**Bi-monthly Meeting of**

**Wooburn Residents’ Association**

**held on Monday 11 March 2024 at 8pm at the Wooburn Club**

**MINUTES**

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| **Present:** | | |  | |
| Simon Coles (Chairman) | | | Jon Dalton | |
| Alison Grinter (Secretary) | | | Karen Seymour | |
| Warren Thomas (Treasurer) | | | Jan Perry | |
| Margaret Amos | | | Karen Savage | |
| Eric Amos | | | Sue Low | |
| Maggi Fraser | | | Sue Smithin | |
| Caroline Meechan | | | Rosemary de Lacy | |
| Heidi Finney | | | Bruce Gallup | |
| Cllr Stuart Wilson | | | Penny Tappin | |
| Cllr Penny Drayton | | | Jade Strange | |
| Cllr Sophie Kayani | | | Elizabeth Levings | |
| Valerie Hodges | | | Camilla China | |
| Gary Jelly | | | Amber China | |
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| **1.** | **Apologies for Absence** | | | |
|  | Apologies were received from Wendy Dack. | | | |
| **2.** | **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** | | | |
|  | Rosemary de Lacy reported that she was marked as having attended the meeting, however, she did not attend & gave her apologies in advance.  With this amendment made, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2024 were approved by those present. | | | |
| **3.** | **Matters Arising** | | | |
|  | There were no matters arising from the last meeting.  Simon Coles reported that, in the interim, re the planning application for a house at 35, The Green, the time for the neighbourhood consultation has ended.  Simon Coles reported that Mike Balbini at the Parish Council has had a bad accident after a fall. The WRA will send a get well soon card. | | | |
| **4.** | **Events** | | | |
|  | ***Talks – 2024***  Simon Coles reported that the talk on Monday 19 February on medical detection dogs was excellent & well attended.  Jan Perry reported that she will put posters up around the park promoting the next talk which will be on Monday 8 April on Swan Life.  Future talks:  Monday 10 June - History of the Wooburns - Simon Coles  Monday 14 October - Air Ambulance  ***Summer Fete – Saturday 22 June 2024/Next Events Meeting***  Caroline Meechan reported that planning is going well & that:   * 10 local businesses have already signed up, fairground rides, and both * churches and first responders are involved * Contact has been made with High Wycombe Music Centre who set up a   children’s steel band in February to ask them to play at the event   * We don’t yet have sponsorship for the event. Unfortunately, Pegasus   Bales will not be able to support the event this year. An approach will be  made to Citygate.  ***Christmas Event – Saturday 23 November 2024***  Karen Seymour reported that Santa & the hall at the Wooburn Club are booked and St Paul’s School choir will be singing.  ***Events Meeting***  The next Events Meeting is at 8.00pm on Tuesday 26 March at the Wooburn Club. | | | |
| **5.** | **Wooburn Park/Skate Park** | | | |
|  | Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that the report of the findings of the analysis of the Public Consultation was recently published by the Parish and can be read at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gar3d3ExyevJ7YPp2SPNvAz3O6YLIQb9/view>    No decisions have yet been made in the light of the findings; the Parish Council will consider these in the coming months. | | | |
| **6.** | **Planning Consent Approved – 146 Houses on Slate Meadow** | | | |
|  | Cllr Penny Drayton reported that archaeological works are taking place as evidence has been found at the site of a settlement in the past. The work is likely to last several months.  The archaeologists are receptive to interested residents but need to make sure that nothing is disturbed. They are planning to do a press release soon to say how they will engage with the public.  No building/development works will take place while the archaeological dig takes place. They will start again in September at the earliest. | | | |
| 7. | **Development on Holtspur Lane** | | | |
|  | Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that the development on Holtspur Lane has been refused planning permission.  He reported that the former Chiltern & South Bucks District did not have a local plan in place. As there is no local plan and the area is very low on housing supply, there could be more development taking place in the future; there are several sites along A40 put forward for development in the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan Call for Sites | | | |

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| **8.** | **Planning Application – 467 Houses on Hollands Farm and Jackson’s Field** |
|  | Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that there have been no further developments. Both an ecology and transport report have been requested. The ecology report has been provided. The transport report could take months for the developers to provide.  He also reported that as the development is within 5.3km of Burnham Beeches, the developers are required to offset mitigation. A suitable alternative green space at Little Marlow lakes is being considered. The Hollands Farm development will not be able to go ahead if this mitigation does not take place.  He also reported that he is participated in review board considering the provision of health care facilities in the area alongside planning growth. Cllr Wilson is working closely with the local surgeries. The Council & NHS do not have money available for such development; the developers may need to allow for such provision within their plans. |
| **9.** | **Parking & Transport** |
|  | ***Green spaces on Boundary Road***  Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that the green spaces on Boundary Road are governed by bylaws and parking tickets cannot be issued as per double yellow lines. They all have signs on them saying No Parking. Residents on the two areas nearest to the Green don’t want parking on their green spaces & so do not support it. However, a lot of cars are parked on the final green space. The Parish Council are looking at formalising some sort of parking on this area and are looking at the feasibility of it. Parking causes damage to the grass & curbs and creates drainage problems.  ***Holtspur Lane***  Gary Jelly reported that various green spaces [NB these are not green spaces, they are designated parking] along Holtspur Lane are being used for parking which is making them look very unsightly.  It was agreed that the WRA should write to the Parish Council to request some sort of formalisation of parking and to tidy up the area.  ***Wycombe Lane – white & double yellow lines***  Caroline Meechan reported that white & yellow lines have been painted on Wycombe Lane over the potholes.  Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that there is a new contractor on board who has a budget for lining the roads which has not been done for 10 years. He did not want to stop them doing so because the potholes needed fixing.  ***Speed Watch Group***  Since the last meeting, various members have completed their training & joined the Speed Watch Group.  For further information and to complete the training <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>  ***Parking Strategy***  Cllr Stuart Wilson reported that he has been pushing hard for last two years to get a Buckinghamshire Council Parking Strategy published which would include additional parking enforcement. It is due to be included on the next Parish Council agenda. |

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| **10.** | **Any Other Business** |
|  | It was confirmed that Cookham Bridge will be reopening on Saturday 16 March 2024.  Karen Savage reported that there will be a village litter pick on Sunday 14 April 2024.  Sue Smithin congratulated the Parish Council for removing the tree that was down on Dalton’s Path so quickly after she reported it. |
| **11.** | **Date of Next Meeting** |
|  | Monday 13 May 2024 – 8pm – Wooburn Club  Warren Thomas has agreed to take the minutes as Alison will not be able to attend. |
| **12.** | **Future Meetings in 2024** |
|  | 15 July, 9 September, 11 November |