

Minutes of a Meeting of Woodcote Parish Council

Wednesday 06th November 2024 at 19:30, The Function Room, Woodcote Village Hall

Public Session (Prior to the Start of the Meeting)

No Comments.

Members Present:

Chair	Cllr K Davies (KD)
Vice-Chair	Cllr K Byrne (KB)
Members	Cllr H Booker (HB)
	Cllr S Pritchard (SP)
	Cllr D Ellis (DE)
	Cllr T Over (TO)
	Cllr R Peirce (RP)
	Cllr L Bilbe (LB)

Officers Present

Clerk	Mrs L White (LW)
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Public and Press At least 3

Meeting Started: 19:31

24.07.1. To receive apologies for absence. [LGA 1972 s85(1)]

Apologies were received in advance of the meeting from Cllrs Sloper & Urbick.

24.07.2. To receive declarations of interest for items on this agenda [LA 2011 s31]

None.

24.07.3. To approve the minutes of previous council meetings [LA 1972 Sch 12. Para 41(1)]

24.07.3.1. Meeting held on 02nd October 2024

It was agreed the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

24.07.3.2. Matters arising from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

24.07.4. Finance 2024-2025 part 1, moved to the start of the meeting for members of public to make representations.

24.07.4.1. To consider, and if suitable, approve grant requests from:

- Woodcote Correspondent £2400
- Citizens Advice £650
- St Leonards Church £1000

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to Woodcote Correspondent of £2400 – s137 Grant.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to Citizens Advice of £650 – s137 Grant.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to St Leonards Church of £1000 - LGA 1972 s214

24.07.5. To Appoint a Vice-Chair for Q3 of the Council Year.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to appoint Cllr Byrne as Vice-Chair for Quarter 3 of the Council year.

24.07.6. Planning [The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015]

To approve response to the request to consult on Planning Applications

24.07.6.1. P24/S3324/HH – Trees Green Lane Woodcote RG8 0RT

House alterations to include relocated front porch, insertion of rooflights, revisions to fenestration and internal reconfiguration. Garden room side extension. Conversion of garage loft into home office. Associated external works.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to submit the response this council does not object in principle to the changes to the building itself, but combined with the additional access and removal of the established screening which was P84/S0267 a condition of we OBJECT to this application.

This property remains in the Chilterns AONB, the multiple applications on this property over the years have referenced the home's AONB characteristics, and detailed that any new rooflights or similar would require full planning application. The 1984 application P84/S0267 which gave permission to erect the current house, gave two specific conditions with respect to accessing the property:

8. That no other means of access whatsoever be formed or used between the land and the highway.

9. That a turning space be constructed in all respects to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority with the application area so that motor vehicles may enter, turn around and leave in a forward direction.

The reasons for these two conditions being: *"In the interest of highway safety and convenience and to protect the local amenities."*

The last part being "to protect the local amenities" is in reference to protecting the AONB.

Were the entrance to the plot being moved to the new location, rather than in addition to, this Council would be less inclined to object, however this is an additional access point on to Green Lane and results in far more of the property being seen from Green Lane which will have a detrimental effect on the visual landscape and amenities of the area in this AONB location.

Similarly, a condition was made that “..., no windows or roof lights shall be inserted on the gable ends or roof on the north elevation of the extension hereby permitted, unless planning permission for such alterations shall first have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.” The 1984 permission as granted was on a design which minimised the effect on the AONB, with the entrance to the building on a different elevation and minimal windows to the front.

The current design and landscaping, next to a public right of way, protects the look and feel of the area and surrounding properties, located in the Chilterns AONB. The “existing street facing elevation” as shown in the design and access statement, does not represent fully what is actually seen from the street, or how well screened the property is from the road.

From Street View:



From the Design and Access Statement ^^

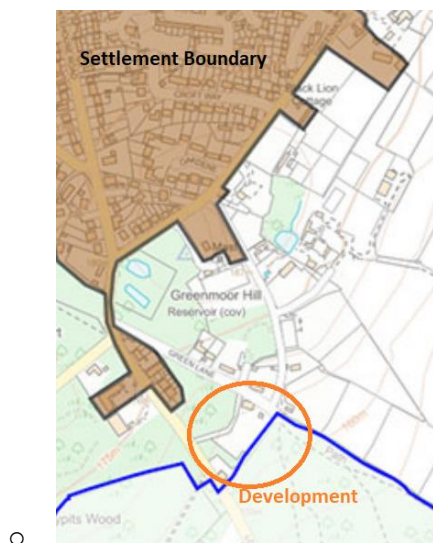
The removal of a significant portion of the hedging, and the creation of an additional access point, along with moving the front door and therefore increased area of glazing, will have a detrimental effect on the property, and the

amenity of the Chilterns AONB, and this council asks that this application not be given permission for this reason, to protect the visual landscape.

