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To: **Members of the Planning Committee**

Councillors T. Barker (Chairman); S. Brindley; J. Cheng; R. Dolinski; M. Forrer;  
D. Fradley; B. Franklin; J. MacNaught; D. Mills; S. Rahmouni; M. Walker; P. Wicks;  
M. Willson

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Planning Committee will be held at The Oakwood Centre at 7:45 pm on Tuesday 18 July 2017, at which your attendance is requested.**

Deborah Mander  
Town Clerk

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## **A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members on agenda items.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2017**

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20 June 2017 and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record. ***(These minutes were provided in the Full Council agenda of 27 June 2017.)***

4. **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider current planning applications and agree comments to be forwarded to the planning authority. ***(Appendix 4)***

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5. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

To note information on decision notices received from the planning authority since the last meeting. ***(Appendix 5)***

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6. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**  
To note **Report No. PC 3/17**. Page 11
7. **HIGHWAYS**
- a) **Road Works/ Street Works Major Projects Co-ordination meeting**  
To note the minutes of the Wokingham Borough Council Road Works/Street Works Major Project Co-ordination meeting held on 23 June 2017. **(Appendix 7)** Page 12
- b) **Temporary road closures and parking restrictions**  
To note that Wokingham Borough Council proposes to make an Order for the following temporary road closures and parking restrictions to enable SSE contractors to undertake essential electricity main installation in safety. The Order will come into operation on 24 July 2017 and its maximum duration will be 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.
- i) **Dartington Avenue, Woodley:** closed between its junctions with Nightingale Road and the footpath connecting Dartington Avenue and Clivedale Road. There is no alternative route for this closure as it is a no through road. Works will commence on 18 August 2017 and are expected to be completed by 24 August 2017.
- ii) **Clivedale Road, Woodley:** closed between its junctions with the footpath connecting Dartington Avenue and Clivedale Road and Coppice Road. The alternative route for all vehicles affected by this restriction will be via Keats Road, Knowle Road and Coppice Road, or by this route in reverse. Works will commence on 1 August 2017 and are expected to be completed by 1 September 2017.
- iii) **Coppice Road, Woodley:** closed between its junctions with Clivedale Road and Loddon Bridge Road. The alternative route for all vehicles affected by this restriction will be via Drovers Way, Crockhamwell Road and Loddon Bridge Road, or by this route in reverse. Works will commence on 8 August and are expected to be completed by 18 August 2017.
- iv) **Nightingale Road, Woodley:** vehicles will be prohibited from parking at any time between its junctions with Hazel Drive and Dartington Avenue. Works will commence on 24 July 2017 and are expected to be completed by 17 August 2017.
8. **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL: DIGITAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT MAPS**  
To note the press release from Wokingham Borough Council regarding the proposal to use digital parking enforcement maps when they take on Civil Parking Enforcement. **(Appendix 8)** Page 15
9. **WOODLEY AND NORTH EARLEY COMMUNITY FORUM**  
To note the report of the first meeting of the Woodley and North Earley Community Forum held on 21 June 2017. **(Appendix 9)** Page 16

10. **MOBILE INFORMATION SERVICE**  
To note correspondence received from Earley CResCent Community Association regarding the termination of the Mobile Information Service with effect from 1 October 2017, due to the withdrawal of their main funder.  
**(Appendix 10)**

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11. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION**  
To note receipt of the following:  
▪ *Community Council for Berkshire Newsletter – June 2017*

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**  
To consider suggestions for future agenda items.

13. **PUBLICITY/WEBSITE**  
To consider suggestions for items to be publicised.

14. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**  
**To resolve that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and they are asked to withdraw for item 15 on the agenda.**

15. **ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**  
To note any enforcement issues.

## New Applications Received Between 16/06/2017 and 13/07/2017

Item No :

Ref No :

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
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## New Application

171451

04/07/2017	Dariusz Kusyk	Mr Ian Wheeler	17 Anthian Close Anthian Close Woodley RG5 4XA
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**Proposal :** Full application for the proposed change of use of amenity land to residential including replacement of garden wall with a 2m close boarded fence.

