

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016  
IN THE TOWN HALL, WOODSTOCK**

**PRESENT:**

**Cllr. E Poskitt (Mayor)  
Cllr. J Cooper  
Cllr. P Jay  
Cllr. S Rasch  
Cllr. T Redpath  
Cllr. E Stokes**

**Cllr. F Collingwood (Deputy Mayor)  
Cllr. A Grant  
Cllr. S Parnes  
Cllr. P Redpath  
Cllr. M Robertson  
Cllr. B Yoxall**

Also in attendance five members of the public.

**WTC/179/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None

**WTC/180/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Yoxall declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7.

**WTC/181/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:**

Mrs Ma addressed the Council on safety on the very narrow public footpath on the A44 coming down the hill from Old Woodstock to the Black Prince and stated that she had seen three lorries mount the kerb onto this footpath. This was a danger to pedestrians and in particular to mothers with toddlers and pushchairs and pupils walking along the footpath to get to the primary school and back.

Mrs English supported Mrs Ma and had also seen a lorry mount the kerb. She suggested that a footbridge be constructed from Barn Piece estate across the River Glyme and the Water Meadows to Brook Hill so that it was no longer necessary to walk beside the road. She also complained about pollution levels on this stretch of road.

The Mayor explained that road safety on the A44 was a matter for Oxfordshire County Council and Woodstock Town Council had no power in the matter. The lack of funding is also a problem.

Cllr. Poskitt proposed and Cllr. M Robertson seconded the motion and it was

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**

**that a letter is sent to West Oxfordshire District Council to have a pollution monitor installed on the A44 in Old Woodstock**

**WTC/182/16 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted the public and the press be temporarily excluded from the meeting (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act s1).**

## WTC/183/16 OUTSTANDING BILLS

(i) a. It was reported that the Deputy Mayor had written to the solicitors with a query on an outstanding bill.

**RESOLVED that the bill should not be paid until a satisfactory response was received.**

For: Cllrs. F Collingwood, A Grant, S Parnes, P Redpath, R Rasch, Mrs T Redpath, E Stokes and B Yoxall.

Against: Cllrs. E Poskitt, J Cooper, P Jay and M Robertson.

(i)b. **RESOLVED** unanimously

**that a second bill from the solicitors for drafting an agreement be paid as soon as practical.**

(iii) In relation to a bill for letting a property, it was

**RESOLVED** unanimously

**that, subject to checking that the invoice had not already been paid, an invoice from the Council's letting agents for finding a tenant for 24 Market Place be paid.**

## WTC/184/16 PROPERTY MATTER

It was proposed by Cllr. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. Yoxall and

**RESOLVED** (*nem con*)

**that 8 Park Street be let to the first tenant on the list of three recommended by the letting agents..**

## WTC/185/16 STAFF MATTER

It was proposed by Cllr S Parnes and seconded by Cllr. P Redpath *that advice on the staff matter be obtained from Zurich, the Council's insurers, or their solicitors before making a decision and going back to the plaintiff's solicitors.*

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Mrs T Redpath and accepted by the proposer *that two Councillors be appointed to prepare papers for consideration by Zurich*

For: Cllrs. A Grant, S Parnes, S Rasch, Mrs P Redpath, P Redpath, E Stokes and B Yoxall.

Against: Cllrs E. Poskitt, F. Collingwood, J. Cooper, P. Jay and M. Robertson.

**The amendment therefore passed**

The amended Motion *that advice on the staff matter be obtained from Zurich, the Council's insurers, or their solicitors before making a decision and going back to the plaintiff's solicitors and that two Councillors be appointed to prepare papers for consideration by Zurich*

was then put to the meeting

For: Cllrs. A Grant, S Parnes, Mrs P Redpath, P Redpath, E Stokes and B Yoxall.

Against: Cllrs E. Poskitt, F. Collingwood, J. Cooper, P. Jay, S Rasch and M. Robertson.

The Mayor used her casting vote to vote against the motion

**The motion was lost.**

Cllr P Jay then proposed and Cllr. Robertson seconded

*that Council instructs its representatives to negotiate the best settlement that they can on its behalf.*

For: Cllrs E. Poskitt, F. Collingwood, J. Cooper, P. Jay, S Rasch and M. Robertson.

Against: Cllrs. A Grant, S Parnes, Mrs P Redpath, P Redpath, E Stokes and B Yoxall.

The Mayor used her casting vote to vote for the motion

**RESOLVED**

**that Council instructs its representatives to negotiate the best settlement that they can on its behalf**

Cllr. E Poskitt proposed that Cllr. F. Collingwood be **the point of contact for negotiations between the Council's advisers and the plaintiff's solicitor and that all evidence be channelled through him.** There was unanimous agreement. **It was also agreed that there should be no admission of liability**

The meeting closed at 21.20

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