Should this application be approved, we ask that a condition be placed that the garage remains ancillary to the main dwelling.

Reference Policies:

- **Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan Policy E3 Biodiversity and Wildlife Support**
 - All development should result in a net biodiversity gain of at least 10%, measured by a recognised biodiversity accounting metric against a baseline ecological survey detailing wildlife habitats, including existing trees and hedgerows, and their condition.
 - Opportunities to incorporate wildlife improvements in and around developments are encouraged, especially where this can secure measurable overall gains for wildlife by implementing measures such as:
 - a. retaining and ensuring the ongoing sympathetic management of existing wildlife features, such as mature trees, hedgerows and other forms of wildlife corridor;
- **Woodcote Neighbourhood Plan Policy E4 Settlement Boundary**
 - The Settlement Boundary is shown in Fig 9.i. Proposals for infill development or redevelopment within the boundary will be supported, provided that they accord with the design and development management policies of the Local Plan and other policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. Proposals for development outside the boundary will only be supported if they are appropriate to a countryside location in the Chilterns AONB.
 - NB this development falls outside the settlement boundary.



- The policy requires that development proposals outside the defined boundary are appropriate to a countryside location and are consistent with relevant policies of the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan in respect of protecting the landscape and character of the Chilterns AONB
- **Joint Local Plan 2035 Policy STRAT1: The Overall Strategy part ix**
 - protecting and enhancing the countryside and particularly those areas within the two AONBs and Oxford Green Belt by ensuring that outside of the towns and villages any change relates to very specific needs such as those of the agricultural industry or enhancement of the environment;
- **Joint Local Plan 2035 Policy ENV1: Landscape and Countryside**
 - The highest level of protection will be given to the landscape and scenic beauty of the Chilterns and North Wessex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs)
 - a. Development in an AONB or affecting the setting of an AONB will only be permitted where it conserves, and where possible enhances the character and natural beauty of the AONB
 - South Oxfordshire's landscape, countryside and rural areas will be protected against harmful development. Development will only be permitted where it protects and, where possible enhances, features that contribute to the nature and quality of South Oxfordshire's landscapes, in particular:
 - a. trees (including individual trees, groups of trees and woodlands), hedgerows and field boundaries;
 - b. aesthetic and perceptual factors such as tranquility, wildness, intactness, rarity and enclosure
 - The Council will seek the retention of important hedgerows. Where retention is not possible and a proposal seeks the removal of a hedgerow, the Council will require compensatory planting with a mixture of native hedgerow species.

To note applications withdrawn prior to decision by the Planning Authority.

24.07.6.2. P24/S2016/HH – Greenmore, Long Toll, Woodcote, RG8 0RR

Proposed erection of an outbuilding to be used as an annexe.(As amended by plans received 12 September 2024 showing vehicle parking spaces).

WPC Response: *OBJECTS*

Noted.

24.07.7. To approve responses to other requests to consult

24.07.7.1. Joint Local Plan

This stage involves providing everyone with an opportunity to comment on legal compliance, the soundness of the plan and whether the councils have complied with their Duty to Cooperate, prior to its submission to government.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to not submit a response.

24.07.8. Public Spaces

24.07.8.1. To receive the RoSPA action Tracker and agree actions.

RoSPA Tracker

The Clerk confirmed that inspections are being done regularly and the items raised in the RoSPA inspection are being monitored in case any urgent works need doing whilst a full plan is created.

24.07.8.2. To appoint members to the Public Space Working Group

Not enough members have come forward to create the working group, the motion failed.

24.07.8.3. To receive a report on the Greenmore Ponds and agree actions.

Appendix A

The report was received. A member of the conservation group gave an additional verbal report. The hydrologist investigating was also present.

