial to sound planning decisions to allow any less time for consideration of and consultation about planning applications.

RESOLVED: The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

WTC74/18 CAMBRIDGE-OXFORD EXPRESSWAY:

The following motion was proposed by The Mayor, and seconded by Cllr F Collingwood:-

WTC wishes the clerk to convey to the Secretary of State for Transport, Robert Courts MP, OCC Councillor Ian Hudspeth and District Councillors Julian Cooper and Elizabeth Poskitt its strong support for CPRE Oxfordshire's demand for a full statutory consultation followed by a Public Enquiry into the proposed Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor and expressway and in addition to convey its outright opposition to a proposal by OCC Cllr Judith Roberts to drive this expressway through the A44/A4095 roundabout, skirting Bladon to the south and Woodstock to the east, thus devastating two communities at one stroke.

There was a short discussion during which comments were made about the lack of robust data relating to the proposal before a vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: That the motion was carried. The Clerk will convey to the above parties WTCs strong opposition to the expressway.

Cllr I Hudspeth advised the council that the announcement of the corridor was due to be made within the next two weeks and explained that the decision would be made by Highways England.

WTC75/18 TOWN HALL REPORT:

The report was noted and The Mayor thanked Cllr F Collingwood and the staff for producing it.

WTC76/18 OXFORDSHIRE COTSWOLDS GARDEN VILLAGE AREA ACTION PLAN (AAP) PROPOSAL:

Cllr T Redpath advised Council that the proposal contained very specific questions about how they would like the plan to be implemented, which was probably beyond what WTC would want to get involved in. She said the thing that would affect Woodstock was the additional pressure which the 2,200 houses would put on the local roads. She stated that she was not making any suggestions as to how WTC should respond to the proposal and referred to the thorough overview in the report produced by Bob Hindhaugh, the transport consultant commissioned by WTC.

Cllr P Redpath referred to air quality and the health issues which people were experiencing from air pollution and said that the health angle might be the most effective way to oppose development. He then proposed the following motion which was seconded by Cllr S Rasch:-

That WTC should send a letter to WODC emphasising very strongly that they may well feel that they can deal with the congestion but they cannot deal with the health effects on the public.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstaining: 4

RESOLVED: The motion was carried.

WTC77/18 THE CHERWELL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE:

Cllr T Redpath advised the council that she had recently attended a meeting of the 'alliance' in her capacity as secretary of the 'Woodstock Action Group' (WAG) and reported that the alliance were happy for her also to represent Woodstock Town Council at their meetings.

She confirmed that the alliance had circulated a copy of their transport report which was included with her report and said that the alliance is putting out a press release the major point of which is below:-

By combining we think we can improve our chances of halting the massive violation of green belt and green field land to the north of Oxford. Since the local review was announced in late 2016 all of the five members of the new coalition have been protesting vigorously against it. The effect of this development on the already troubled traffic flow on the A44 and A4260 through Kidlington will be disastrous and yet our detailed and damning representations of the issues have been blithely ignored by Cherwell.

Cllr T Redpath proposed the following motion, seconded by Cllr A Grant:-

As there is no August meeting, WTC in-principle support commissioning Graham Keevill to attend the hearing if it is necessary and agree his attendance is as "witness", also that the Council will support him providing a Proof of Evidence based on his existing report.

Cllr U Parkinson asked how much it was going to cost and asked whether there was going to be a cap put on it Cllr T Redpath reiterated the hourly rate charged by Graham Keevill and

suggested that Council should agree an initial budget, only to be exceeded with written approval. Cllr P Redpath proposed an initial budget of £1,200. Cllr J Cooper agreed that the amount seemed about right.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: WTC approved the above motion and agreed a budget of £1,200 maximum in this financial year to be allocated to cover related costs.

WTC78/18 LAWN CEMETERY EXTENSION UPDATE:

Council noted the report from Cllr A Grant providing an update on the cemetery extension along with the additional information that Cllr E Poskitt had obtained from Phil Shaw at WODC in relation to the lapsed planning application.

RESOLVED: Council agreed unanimously that Cllr A Grant and The Clerk should proceed accordingly.

WTC79/18 ARMED FORCES COVENANT:

The Mayor proposed that he should sign the Armed Forces Covenant which was seconded by Cllr F Collingwood.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 11 Against: 0 Abstaining: 0

RESOLVED: Council unanimously agreed and the motion was carried.

WTC80/18 TAC MEETING OF JUNE 21ST AND EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDERS FOR RESIDENT PARKING:

The summary of the TAC meeting held on 21st June 2018 prepared by Cllr S Parnes was noted.

WTC81/18 REVIEW AND FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF JUDICIAL REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS:

The Mayor stated that the proposal within the report was in violation of Standing Orders on rescissions of council decisions with the last six months and therefore could not be discussed or debated by council. Although Cllr S Parnes attempted to argue his point The Mayor reminded the council that rulings on points of order could not be debated.

WTC82/18 US PRESIDENTIAL VISIT:

Council discussed the US Presidential visit to Blenheim. The proposal in Cllr S Parnes' report was not seconded.

Cllr F Collingwood proposed the following motion which was seconded by Cllr M Parkinson:-

That if any Councillor is going to take part in the demonstration, on whatever side they, are not representing the Town Council.