**Observations :**

171482

04/07/2017	Ade Balogun	Mr A Mahmood	37 Lismore Close Lismore Close Woodley RG5 3RT
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**Proposal :** Householder application for the proposed two storey side/rear extension to existing dwelling plus single storey front extension to form porch.

**Observations :**

171569

10/07/2017	Senjuti Manna	Mr M Mahendra	59 Malone Road Malone Road Woodley RG5 3NL
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**Proposal :** Householder application for proposed erection of two storey side and rear extension, following demolition of existing garage/store.

**Observations :**

171596

27/06/2017	Rasha Khoja	Mr Nick Cooper	46 Duffield Road Duffield Road Woodley RG5 4RN
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**Proposal :** Householder application of new access road, to include construction of new crossover and erection of timber access gates with brick piers.

**Observations :**

171623

28/06/2017	Kayleigh Mansfield	Mr G Singh	73a Crockhamwell Road Crockhamwell Road Woodley RG5 3JP
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**Proposal :** Full planning application for the proposed insertion of metal perforated shuttering to the shop front.

**Observations :**

171649

27/06/2017	Rasha Khoja	Mr Morton	96 Redwood Avenue Redwood Avenue Woodley RG5 4DR
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**Proposal :** Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to dwelling.

**Observations :**

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<b>171662</b>	27/06/2017	Senjuti Manna	Mr David Potter	31 Comet Way Comet Way Woodley RG5 4NZ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension to dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171677</b>	27/06/2017	Janeske Delport	Mr Steve Warne	120 Reading Road Reading Road Woodley RG5 3AD
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the replacement of the existing flat roof on rear extension with hipped roof, 3No. roof lights, bi-folding doors and new side window.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171685</b>	20/06/2017	Kayleigh Mansfield	Mr & Mrs Goodwin	51 Haddon Drive Haddon Drive Woodley RG5 4LX
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of part single, part two storey side/rear extension to dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171725</b>	27/06/2017	Janeske Delport	Mr & Mrs J Dunford	84 Nightingale Road Nightingale Road Woodley RG5 3LY
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side/rear extension to dwelling following demolition of the existing prefabricated garage and store.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171779</b>	29/06/2017	Omar Sharif	Mr Mark Comeadow	3 Marathon Close Marathon Close Woodley RG5 4UN
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension plus the conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with rear dormer extensions to dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171811</b>	26/06/2017	Omar Sharif	Mr Darveer Sahans	74 Fairwater Drive Fairwater Drive Woodley RG5 3JB
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				

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<b>171823</b>	29/06/2017	Kayleigh Mansfield	Mr & Mrs Caird	43 Telford Crescent Telford Crescent Woodley RG5 4QT
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling and conversion of garage to provide habitable accommodation plus enlargement of existing rear dormer.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171833</b>	30/06/2017	Rasha Khoja	Mrs Jess Giles	15 Butts Hill Road Butts Hill Road Woodley RG5 4NJ
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey rear/side extension to dwelling following the demolition of the existing garage, erection of single storey side extension to form garage plus internal alterations.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171854</b>	10/07/2017	Dariusz Kusyk	Mr & Mrs Fogarty	1 Dunbar Drive Dunbar Drive Woodley RG5 4HA
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension to dwelling and relocation of side garden wall.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171865</b>	04/07/2017	Janeske Delpont	Mr & Mrs Maurice Behan	4 Glendevon Road Glendevon Road Woodley RG5 4PH
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the conversion of existing garage to dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171875</b>	04/07/2017	Rasha Khoja	Mrs A Ishtiaq Chechi	16 Butts Hill Road Butts Hill Road Woodley RG5 4NH
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed two storey side, first floor rear and single storey front extension to form porch.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171877</b>	06/07/2017	Janeske Delpont	Dr A Lobo	8 Radcot Close Radcot Close Woodley RG5 3BG
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the conversion of garage to provide habitable accommodation.				
<b>Observations :</b>				

