

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2013  
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr J Cooper (Mayor)	Cllr M Robertson (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr C Carritt
Cllr E Poskitt	Cllr T Wray	Cllr Mrs P Richardson
Cllr S Parnes	Cllr G Fleetwood	Cllr B Yoxall

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 22 Members of the Public and County Cllr Hudspeth.

**WTC/61/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Mrs V Edwards, P Jay and Mrs E Stokes.

**WTC/62/13 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Cllr declared any pecuniary interests. Cllr Parnes declared a general interest in Agenda Items 3 Public Participation With Respect to Items on the Agenda, and 4 Motions Presented to Council as he resides on a development near a field intended for development and near a road that would be affected by another intended development.

**WTC/63/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(i) Mr Philip Redpath

Mr Redpath said that the Town Clerk and Town Mayor had confirmed that WTC would be pro-active when responding to the proposed development in the field north of Marlborough Place. Mr Redpath suggested that the wheel need not be reinvented as there were existing documents that contained arguments against developments that still stood. He considered that Kemp and Kemp needed to be informed of any relevant documents. He noted that members of the public can ask the Town Council to copy such documents and pass the information to Mr Mellor. Mr Redpath will confirm what information he has at home that may be of use.

(i) Dr Bob McGurrian

Dr McGurrian the Chairman of the Woodstock Action Group (WAG) urged WTC to confirm the two resolutions that were unanimously passed by the Town Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and any positive amendments made to these during the ETC that evening. He said that the Pye-Blenheim Consortium had plans to develop the fields behind Marlborough Place and to relocate the Old Woodstock Football Club from its current location to farmland behind Hedge End complete with two football pitches, floodlighting and a large car park with access to and from the busy A44 and on to Shipton Road resulting in further congestion and safety issues. Dr McGurrian said that residents should not wait for the planning applications to arrive but prepare now and produce a strategy and co-ordinated plan against both the Pye-Blenheim proposed developments at Marlborough Place and at Hedge End. He said that WAG will help in any way that it can.

The Mayor reported that he had heard from the developers that they would be putting in a planning application before the end of the month but that to date nothing had been received by WODC.

**WTC/64/13 MOTIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL**

The following two motions were submitted and unanimously resolved by residents at the Town Meeting that was held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

1. *This meeting requests Woodstock Town Council to commission a traffic survey using the Council's planning consultation fund to cover the Shipton Road,*

*Banbury Road, Hensington networks and also Marlborough Place, Princes Ride, Flemings Road, New Road and Plane Tree Way.*

2. *The Woodstock Town Meeting wishes to urge Woodstock Town Council to engage Mr Huw Mellor to represent Woodstock against proposed development of a large scale as part of the Local Plan or independent developments.*

Discussion followed. Cllr Parnes proposed that the following words be added at the end of the first motion:

a) In view of a local developer's current promotional consultation related to an intended development and option on a nearby site, WTC recognises the importance of the traffic survey's prioritization of assessing traffic effects in the area of the Budds Close Field (i.e. Shipton Road/Banbury Road area) as well as effect of traffic from any alternative access resulting from development on the Hedge End field (i.e. Shipton Road/Station Road, other access through the estate etc.).

b) The traffic survey shall be commenced immediately to take account of term-time traffic.

This was seconded by Cllr Fleetwood.

Discussion followed. Cllr Poskitt joined the meeting at this point. It was noted that the purpose of traffic calming is to reduce speed and not the volume of traffic. It was also noted that this would be a factual research project that would provide information about the current position that planning data could be added to later.

**RESOLVED** (Unanimous)

That the amendments to motion 1 detailed at a) and b) above are accepted.

The amended motion was then voted upon.

**RESOLVED** (Unanimous)

That Woodstock Town Council will commission a traffic survey using the Council's planning consultation fund to cover the Shipton Road, Banbury Road, Hensington networks and also Marlborough Place, Princes Ride, Flemings Road, New Road and Plane Tree Way.

a) In view of a local developer's current promotional consultation related to an intended development and option on a nearby site, WTC recognises the importance of the traffic survey's prioritization of assessing traffic effects in the area of the Budds Close Field (i.e. Shipton Road/Banbury Road area) as well as the effect of traffic from any alternative access resulting from development on the Hedge End field (i.e. Shipton Road/Station Road, other access through the estate etc.).

b) The traffic survey shall be commenced immediately to take account of term-time traffic.

