

Wootton Rivers Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th of October 2024

Present:

Dean Cowley	Parish Council Chair
Cindy Creasy	Councillor
David Butler	Councillor
Steve Rawlings	Councillor
Nick Jones	Councillor
Shelley Whitehead	Councillor
Julian Beames	Clerk

1. Apologies:

Clare Bamforth	Vice Chair
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2. Declarations of Interest and the granting of dispensations.

Councillors were reminded of the code for conduct and the need to declare any interest relating to the items on the agenda. No declarations were made

3. Agreement of Minutes

The draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th of September 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by Dean Cowley, Chair.

4. Report on Actions Arising from the Minutes

Flooding at Bottom of Primrose Hill

The Clerk reported that Network Rail had responded back to the Council and had written to the tenants and instructed them to unblock the entrance to the waterway and allow water to enter into the watercourse which provides the drainage. This has now been complied with by the tenant and we now need to make sure that the entrance remains clear. Roger Geen did show the Council evidence that even since this has been done water is still building up on the road. It is now a matter of trying to get the ditches cleared behind the grips to allow the water to soak away.

Royal Oak - Community Asset Registration

The application to re-register the Royal Oak as a Community asset has been submitted and it is now in consultation. We will in due course be advised by Wiltshire Council if the application has been successful.

5. Planning

PL/2024/08867 – 4 Forest Road – Demolish existing outbuilding and construct a single storey rear extension.

The Chair asked for Councillor's opinions on the proposed extension, and they were generally supportive of the application. There was a comment that it was a shame that a small two-bedroom house was being extended and would reduce the stock of small affordable houses in the village, but equally it was noted that it would make the dwelling into a spacious family property with a sympathetic proposal for extending it.

There was a concern that the plan showed a fence between the properties which might affect the view of the open fields beyond and also that the house is on a very narrow section of the village road and there could be issues during the construction period, and we should point these out in our response to Wiltshire Council.

The Council unanimously agreed to support the application.

6. Matters raised by the public

None

7. Next meeting date – 11th November 2024

Signed as a true record.....Date

Dean Cowley - Chair