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<b>171913</b>	12/07/2017	Simon Taylor	Unknown	Land adj to 25 Henley Wood Roa Henley Wood Road Woodley RG5 4PR
<b>Proposal :</b> ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION				
Full application for the proposed erection of 1No. dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171941</b>	06/07/2017	Janeske Delport	Mr & Mrs Powell	64 Western Avenue Western Avenue Woodley RG5 3BH
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension to dwelling and erection of rear single storey extension to create habitable accommodation plus erection of a front porch and internal alterations.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171966</b>	06/07/2017	Senjuti Manna	Mr E Gill	1 Frimley Close Frimley Close Woodley RG5 3AU
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a two storey side/rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of existing garage.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171973</b>	11/07/2017	Stefan Fludger	Mr Michael Hillyard	53 Wyndham Crescent Wyndham Crescent Woodley RG5 3AY
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension; single storey rear extension with roof lantern plus raising the roof to form first floor habitable accommodation with dormer extensions.				
<b>Observations :</b>				
<b>171983</b>	12/07/2017	Ade Balogun	Mr & Mrs Robert Horskins	8 Brecon Road Brecon Road Woodley RG5 4PR
<b>Proposal :</b> Householder application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension to dwelling plus new lean-to roof to front of dwelling.				
<b>Observations :</b>				

Applications Received :- 23

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Wokingham Borough Council

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**GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

<b>E</b> 163552	Approved	Emmanuel Church Centre
<b>E</b> 171007	Approved	Highwood Primary School
<b>C</b> 171067 District COMMENT	Approved	6 Selcourt Close Local COMMENT Three letters of concern had been received for this application.  The Committee considered the proposal and recommended that the application be refused on the following grounds: - The proposed extension is out of scale with the existing property. - Overbearing. - Out of keeping with other properties in the street. - The proposed velux windows in the roof overlook the neighbouring properties.  The Committee also commented that no dimensions were given on the drawings.
<b>E</b> 171148	Approved	28 Lavenham Drive
<b>E</b> 171243	Approved	The Courtyard Offices
<b>C</b> 171244 District COMMENT	Approved	25 Selsdon Avenue Local COMMENT After considering the proposal the Committee recommended the application be refused on the following grounds: - The proposed side extension would have a terracing effect. - Massing effect of the large extension. - Overbearing. - Concerns that the parking provided may be inadequate.
<b>E</b> 171313	Approved	2 Retford Close
<b>E</b> 171357	Approved	38 Malone Road
<b>E</b> 171372	Approved	3 Hawker Way
<b>E</b> 171552	Approved	75 Haddon Drive

**REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

<b>C</b> 171397 District COMMENT	Refused	15 Fitzroy Crescent Local COMMENT No objections.
<b>C</b> 171434 District COMMENT	Refused	72 Drovers Way Local COMMENT No objections.



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**OTHER PLANNING DETAILS**

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**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**BUDGETARY CONTROL 2017/18**

**Report No. PC 3/17**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>Budget 2017/18</b>	<b>Actual Exp as at 30/06/16</b>	<b>Actual Exp as at 30/06/17</b>	<b>Actual Exp as % of Budget</b>	
Annual grants	31498	17741	18306	58.1	Grant payments made in May and October
<b>Total</b>	<b>31498</b>	<b>17741</b>	<b>18306</b>	<b>58.1</b>	Grant to ARC paid in full in May - at the same time that rent charges for the year are invoiced
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget 2017/18</b>	<b>Actual Inc as at 30/06/16</b>	<b>Actual Inc as at 30/06/17</b>	<b>Actual Inc as % of Budget</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Net</b>	<b>31498</b>	<b>17741</b>	<b>18306</b>	<b>58.1</b>	

**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Major Projects Stakeholder Engagement Meeting  
Held on the 23 June 2017 in the Council Chamber

Attendees:

Neil Scott	Reading Buses	Ed Day (Chair)	WBC
Andy Shewring	Kier	Vicki Lund	WSP/WBC
Hanif Price	Instalcom	David Green	WSP/WBC
Olu Onifade	SEW	Jane Hunnisett	WBC
Martin Cooper	SEW	Cllr Shepherd-Dubey	WBC
Glenn Beard	SSE	Cllr Malcolm Richards	WBC
Jim Hogan	SSE	Cllr Chris Bowring	WBC
Yu Qian	SSE	David McIntosh	Arborfield Parish Council
Dave Stone	SEW	Steve Bromley	Finchampstead Parish Council
		Katy Hughes	Shinfield Parish Council
		Aaron Plume	Wokingham Without Parish Council
		Mary Walker	Woodley Town Council