The two ponds are separate bodies. The ground is clay and chalk and sand, but the ground water is 100m below the surface in this location. Suspect the ponds have drained because of root ingress from the surrounding trees, allowing the pond to then drain down to the ground water position. This theory has not been proved, but seems the most sensible reasons. Some of the bore holes have retained water over a period of monitoring, and the group believes that with appropriate plugging of any holes, the ponds should refill.

24.07.8.4. To consider actions regarding parish council managed trees and potential registration with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)

[ACTION] To write to the Conversation Group and confirm that we are planting trees, not trying to cut them down, and it is disappointing that the group is seeking to get all the of the PC trees reviewed for TPO's. Include our current TPO details, and highlight that it will overall increase the cost of tree management in the parish to the Parish and District / County Councils. To circulate to all Councillors before sending.

[ACTION] To ask OCC tree specialist their thoughts on TPO's and their value on Parish and County Council land.

[ACTION] To seek quotes for a whole village tree survey – for PC own land.

24.07.8.5. To approve replacing one bin at the Folly Field, which is missing the liner and not covered, budget £500 including installation & purchase 5-off replacement locks, £9.98 per unit.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to purchase the bin and replacement locks, budget £550.

24.07.9. Community Speed Watch [CSW]

Appendix B

24.07.9.1. To receive an update on progress of the Working Group.

The report was received.

24.07.9.2. Appoint additional members to the Working Group.

To appoint at the next meeting once a definitive list of volunteers is available.

24.07.10. Village Consultation

Consultation Tracker

24.07.10.1. To review the consultation action tracker, receive updates & approve further actions.

No updates.

24.07.10.2. To approve grant request to County Councillor Bulmer for painting the car park and an additional Speed Indicator Device.

Appendix C

Resolved: Approved unanimously to apply for both grants, for parking lines (£850) and an additional SID, including data collection module (£3580 + £380)

24.07.11. Village Hall

24.07.11.1. To receive update on the flat roof project

There has been no progress since the last meeting.

24.07.12. To appoint deputies for representation of other groups

- Village Hall Working Group inc. Flat Roof Project • Community Centre Liaison
- Police Liaison • Youth Club Liaison • Allotments Liaison

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to appoint the deputies for representations on other groups:

- Village Hall Working Group inc. Flat Roof Project: Cllr Byrne.
- Community Centre Liaison: : Cllr Bilbe
- Police Liaison : Cllr Ellis
- Youth Club Liaison: Cllr Over
- Allotments Liaison: Cllr Davies

24.07.13. Approved suitable for use new or updated Governing Documents

24.07.13.1. Sexual Harassment Policy

Appendix D

In response to the new legislation applicable October 2024: Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to adopt as written.

24.07.13.2. New Financial Regulations

Appendix E

In response to new model regulations, issued by NALC earlier this year.

The Clerk walked the Council through all the clauses which needed Council input. Each item was addressed in turn.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to adopt with the amendments in meeting and as appended to these minutes.

24.07.14. Finance 2024-2025

Appendix F

24.07.14.1. To receive a report on professional advice on the PC being able to reclaim VAT for non-business activities, approve VAT adjustment for VH maintenance for this year to date, and transfer of the remaining £15k grant directly to the Village Hall Trustees.

The report on VAT advice was noted.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to do a VAT adjustment in Scribe to not reclaim VAT on any Village Hall expenses for the year so far, and to transfer the remainder of the £15k maintenance grant directly to the Village Hall Trustees, £11,885.77. To also make the same adjustment to the Hatt invoice of last month on behalf of the Conservation Group and pass on any pre-approved grant monies to the group.

24.07.14.2. To note the NJC Pay Scale for 2024/2025 has now been approved, applicable to the Clerk on SCP 28, to be back dated to 1st April 2024, equivalent of 66p per hour.

Noted.

24.07.14.3. To approve the finalised payments list for October & approve payments for November 2024.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously the payments lists as detailed below.