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: The motion was carried

WTC83/18 PROPERTY MATTERS:

Cllr A Grant provided Council with an update on property matters which was noted. She asked Council to consider a quote from the company that were currently redecorating the Mayor's Parlour to repaint the doors and frames in the area of the Assembly Room and Kitchen

A vote was taken.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 0 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: Council agreed to accept the quote of £840.00 to repaint the Chair Store door and frame, panelling to the left hand side of that door, the double doors and frame adjoining the panelling and the double doors and frame into the Assembly Rooms.

WTC84/18 TEMPORARAY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The Mayor requested permission from council to discuss how to deal with planning applications requiring comment during August which he had in error omitted to resolve during the planning agenda item. He apologised for his mistake.

Council debated the two possible solutions which were either to have one or more extraordinary town council meetings or to establish a temporary planning committee were debated at length.

The Mayor asked Councillors to indicate informally on whether they would prefer to have extraordinary town council meetings or to establish a temporary Planning Committee.

Cllr S Parnes requested a named vote which The Mayor stated was not appropriate for a straw poll vote.

A straw poll vote was taken on the preference for one or more extraordinary town council meetings.

VOTE: For: 4

A straw poll vote was taken on the preference to establish a temporary planning committee.

VOTE: For: 7

The Mayor proposed the following motion which was seconded by Cllr E Poskitt:-

That Council establishes a temporary Planning Committee to operate from now until the Council scheduled meeting in September with powers to consider and comment to the planning authorities on planning applications received where comments are needed before the Council's next scheduled monthly meeting, the members of the planning committee to be Cllrs U Parkinson, A Grant, J Cooper, M Parkinson, F Collingwood, E Poskitt, T Redpath, S Parnes, S Rasch, P Redpath & D Davies. The

Council further asks Town Hall Staff to monitor closely all planning applications received during this period and to draw all Councillors attention to them by email and if staff find a decision is needed before the next scheduled Council meeting they shall advise the Chairman of the Committee who will convene the necessary meeting.

Staff are asked to ensure that as far as possible the public are fully informed.

Cllr S Parnes requested a named vote.

A vote was then taken.

VOTE:	For:	9	Cllrs U Parkinson, M Parkinson, P Jay, F Collingwood, E Poskitt, T Redpath, S Rasch & P Redpath
	Against:	3	Cllrs A Grant, S Parnes & J Cooper

RESOLVED: The motion was carried

The Mayor asked the members of the Committee to stand up for the purpose of holding a meeting of the committee sufficient to elect a Chairman. Cllr S Parnes stated that he did not want be a part of the committee.

Cllr P Redpath proposed the Deputy Mayor, Cllr A Grant to be Chair of the Committee which was seconded by Cllr J Cooper.

A vote was taken.

VOTE:	For:	9	Against:	0	Abstaining:	0
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As they are not members of the committee Cllrs P Jay and S Parnes did not vote.

RESOLVED: The Deputy confirmed as Chairman of the committee and The Clerk agreed to take the minutes of the meeting.

The Chairman confirmed the meeting of the TPC had closed at 9.24pm.

The monthly meeting then reconvened.

WTC85/18 WOODSTOCK: CAUSEWAY ZEBRA CROSSING:

Cllr J Cooper advised Council that the cost as set out in the County Officer's submission was £3.6k. The justification for the expenditure was highway safety, as a number of residents and visitors using this crossing between the end of Manor Road and Oxford Street found that traffic seemed unaware of the facility until they had very nearly reached this road safety measure. The Town Council approximately twenty years ago funded this crossing to enable safe passage to the entrance of the park which many individuals both from inside and outside the parish were using to gain access to Blenheim.

Cllr J Cooper proposed the following motion, seconded by Cllr M Parkinson:-

That the Council using the same power as before proceed to commission the County Council to install the new Halo lights at a cost of £3.6 k.

Cllr F Collingwood pointed out that there was no budget for this and discussion followed.

The Mayor proposed the following amendment to the motion seconded by Cllr T Redpath:-

That the Council using the same power as before proceed to commission the County Council to install the new Halo lights at a cost of £3.6 k. subject to budgetary processes and financial regulations.

VOTE: For: 8 Against: 2 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: The amendment to the motion was carried.

The Mayor then requested a vote on the amended motion as shown below:-

That the Council using the same power as before proceed to commission the County Council to install the new Halo lights at a cost of £3.6 k. subject to normal budgetary processes and financial regulations.

VOTE: For: 10 Against: 1 Abstaining: 0

RESOLVED: The amended motion was carried.

WTC86/18 QUOTE TO REPLACE BENCHES ON TOWN SQUARE SITUATED TO EITHER SIDE OF TOWN HALL MAIN ENTRANCE:

Council did not approve the quote presented by The Clerk to replace the two benches situated either side of the main Town Hall entrance. Cllr P Redpath said that the benches could be easily repaired at a fraction of the suggested replacement cost. Council voted in favour of the benches being repaired.

Cllr P Redpath volunteered to measure up the slats and also advise The Clerk on the fixing required for repairing the benches. He also offered to contact a carpenter to submit a quote.

WTC87/18 QUOTE TO REPLACE SPLIT SLAT ON TOWN SQUARE:

The council agreed that the slats on the three benches adopted by Woodstock Town Council that sit to the sides of the Town Square should be repaired.

Cllr P Redpath also agreed to assist with measuring and ordering replacement slats and ordering any other fittings required.

WTC88/18 WYCHWOOD REPORT FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2018 & INVOICE:

Council noted the quarterly report and approved the invoice for payment.

The meeting closed at 21.37hrs