As per sign in sheet

Streetworks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED to ensure that any closures on A329 Reading Road do not conflict with closures of level crossing.</li> <li>• ED to include dates for upcoming events in the stakeholders engagement meetings.</li> <li>• ED to look at Network Rail works in Emmbrook Road</li> </ul>
SGN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To look at dates for works in Longwater Lane and Longwater Road</li> </ul>
SSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action</li> </ul>
BT Openreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No actions</li> </ul>
Virgin Media
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No actions</li> </ul>
South East Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No actions</li> </ul>
Thames Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No actions</li> </ul>
Wokingham Highways Alliance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No actions</li> </ul>

Date of next meeting – Thursday 20 July 2017

Tuesday 22/08/2017	Council Chamber
Tuesday 19/09/2017	Council Chamber
Thursday 26/10/2017	Council Chamber
Thursday 23/11/2017	Council Chamber
Thursday 21/12/2017	Council Chamber

## Road/Street Works Major Projects Update - Woodley - 23 June 2017

Works Promoter	Street Name	Start	Finish	Description
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	HANWOOD CLOSE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	HIGHGATE ROAD	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	LONDON ROAD	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	SHEPHERDS HILL	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	WALLACE CLOSE	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
Network Rail	BATH ROAD	05/06/2017	28/07/2017	Parapet Raising
Gigaclear (Allcom)	BATH ROAD	08/06/2017	14/07/2017	Fibre Communication Cable Installation
Gigaclear (Allcom)	BYEWAYS CLOSE	26/06/2017	10/07/2017	Fibre Communication Cable Installation
WHA - Structural Maintenance	LONDON ROAD	26/06/2017	07/07/2017	Resurfacing works
Thames Water	AUSTIN ROAD	27/06/2017	01/08/2017	Water Main Replacement
Thames Water	HUNGERFORD LANE	03/07/2017	14/07/2017	Water Main Replacement
Thames Water	HUNGERFORD LANE	03/07/2017	14/07/2017	Water Main Replacement
SSE	CLIVEDALE ROAD	03/07/2017	19/09/2017	Installation of new SSE HV Circuits.
SSE	COPPICE ROAD	03/07/2017	17/08/2017	Installation of new SSE HV Circuits.
SSE	DARTINGTON AVENUE	03/07/2017	27/07/2017	Installation of new SSE HV Circuits.
SSE	NIGHTINGALE ROAD	03/07/2017	21/08/2017	Installation of new SSE HV Circuits.

<b>Works Promoter</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Description</b>
SSE	WOODLANDS AVENUE	03/07/2017	03/10/2017	Installation of new SSE HV Circuits.
Thames Water	SCHOOL ROAD	26/07/2017	03/09/2017	Water Main Replacement
Thames Water	DUFFIELD ROAD	26/07/2017	18/10/2017	Water Main Replacement
WHA - Structural Maintenance	BEECHWOOD AVENUE	07/08/2017	14/08/2017	Resurfacing Works
WHA - Structural Maintenance	HOWTH DRIVE	07/08/2017	14/08/2017	Resurfacing works
WHA - Structural Maintenance	CHEQUERS WAY	15/08/2017	15/08/2017	Resurfacing Works
WHA - Structural Maintenance	GRAYS CRESCENT	16/08/2017	18/08/2017	Resurfacing Works
SGN	FAIRWATER DRIVE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	KINGFISHER DRIVE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	PLYMOUTH AVENUE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement
SGN	RICKMAN CLOSE	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	Forward Planning - Gas Main Replacement

# NEWS RELEASE



APPENDIX 8

**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Date: June 27, 2017

Issue No: 67i/17

Version: 1.0

## **DIGITAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT MAPS**

The creation of an online map showing in one place all of the Wokingham Borough's 500 Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) is due to be decided by Wokingham Borough Council's decision-making executive, on 29 June.

