

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF
THE WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2017**

At 7.30pm

**IN SEMINAR ROOM 3, MARLBOROUGH ENTERPRISE CENTRE,
MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL,**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Mrs T Redpath (Mayor)

Cllr. A Grant (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr. F Collingwood

Cllr. J Cooper

Cllr. E Poskitt

Cllr. P Redpath

Cllr. E Stokes

Cllr B Yoxall

Cllr P Jay

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public

WTC113/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs U Parkinson, S Rasch & S Parnes.

Cllrs P Jay & J Cooper they will be arriving late due to attending another meeting.

WTC114/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr E Poskitt – **Item 6**

pecuniary interest due to residing at 11 Hedge End which is within close proximity to the Woodstock East site.

**WTC115/17 RESPONSE FROM HIGHWAY CONSULTANT TO CHERWELL & WODC HOUSING
PLAN**

Bob Hindhaugh introduced himself and then presented his draft report 'Transport Congestion And Local Plan Policy Proposals Review/Assessment' which included a large amount of technical content for the benefit of the Inspector. He invited feedback on the content of the report and is also happy to receive recommendations as to what stays in and is removed from it. Bob also advised that each section of the report has an executive summary which can be used as an independent stand-alone document if required in the future. Bob responded to the questions raised relating to the A40/A44 funding for road improvements, the Shipon and Hensington Road pinch points, air pollution levels and the amount of development Woodstock has already had. Cllr Poskitt has agreed to proof read the final version of the report in advance of the submission deadline which is Tuesday 10th October at 5.30pm

**WTC116/17 RESPONSE FROM HERITAGE CONSULTANT TO CHERWELL & WODC HOUSING
PLAN**

Graham Keevil introduced himself and then presented his draft report 'Proposed Allocations Of Land For New Housing At Woodstock, Oxfordshire, In The Cherwell And West Oxfordshire District Plans to 2032'. He advised that the last Heritage Assessment for Woodstock was completed back in 1975 and gave an outline of the impact of the proposed development would have on the town. Questions were raised as to whether more could be made of the lack of coordination between West

Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) and Cherwell District Council (CDC) within their plans. WODC have on record admitted that there had been no coordination with CDC.. Cllr Collingwood made reference to 'Dornford Lane' which is an Anglo Saxon road running from Steeple Aston to Woodstock which had been used by Anglo Saxon Kings to transport wheat to Blenheim. Graham agreed to check this information out further. Cllr P Jay proposed a motion which was seconded by Cllr B Yoxall that the reports (agenda items 3, 4 & 5 are noted and approved by Council). He also recommended Council approve the programme of action outlined by Bob Hindhaugh in his draft report.

RESOLVED: WTC unanimously voted in favour and the motion was carried.

WTC117/17 RESPONSE FROM PLANNING CONSULTANT TO CHERWELL & WODC HOUSING PLAN:

Suzanne Bratley advised that her response was combined within the report presented by Bob Hindhaugh. She has kept to including key points and will also include some useful tables.

WTC118/17 CORRESPONDENCE WITH SOLICITOR ACTING FOR WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr Poskitt left the room at this point as she had declared a prejudicial interest in this agenda item.

Cllr T Redpath proposed a motion which was seconded by Cllr Grant that Council approval to commit £1,300 for Nicholas Kingsley-Smith to investigate further whether the recent government change to housing need assessment would enable WTC to have a 'new angle' for arguing against the proposed housing development plans of WODC and CDC. Cllr Jay raised concern relating to WTC committing to seeing the issue through to Judicial Review and the financial implications of that. A debate ensued before the motion was put to the vote:

VOTE: For: 7 Abstaining: 1

RESOLVED: The motion was carried.

WTC119/17 DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY PLAN

Cllr Yoxall presented a report proposing the framework for developing a community plan for Woodstock which was seconded by Cllr Jay. WTC agreed the change of name from 'neighbourhood' to 'community' plan. The wording of the document and the involvement/input of the community was discussed and Cllr Yoxall was asked to present a revised version of the framework to the next meeting for consideration.

WTC120/17 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Yoxall advised that funds have been made available for the leaflet to be produced promoting Woodstock. He had previously emailed Councillors and had invited comments on the draft text for this which some members stated they did not receive.

Action: Cllr Yoxall will recirculate the email with a view to receiving comments/amendments from Councillors.

WTC121/17 NEIGHBOURING PARISH COUNCILS: OUTREACH AND COOPERATION (DEFERRED FROM JULY 2016) AND REPORT ON WITNEY VISION EXPERIENCE

Neighbouring Parish Councils: Outreach And Cooperation (Deferred From July 2016)

Cllr Jay wished to address the motion submitted from a report by Cllr Parnes as he deemed it to be a sensible suggestion. He proposed an amendment to the wording of the motion to delete the sentence '**Members would as normally be eligible for reimbursement of relevant reasonable travel expenses**' which was seconded by Cllr Yoxall. Cllr T Redpath also suggested amending the word 'establish' to 'explore and develop'.

The amended version of the motion is shown below:-

'Woodstock Town Council resolves to explore and develop the Woodstock Initiative of Parish and Town Council Outreach whereby all WTC Members are invited to volunteer their time on one occasion within the remainder of the municipal to year, to visit a nearby parish/town council meeting and coordinate to speak in the public participation segment to introduce local issues and offerings of Woodstock, invite reciprocal feedback, visits and contacts via the Town Hall, observe proceedings and report back to the Town Council on the experience and any issues of interest. At the end of the municipal year the outcome is to be evaluated, for consideration of the results and experiences, as well as whether the Initiative should be extended or modified.'

Vote: For: 4 Against: 3 Abstaining: 2

RESOLVED: Woodstock Town Council resolves to explore and develop the Woodstock Initiative of Parish and Town Council Outreach whereby all WTC Members are invited to volunteer their time on one occasion within the remainder of the municipal to year, to visit a nearby parish/town council meeting and coordinate to speak in the public participation segment to introduce local issues and offerings of Woodstock, invite reciprocal feedback, visits and contacts via the Town Hall, observe proceedings and report back to the Town Council on the experience and any issues of interest. At the end of the municipal year the outcome is to be evaluated, for consideration of the results and experiences, as well as whether the Initiative should be extended or modified.

Report On Witney Vision Experience

As Cllr Parnes was not present at the meeting and a report on Witney Vision Experience was not received prior to the meeting the item was not discussed and it was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting finished at 21.30hrs

