

## Old Woughton Parish Council

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### MINUTES of the MEETING held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at St. Mary's Church, Woughton on the Green

**Present:** Cllrs, L. King (Chair), A. Humphries (Vice-Chair), S. Bennett, R. Brown, M. Blomley, J. Howson, R. Kenyon, P. McDonald + 14 members of the public.

**Public Open Forum** – The Chair opened proceedings with a few words about Peter Hall who had passed away recently after 47 years supporting the parish and 30 years as Allotments Association President.

There were no matters of public concern.

A Note of Thanks was offered by the Chair to the outgoing clerk, Karen Hill. The new clerk, Julian Vischer was welcomed.

87. **Apologies** - None (All present)

88. **Declarations of Interest** – None

89. **Approval of September Minutes** – Approved. A Note of Thanks was offered to Diane Blomley for stepping in and typing them up.

**Matters Arising** – Baskerfield Grove trees to be planted tomorrow (Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>)  
New Dog Bin – awaiting permission from Parks Trust

90. **Updates** -

**a. Newsletter** – Discussion ensued about whether to stick to a regular frequency of newsletters (currently every 3 months) or to publish as and when articles filled the format.

**Proposal** 'To publish as and when'. Passed: 7 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstention.

**b. Environment Log** – Agreed: this needs re-considering. **Action** Clerk and Chair to confer. The Canal Bridge pigeon fencing had been completed.

**c. The Green, road safety** markings had been completed correctly. A Note of Thanks was offered to Cllrs. Peter McDonald and Ray Brown for all their work.

**d. Parks Trust: claim of Right of Way through Allotments** – Agreed: more work with solicitors required. **Proposal** 'That £500 be committed for future meetings with solicitors, and authority given to the Chair and Peter McDonald to spend it as necessary'. Passed: 7 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstention.

**e. No. 18 Bus** – A meeting was flagged to be held in Simpson on 25 November with a view to restoring the original timetable and pushing for a more regular and frequent service.

**f. Sports Ground and Pavilion Community Asset Transfer** – MK Council have withdrawn the current proposal.

91. **Reports of outside meetings** – none

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92. **Planning** – none

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93. **Allotments – Proposal** 'To delegate the rules for keeping poultry to the Allotments Team' Passed. Unanimous.

**Proposal** 'To limit the total number of the Chicken Cooperative's chickens to 35'. Passed. Unanimous.

**Proposal** 'The decision on supplier selection for trees to be delegated to the allotments team and held within the constraints of the maintenance budget'. Passed. Unanimous.

**Rental Renewals** - 174 now paid-up after reminders sent out.

**Rental Discounts - Proposal** To reduce Woughton Community Council residents' discount first to 5% then to 0 in the next two years'. Passed. Unanimous.

**Proposal** 'To reduce the Chicken Cooperative's discount to 0 next October'. Passed. Unanimous.

94. **To hold a 'public excluded' PART 2 meeting at the end of this evening's meeting –** Passed. Unanimous

95. **Proposed Draft Budget** – The draft budget figures, which had been clarified to represent the running costs of the council, were presented to the meeting and considered. Subject to more up-to-date figures being inserted for dog-bin collection, allotment rental and insurance it was **proposed** to pass the draft budget forward for consultation. Passed. Unanimous. Discussion of the degree of precept to levy followed.

96. **Village Green status - Proposal** – 'To consider the setting-up of a working group to manage the establishment of rights of way and the creation of village greens'. Passed. Unanimous. Members: A. Humphries, J. Howson, M. Blomley, P. McDonald

97. **Commemoration of World War One - Proposal** – 'To obtain quotes for the refurbishing of the War Memorial'. Passed. Unanimous.

98. **Finance** –

**a. Payments schedule** – Approved (See attached sheet)

**b. Current financial Update** - Noted

**c. Woughton Community Council dispute over monies 'owed' - Proposal** – 'To accept an offer of arbitration and be prepared to pay a reasonable fee but not be over-charged'. Passed. Unanimous.

99. **Correspondence** – None

**Dates of future Meetings** – 20 January; 17 March.

**The Meeting (PART 1) closed at 9.15pm**

**Part 2**

**The Meeting (PART 2) closed at 9.40pm**

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