If the Executive agrees, these visual TROs will replace the old style written documents and be easier and quicker to understand. The new digital map-based TROs are part of the borough council's final preparations to take on Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) by the end of this year.

CPE covers double and single yellow lines, loading restrictions, double parking or parking across dropped kerbs, parking in a residents' parking zone without a permit, and overstaying in time-limited bays. It will give the borough council the muscle to tackle congestion and improve road safety and make parking fairer for everyone.

The Department for Transport is currently processing Wokingham Borough Council's CPE application and has agreed it in principle. The final stage is for the application to be ratified in parliament.

"Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation this spring into the new map-based TROs, which will go on our website," said Cllr Chris Bowring, executive member for highways and transport.

"Having all the TROs in one place, easy to access and easy to understand, will make the whole process far more transparent and accessible for people."

Thames Valley Police currently carries out parking enforcement across the borough, but many local people and businesses already think Wokingham Borough Council has CPE powers. The police support this handover because it will bring the Wokingham Borough in line with other Thames Valley councils.

A contractor has now been appointed by Wokingham Borough Council to carry out enforcement on its behalf. This company will also co-ordinate parking permits, penalties (fines), and oversee the appeals process.

**- ENDS -**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 (7.30 – 9.00 pm)

**Venue:** Woodley Hill House, Eastcourt Avenue, Earley (by kind permission of Reading Network Vineyard Church)

**Present:** Mary Bather (independent chair / Pitts Lane, Earley), Mike Evans (vice-chair, Western Ave, Woodley), Inspector Al Lloyd (Thames Valley Police), Councillor John Armstrong (ETC/ Earley NAG Rep), Councillor Keith Baker (WBC, WTC), Councillor Richard Dolinski (WBC, WTC), Councillor Sheena Matthews (ETC), Councillor Alison Swaddle (WBC, ETC), Jenny Lissaman (ACER / Palmerstone Road, Earley), Sion Williams (ACER / Byron Road, Earley), Jon Hare (Thames Valley Police), Nick Bather (Pitts Lane, Earley), Noreen Calnan (Dunbar Drive, Woodley), Tom & Barbara Cronin (Shepherds House Lane, Earley), Coral Dolinski (Mannock Way, Woodley), Brenda Cutler (Hilltop Road, Earley), Christine Deane (Hilltop Road, Earley), Les Eggleton (Erleigh Court Drive, Earley), Janet Howes (Hilltop Road, Earley), Mr Revett (Pitts Lane, Earley), Nicholas Roberts (Church Road, Earley),

**Apologies:** Councillor (ETC) Munir Ahmed, Councillor (WBC) Andy Croy, Councillor Jackie Rance (Vice Chair Earley NAG), Jacques Lherbier (Woodley Town Centre Manager), Shelagh Flowers (Woodley Adopt a Street Project), James Chapman (Manager M&S Shepherds Hill)

**Note:** WBC – Wokingham Borough Council; WTC - Woodley Town Council; ETC - Earley Town Council; ACER – The Whitegates residents’ association.

1. **Vision for the Woodley and N Earley Community Forum / NAG:** Inspector Al Lloyd explained how he hoped the forum would work to achieve its aim - to collect residents’ views on local issues, agree neighbourhood policing priorities for Woodley and North Earley and work with other agencies to find solutions where possible.

There was much discussion regarding the name, the format of the meetings, who should be invited, how the meetings should be advertised and what were the chances of success. Some councillors were concerned that as the original Woodley NAG had eventually been wound up this new one had little chance of success. Al Lloyd however hoped that if the forum (with an independent chair and vice chair) worked closely with all other agencies, including the councillors, to share information and solve problems and used a variety of ways of engaging with residents it would be successful.

It was noted that Woodley Town Council already do an annual residents’ survey and would be willing to add additional questions regarding policing priorities.