October

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
98	29/10/2024	£ 61.85	£ 12.37	£ 74.22	Telephone & broadband	British Telecom (BT)
107	15/10/2024	£ 600.00	£ -	£ 600.00	Village Hall Staff Grant	Woodcote Village Hall Trustees
100	03/10/2024	£ 55.00	£ 11.00	£ 66.00	Training	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC)
101	03/10/2024	£ 1,506.94	£ 301.39	£ 1,808.33	Grass cutting contract	M & C Landscapes
102	03/10/2024	£ 600.00	£ 120.00	£ 720.00	Flat Roof	AKS Ward Ltd
103	03/10/2024	£ 5.00	£ 1.00	£ 6.00	Mobile Phone SIM Costs	GiffGaff Ltd
104	03/10/2024	£ 45.00	£ -	£ 45.00	Annual subscription	The Open Spaces Society
105	03/10/2024	£ 560.40	£	£ 560.40	Ponds Restoration	W. J. Hatt
106	03/10/2024	£ 48.75	£ -	£ 48.75	Meeting Room Hire	Woodcote Village Hall Trustees
108	03/10/2024	£ 266.49	£ 53.30	£ 319.79	Waste collection	Shield Maintenance Ltd
109	03/10/2024	£ 1,065.30	£ 213.06	£ 1,278.36	Flat Roof	West Waddy Archadia (WWA)
Various		£ 2,051.43	£ -	£ 2,051.43	Staff Costs	
	Total	£ 6,866.16	£ 712.12	£ 7,578.28		

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to Woodcote Correspondent of £2400 – s137 Grant.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to Citizens Advice of £650 – s137 Grant.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously a Grant to St Leonards Church of £1000.

November

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Description	Supplier
	07/11/2024	£ 1340.78	£ 268.16	£ 1608.94	Grass cutting contract	M & C Landscapes
	07/11/2024	£ 11,885.77		£ 11,885.77	Grant – Maintenance	Woodcote Village Hall
	29/11/2024	£ 61.85	£ 12.37	£ 74.22	Telephone and Broadband	British Telecom
114	07/11/2024	£ 1000.00	£ -	£ 1000.00	Church Maintenance Grant	Woodcote Parochial Church
115	07/11/2024	£ 650.00	£ -	£ 650.00	Grant	Oxfordshire South & Vale Citizens Advice
116	07/11/2024	£ 2400.00	£ -	£ 2400.00	Grant	Woodcote Correspondent (Newsletter)
117	07/11/2024	£ 660.00	£ 132.00	£ 792.00	Software licence	Scribe Accounts (Starboard Systems Ltd)
118	07/11/2024	£ 300.00	£ 60.00	£ 360.00	Training	Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (OALC)
119	07/11/2024	£ 5.00	£ 1.00	£ 6.00	Mobile Phone SIM Costs	GiffGaff Ltd
120	07/11/2024	£ 24.49	£ -	£ 24.49	Poppy wreath	Laura White
121	07/11/2024	£ 266.49	£ 53.30	£ 319.79	Waste collection	Shield Maintenance Ltd
122	07/11/2024	£ 1,518.73	£ 303.75	£ 1,822.48	Grass cutting contract	M & C Landscapes
Various		£ 2,448.70	£ -	£ 2,448.70	Staff Costs, inc PAYE Deduction paid in December	
	Total	£ 22,561.81	£ 830.58	£ 23,392.39		

24.07.14.4. To note receipts for October 2024

Resolved: The receipts list was noted, and it was approved unanimously to transfer the CIL receipt to the savings account.

Voucher No	Date	Net	VAT		Total	Description	Customer
18	09/10/2024	£ 410.01	£		£ 410.01	Interest on savings	Lloyds Bank plc
17	25/10/2024	£ 21,445.77	£		£ 21,445.77	CIL receipts	South Oxfordshire District Council (CIL)
		£ 21,855.78	£		£ 21,855.78		

24.07.14.5. To note the reconciled bank balances to 31st October 2024

Noted.

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/10/2024		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		380,481.22
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		261,812.83
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		80,382.34
	Cash in Hand 31/10/2024 (per Cash Book)		561,911.71
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/10/2024	0.00	
	Lloyds Current 31/10/2024	62,653.03	
	Lloyds BB Instant Deposit Account 31/10/2024	499,258.68	
	Public Sector Deposit 31/10/2024	0.00	
			561,911.71
	Less unrepresented payments		
			561,911.71
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
			561,911.71
	Adjusted Bank Balance		561,911.71
	A = B Checks out OK		

Lloyds Current Account: £62,653.03

Lloyds Savings Account: £499,258.68

24.07.15. To receive Items of Correspondence and agree actions arising.

Correspondence

None.

