

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 22.05 PM ON TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Also in Attendance:** None.

**WTC/258/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs L Maybury, C Carritt and M Robertson

**WTC/259/15 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN:** Cllr E Poskitt declared a prejudicial interest in the 'Land South East of Woodstock' Newsletter and proposed that, in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Cooper Chair this meeting and the Council agreed to this.

Cllr E Poskitt then left the meeting and Cllr J Cooper took over as the Chairman.

**WTC/260/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**WTC/261/15 LAND SOUTH EAST OF WOODSTOCK NEWSLETTER:** Cllr B Yoxall proposed, Cllr Mrs S Rasch seconded the motion that Woodstock Town Council opposes the proposed development of 280 houses on a green-field site south of Woodstock because:

1. The proposed site is a green field and its development would also jeopardise the setting of the World Heritage Site.
2. The proposals make no provision whatsoever for essential infrastructure improvements such as a new Primary School and alleviation of the acute traffic congestion in Shipton Road;
3. The overall amount of housing proposed would increase the population of Woodstock by approximately one third, exceeding the infrastructure capacity of the town which is already overstretched by the housing development at Marlborough Place (Phase 2);
4. There is insufficient provision for affordable housing, which should mean no more than what an average earner (about £500 per week) can afford;

and the Council

**RESOLVED** (5 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions) to note and approve as the basis for future Council policy the above motion passed tonight at the Annual Town Meeting on the subject of Woodstock South East and to make that the basis of the Council's response to the consultation document from "Terence O'Rourke Ltd".

**ACTION:** *The Town Clerk will send the Woodstock Town Council response to the consultation document to Terence O'Rourke Ltd.*

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed ..... Date .....