It was eventually agreed that:

- The name should be the **Woodley and North Earley Community Forum**
- The area covered should include Woodley and that part of Earley north of the Wokingham Road
- There should be an open meeting every two months, followed by a closed meeting with relevant agencies where necessary. Initially meetings would be at the Oakwood Centre but longer term it was hoped to use a range of venues and formats (e.g. drop-ins in pubs, schools etc). Councillor Baker also offered an open session at the beginning of a WTC full council meeting.
- Information (including details of open meetings) to be disseminated to residents through the Town Council notice boards, the Woodley Herald, ACER, Thames Valley Police Alert.

## 2. Identification of policing priorities

There was a full discussion of policing priorities, with the following local issues raised:

- Bike theft (which has increased in the last year). The police hope to work with other agencies to promote bike marking and work with the local council to consider safe bike storage in Woodley Town Centre. They are talking to schools about bike marking (using the national bike register which



gives the bike a unique number) and WBC are organising a bike marking session in Woodley Town Centre in July.

- Anti-social behaviour (particularly in Woodley Town Centre) which is likely to increase with the long summer evenings and the school holidays. It is hoped to work with Woodley Town Council (and JAC) and Earley Town Council to consider the provision of further activities for young people in the local area. Councillor Dolinski is involved in the Woodley Youth Community Partnership Group which is working on youth provision at Loddon Mead. Councillor Matthews offered to share the findings of a survey (on what local youth want) in which she has been involved.
- Illegal encampment (in light of the recent encampment on the Woodley carpark) and which is more prevalent in the summer months.
- Speeding – an issue throughout the area. The police are setting up a Community Speed Watch which enables residents (once trained) to monitor the speed in their own street.
- Parking issues – illegal (on double yellow line and blocking pavements) and inconsiderate (making it difficult for residents to access their own drives or park immediately outside their own houses) is a concern throughout the area and of particular concern to residents near the A4 in Earley. Residents are encouraged to call 101 if the footway is blocked and it is hoped that the change to Civil Parking Enforcement in the Autumn will improve action regarding illegal parking. Inconsiderate parking is obviously not illegal and therefore not a policing matter. However, it is an issue that can be discussed amongst residents' groups.
- Concern was also expressed regarding drug and alcohol use at night in some locations in Woodley and North Earley.

It was decided that for the next 2 months the three policing priorities should be:

- I. Illegal encampment;
- II. Anti-social behaviour;
- III. Bike theft.

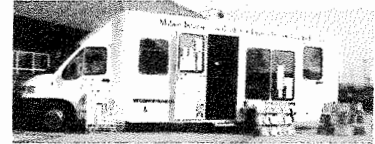
Those residents concerned about speeding were to be given the Thames Valley Police contact details for the Community Speed Watch. Parking concerns in Earley would be discussed with local councillors and at the next ACER meeting.

### **3. Agreed Actions**

- Al Lloyd to organise a meeting with the chair and vice chair to discuss the three priorities in more detail and decide how to work with the relevant agencies to make progress in these areas. Progress will be reported at the next open meeting (September)
- The chair, vice chair and Al Lloyd to consider other ways of assessing residents' views, including making use of the Woodley Town Council survey, Town Council meetings, drop-ins etc.
- Mary Bather (Chair) to organise dates for two further open meetings (September and November in the Oakwood Centre) with the WTC Clerk and circulate details to organisations, including Earley Town Council, Woodley Town Council, Wokingham Borough Council, Thames Valley Police and ACER.
- Meetings to be advertised as follows:
  - Woodley Town Council – on notice boards and in the Woodley Herald
  - Earley Town Council – on notice boards
  - Thames Valley Police – via Thames Valley Alert
  - ACER – in newsletter



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Woodley Town Council  
28 JUN 2017

FAO: Parish Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Re: Cessation of the Mobile Information Service (MICe)**

Dear ~~Sir or Madam~~, *DEBORAH*

I very much regret to advise you that due to the withdrawal of our main funder, the Trustees have reluctantly decided to terminate the MICe service with effect from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. I therefore write to you to give you 3 months' notice of our decision.

The Trustees are very appreciative of the support provided by the Parish Council over many years.

We are aware of, and are grateful for, the value the Parish Council has shown in the service, and are disappointed that the lack of financial resources has led to this outcome. We will continue to display information at the Centre itself, including any Parish information and any leaflets that you feel relevant.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Ames  
Chairman of Trustees