**ACTION:** *The Town Clerk will take guidance from Mr Mellor, Kemp and Kemp to establish the scope of the survey.*

Cllr Parnes proposed that the following words be added to the end of the second motion:

a) Engagement of Huw Mellor shall include instructions to prepare a case to challenge major development application, whether in the Local Plan or otherwise, in relation to Budds Close field, Hedge End, recreational field, New Road and Old Woodstock.

b) The instructions will be to commence work immediately.

This amendment to the motion was seconded by Cllr Fleetwood. Discussion followed during which it was noted that Mr Mellor would know of any relevant standards that exist.

**RESOLVED** (6 votes for, 1 against and two Cllrs who were non-voters)  
That the amendments to motion 2 detailed at a) and b) above are accepted.

The amended motion was then voted upon.

**RESOLVED** (7 votes for and 2 non-voters)  
That WTC will engage Mr Huw Mellor to represent Woodstock against proposed development of a large scale as part of the Local Plan or independent developments.

a) Engagement of Huw Mellor shall include instructions to prepare a case to challenge major development application, whether in the Local Plan or otherwise, in relation to Budds Close field, Hedge End, recreational field, New Road and Old Woodstock.

b) The instructions will be to commence work immediately.

**WTC/65/13** **OWL EXTENSION**

(i) Revised Management Plan

It was noted that OCC had confirmed approval of the revised Management Plan for the OWL Extension.

(ii) Quotations for the Path and Additional Fencing at the OWL Reserve Extension

Three quotations for the path and additional fencing at the OWL reserve were received and considered. Discussion followed.

**RESOLVED**

That Complete Land Care Ltd is awarded the path and additional fencing work at the OWL reserve extension at a total cost of £3427.00 plus VAT.

It was noted that two of the quotations were very similar but that the company appointed had provided fixed prices for each item within the specification.

(iii) Quotations for Two New Signs at the OWL Reserve Extension

Two quotations for the two new signs at the OWL reserve extension were considered (three quotations had been sought but one company had not responded). Discussion followed

**RESOLVED**

That Leander Architectural Ltd is awarded the work for the production of two new signs at the OWL Reserve Extension at a total cost of £641.03 plus VAT.

It was noted that the company appointed had produced the original signs. They therefore had the artwork (resulting in a cost saving) and paint and could make signs that would accurately match the existing signs. The price does not include installation.

**WTC/66/13** **PLANNING**

The following planning application was received and considered.

Ref: 13/0838/P/LB: 26 High Street, Woodstock. Alterations to block up existing Internal doorway and insertion of new internal French doors.

**RESOLVED**: No comment.

**ACTION**: *The planning responses will be notified to WODC.*

**WTC/67/13 SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT**

The Council considered the OCC consultation about the proposal to change the provision of School Bus Transport. Discussion followed during which County Cllr Hudspeth provided clarification.

Cllr Carritt proposed that WTC submit no comment to the OCC consultation. Cllr Poskitt seconded this motion but it fell on a vote.

The Deputy Mayor proposed that WTC send a statement to OCC to inform them that WTC is very deeply concerned about the impact of this policy on schools, on family finances, traffic and the school community. Cllr Yoxall seconded this motion.

Cllr Poskitt suggested that the motion be amended as follows: Woodstock Town Council has debated the matter and acknowledges the complexity of the issues involved but would like reassurance that any changes would not have adverse effects on schools, family finances, traffic and the school community. The Deputy Mayor and Cllr Yoxall accepted these amendments.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**

That OCC will be informed that Woodstock Town Council has debated the matter and acknowledges the complexity of the issues involved but would like reassurance that any changes would not have adverse effects on schools, family finances, traffic and the school community.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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