24.07.16. Matters for future discussion

None.

24.07.17. To agree list of items from this meeting to be submitted to Woodcote Correspondent or our Facebook Page as a Parish Council Update.

Grants

Sign up for our mailing list.

**24.07.18. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following motion: In view of the confidential nature of the business about to transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.
Confidential Papers**

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to exclude the public and press.

There was no one present.

24.07.18.1. Consider instigating the Vexatious Complaints Policy with regard "Speeding on the Reading Road".

A verbal summary of the issue was given to the Council.

Resolved: Approved Unanimously to instigate the Vexatious Complaints policy with a 6m no contact clause and hold the details securely on file in the Clerk's office for 2 years.

24.07.19. Confirm the date and time of the next Council Meeting: 04th December 2024.

Items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk no later than 25th November for inclusion on the next agenda.

Confirmed.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chair closed the meeting: **21:49.**

Date of meeting or email	Task	Action by	Action / Progress
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Creation of a climate measures Committee / Group to look at following ideas from Consultation: * Group buying of solar panels * Community wind turbine - small wind turbine by public subscription to supply electricity at a reasonable cost. * Wind power * Carry out infra red surveys of housing in the village to highlight properties in need of improved insulation. * Car sharing scheme. Discourage local car use to and from schools * Funding a team of volunteers to go around every house in the village, and offer free advice on how to reduce domestic energy bills, check for opportunities for insulation and other zero carbon alterations. The village could then negotiate with a national building contractor to offer village residents the opportunity to make the changes to their homes, at a discounted rate, which would reduce emissions and allow residents to save money. * Beehives * Upcycling club	KD & Conservation group	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	OCC to be asked for a site visit to discuss all other traffic and highways issues. Including: * Encouraging more people to cycle by painting cycle lanes both sides of the road to give bike priority and narrow the main the road causing traffic to slow. * Reduce congestion in the vicinity of the CoOp. * Parking restrictions should be imposed along the Reading Road outside the school, outside the Co-op, the old Post Office and on Greenmore. opposite Ward Farm Industrial Estate.	Helen happy to be at meeting if Clerk can request.	Site Visit happening 03 October 2024

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Also approach schools (Primary & Secondary) to * Encourage parents coming into Summer in schools newsletter, in respect of Car sharing scheme. Discourage local car use to and from schools. * The schools could be asked to come up ways of reducing congestion etc. Perhaps more children could walk to schools so that Reading Road does not get so congested.		
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Article in the Correspondent about: * Car sharing scheme. Discourage local car use to and from schools. * Additional noticeboards have been put in place. Make better use and make people aware of where to find village information. * Volunteers to help with plants and flowers around the community * Ask whether PC meeting date (once a month) could go back into the diary at back of the Correspondent. * Possible information that was previously in village directory * Overgrown hedges – cutting back on pathways and reporting * Cars parking on pavements - cars parking on pavements (even when the road is of standard width) causes the same issues as intruding hedges for people with pushchairs, mobility aids and wheelchairs	Need volunteers for each article please	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Allotment trustees * to look into options to extend, encourage support and also ensure current plots are being used effectively. * Is a community orchard on the triangle of land the Allotment Trustees own along gap way an option. * Volunteers to help with plants and flowers around the community * Speak to all allotment holders and committee about ideas such as a communal shed for allotment holders	For all Trustees / correspondence with allotment holders and discussion with committee.	-

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	To investigate under Project cool: * Leave big areas of wildflower meadow instead of destroying all the biodiversity of our green spaces. * Keep more natural areas for wildlife * Is a community orchard on the triangle of land the Allotment Trustees own along gap way an option. * More on the environmental/climate change side such as more plants/trees/plants for pollinators around the village that can combat the emissions from traffic and support our wildlife. * Wild flower meadow		
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	To investigate & speak to the Conservation Group about: * Leave big areas of wildflower meadow instead of destroying all the biodiversity of our green spaces. * Keep more natural areas for wildlife * Wild flower meadow		

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Creation of a Recreation Committee to be formed to look at various comments, including those about play equipment, with 2 Parish Councillors. * Revamp of main park play area. * Improving the existing play equipment in particular on the Folly green site. * Increase in the size of the playground area on the village green. * Put in a wheelchair accessible roundabout in main playground. Some sensory stations would also be good on there. * Improve the playground - needs more for older children and variety. * It seems fair to expect interested parties to contribute by some fund-raising initiative. This can also be a measure of just how important the scheme is, before the Parish Council commits to the ongoing cost of maintenance. * Another children's play area on the other side of the village (Greenmore/Bridle Path side). * Skate park / half pipe. * Path round VG * Alternatives to wetpour surface * Shade around playground * Possible second parallel path behind the trees from the war memorial past the Red Lion, where the pavement is narrow and the road is fast. If edging of any overgrown grass does not improve things.	Bryan & Jess	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Liaise with the schools particularly the Oratory to encourage greater use of their facilities by residents. Including Tennis Courts and topic of resident discount.	Simon	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Could the Youth Club * help organise additional sports on recreation ground? Grant from PC could be an option to help organise. Could the Youth Club opporate for additional nights with extra funding?		
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	To be considered with Village Hall plans: * Public toilets or access to village hall toilets during the day		

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	PC to look at Grass (from Rec) next to the pavement (along Goring Road) to see if overgrown and if edging and tidying is something that would help widen the pavement.		
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Village Directory - While WPC don't believe a new village directory is necessary, research will be done on what was in an old one and see if updated information could be included in the Correspondent and / or available in the library.	Helen	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	WPC will make enquiries with SODC on * The placing of additional highway adjacent bins - at Junction of West Chiltern Whitehouse Rd adjacent to sub station. Also clarify what the process is for additional dog waste bins / what general bins are on Wayside Green	Clerk	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Article to be drafted about volunteers for small things in village and possible grants from PC available. * Village community events - volunteers for arranging such things as bunting, hanging baskets etc around the village hall and village green. * Planters * Repair Shop	Simon	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	The Parish Council have never been formally approached by the Governors of the primary school about funding towards capital projects. Nor attended any of the public Parish Council meetings. Therefore the PC would not know about any projects to consider. As there are legalities on what the Parish Council can and can't spend money on, the full legality of funding regarding schools to be examined. In the meantime, while approaches have been made to individual Councillors over the years by the Chair of Governors, it is agreed by WPC that individual Councillors should not meet individually and any approach from school Governors should be formally and to the full PC. This allows for proper discussion and recording of such. Much like the approach for grant from FOWPs recently.	All to take note of.	

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	WPC will also write to our County Councillor Kevin Bulmer and advise him of the numerous comments below about damaged roads & pavements within the Parish: * Many pavements in the village are badly damaged and are unusable. We have a number of older residents and families who use these. They should be made safe. * would prefer money spent on 'proper' resurfacing of already bumpy, potholed road rather than wasted on useless extra bumps. * Resurface Whitehouse Road! * I would prefer any money to be used for basic maintenance of the roads, drains, kerbs. * The Road surface and footpaths on Greenmore at the Whitehouse Road end and the top end of Whitehouse Road are really poor. suggest improvement. * Pavement in the village are uneven, too narrow in some places and sloping towards the road. Difficult for buggies & wheelchairs * Going up Greenmore at night I walk in the road is the surface is more even. the pavement is a trip hazard which I can't see properly due to poor lighting. * Cumbling road surfaces (especially due to encroaching vegetation) * Uneven pavements; * Blocked drains (grit and vegetation from roads) * See also comments in traffic and highways document	Laura B	
20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	Bus stop locations are not set by WPC. WPC will make enquiries to establish the process for setting bus stop locations. Comment for context: <i>"I am not happy about bus stops particularly in Whitehouse Road. The convenient place is at the end of The close where the telephone box was. Opposite where the stop is, is a nightmare for disabled people. Is an improvement within the province of WPC?"</i>	Clerk	

20 March 2024 - Discussion on 2022 Project Consultation Meeting	What is the process for additional streetlights? Would be good to know before deciding if any action. Possible letter to Kevin Bulmer too. * Suggest improving the street lighting in Whitehouse Road - it is inadequate. A streetlight situated between Chanas and the Goring Road junction - preferably opposite Chanas. * It is not adequate lighting for pedestrians on the corner with Reading Road. * increased lighting on these two roads (Goring Road and Greenmore) would be beneficial. Eg I always walk round the village day or night.		
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