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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Woodstock Town Council held in The Town Hall, Woodstock on Tuesday 16th August 2022 at 6.30pm

Cllrs. present: Elizabeth Poskitt (Mayor)
Jo Lamb (Deputy Mayor)
John Bleakley
Ann Grant
Sharone Parnes
Nick Manby-Brown
Cllr Spencer-Churchill

ETC 10/08/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Bailey, Manson, M Parkinson and U Parkinson.

ETC 11/08/22

Declarations of Interests

To receive any declarations of interests on the agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct

Cllr Poskitt declared an interest for item 4 Planning & Licensing as she serves as a District Councillor and Chair of the Development Control Committee and Uplands Planning Committee.

ETC 12/08/22 Public Speaking and Question Time

This period of time designated for public speaking in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed 3 mins per speaker with a maximum of 15 minutes in total being allocated. Although no prior notification is required, notification to the Town Clerk is welcomed

None

ETC 13/08/22 Planning & Licensing

22/02007/HHD 42 Banbury Road Woodstock

No objection

22/01976/HHD 32 Blackberry Way, Woodstock

No objection

22/01815/HHD 40 Westland Way Woodstock

Although listed on this agenda, the application had also been on the agenda of the previous WTC meeting and the Council's views had been determined then so the item was not considered further here.

ETC 14/08/22 To approve the Town Council response to the Inspector's questions regarding Woodstock Green Spaces Neighbourhood Plan

The response to the Inspector reviewing the Green Spaces Neighbourhood Plan had been drawn up by the Green Spaces Working Party in collaboration with Troy Planning and Design.

Council members resolved unanimously to approve the response and for the Locum Clerk to forward the response to Astrid Harvey at WODC who would forward it to the Inspector.

ETC 15/08/22 Report from the Mayor regarding the visit from the Mayor of Maintenon and associates.

Cllr Poskitt described the visit of the Mayor and two Deputy Mayors from Maintenon in France two weeks previously. The visit was to consider the possibility of twinning arrangements between Maintenon and Woodstock. Those community leaders who did meet the visitors were all very positive about linkages between the two communities.

Cllrs present at this ETM expressed varied views with some concerned about the possible costs indicated by the Maintenon visitors. However costs would largely relate to hosting visits by Maintenon residents in alternate years.

Maintenon had invited representatives from Woodstock to come and visit their town in November 2022. This would be at the personal expense of those going from this town.

Cllr Poskitt proposed holding an open meeting for residents early in the autumn to test the interest of residents for a connection between the two towns. This was seconded.

For: 5
Against : 2
Abstaining: 1

Resolved to call an open meeting at which to consult residents' views on connections between the two communities.

ETC 16/08/22 Exclusion of the Press and Public.

To resolve the exclusion of press and public in accordance with the Press and Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the matters to be discussed are deemed as legal privilege and contractual

Proposed by Cllr Poskitt, seconded by Cllr Grant and **approved** unanimously.

ETC 17/08/22 To consider/ratify the response to HM Land Registry regarding the Notice of application for registration of a person in adverse possession: Land adjoining Glyme Close Woodstock

It had been agreed at a previous WTC meeting that Council would go ahead with lodging an objection with the Land Registry. After discussion Cllrs agreed the draft so far produced and asked that Cllr Lamb to continue working with the Locum Clerk to produce the final version of the objection. As Henmans//freeth had involvement in the past, it seemed appropriate to use them again as legal advice if Zurich approved.

Council **resolved unanimously:**

- To thank Cllr Parnes for obtaining an extension to the deadline for a response
- To thank Cllr Lamb for all the work she had put into preparing the draft and ask her to continue to work on this
- To inform our insurers Zurich to find out the position regarding costs that could be incurred and to accept their advice
- If Zurich were content with the procedure, Cllr Lamb and the Clerk to work on the final document and send it either to the Land Registry via Henmans/Freeth or directly to the Land Registry by the Clerk.

ETC 18/08/22 To consider quotation(s) to appoint a company to implement the Watermeadows Management Plan 2022

There had been only one estimate submitted. It was proposed, seconded and **approved** unanimously that the quotation should be approved and that the company should be appointed to implement the Watermeadows Management Plan 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm