

Notice of a Meeting of Woodcote Parish Council

Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 19:30, **The Pavilion**, Woodcote Village Hall

All Councillors are summoned to a Meeting of Woodcote Parish Council.

Members of the public and press are invited to attend all council meetings.

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Prior to the start of the meeting; Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 10 minutes in total)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting. Members of the public may make only one address to the council of no more than three minutes' duration and only concerning topics on the agenda. No decision can be taken during this session, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

AGENDA

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

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

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

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

3.1. Meeting held on 19th February 2025

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

4. Vacant Seats [Representation of the People Action 1985 s21]

4.1. To note the council has 2 vacant seats and receive and consider applications from candidates.

Candidates to be invited to make verbal representations, Cllrs will have the opportunity to ask candidates a few questions before proceeding to vote. Note: If a candidate is unable to attend the meeting, the application can still be considered and voting will be based on the application only.

4.2. To approve co-opting members to fill the vacant seats.

4.3. To receive declarations of acceptance of office from newly co-opted councillors.

To be countersigned by the Clerk, at which point the new councillor(s) may join the meeting.

5. Greenmoor Ponds

5.1. To note and approve increased costs of the approved contractors White Horse, increase by £578+ VAT.

Fencing – missed off the original quote.

5.2. To note and approve to accept a grant of £25,000 from trust For Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), which is being provided by Waste Management Ltd (10% provided by Grundon directly and the remainder through the Landfill Communities Fund)



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

To note decisions of the Planning Authority

- 6.1. To consider whether to lodge an appeal against the approval of P23/S1077/FUL - The Oratory School, The Oratory Drive, Woodcote, RG8 0PJ- - **GRANTED**, and approve actions.
Construction of an all-weather pitch (AWP) and all associated works and the construction of four padel tennis courts with sports lighting and all associated works.
WPC Response: OBJECTS (see earlier minutes for full comment).

7. Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charities

Appendix A

- 7.1. To receive a letter of advice from our solicitors regarding the charities, and agree actions regarding a future Charity of the Recreation Ground
- 7.2. To approve the outline of the land which would form the Village Hall Boundary.

8. Clerk's Report

- 8.1. To note decisions made by the Clerk under delegated powers since the last meeting
- Pay Village Hall Room Hire for February Meetings - £24.38
 - Action See-Saw rocker emergency Repairs - £175+VAT
- 8.2. Annual Parish Meeting – to approve date, budget and format.

9. Finance 2024-2025

Appendix B

- 9.1. To approve the finalised payments list for February 2025 & approve payments for March 2025.
- 9.2. To note receipts for February 2025
- 9.3. To note the reconciled bank balances to 28th February 2025.
- 9.4. To complete the Q4 budget review and approve virements.
- 9.5. To complete the Asset Review and approve for 31st March 2025.

10. Finance 2025-2026

- 10.1. To approve payment of Parish Office Rent, £6,000 to the Village Hall once the precept is received.

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

None.

12. 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

- 12.1. To consider quotes for car park line painting, and approve contractor.
- 12.2. To consider quotes for whole village (parish council land) tree survey, and approve contractor.

13. Matters for future discussion

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

15. Confirm the date and time of the next Council Meeting – 16th April 2025