

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2010
IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL**

PRESENT:

Cllr T Gardiner (Deputy Mayor)	Cllr J Cooper
Cllr Mrs V Edwards	Cllr A Glees
Cllr Mrs A Grant	Cllr Mrs E Jay
Cllr G Myatt	Cllr Mrs E Stokes
Cllr P Redpath	Cllr Mrs T Redpath
Cllr Mrs P Richardson	Cllr B Yoxall
Cllr E Poskitt	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

A representative from the Town Councils solicitors.

WTC/263/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Mayor and Cllrs C Carritt and I Thomas.

WTC/264/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs V Edwards declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 4: Property Matter.

WTC/265/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cllr Mrs V Edwards proposed that in view of the special or confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. This proposal was seconded by Cllr G Myatt.

RESOLVED

That the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting.

WTC/266/09 PROPERTY MATTERS

(a) Rectory Lane Garage

Two letters were received and considered.

The Deputy Mayor proposed that the Standing Order 36 of the Woodstock Town Council should be suspended for this item in order that the possible reversal of the Councils previous decision could be discussed. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs V Edwards. A Member called for a named vote, the result of which was as follows:

FOR: Cllrs A Glees, G Myatt, E Poskitt, Mrs A Grant, Mrs E Stokes, Mrs V Edwards, J Cooper, Mrs E Jay, B Yoxall, Mrs P Richardson, the Deputy Mayor (11)

AGAINST: Cllrs P Redpath and Mrs T Redpath (2)

RESOLVED

That under Standing Order 79 of WTC Standing Order 36 be suspended.

Cllr V Edwards proposed, seconded by the Deputy Mayor that a sub-group of the Property Working Group be established to investigate this property matter further with the Councils solicitors and prepare a recommendation to be brought back to the full Council for consideration.

RESOLVED (12 votes for, 1 against)

That the Town Council establish a Property Working Group sub-group consisting of The Mayor, Cllr Mrs V Edwards, Chairman of the Property Working Group and the Clerk. This sub-group will hold a meeting with Henmans, Meeson Williams and counsel.

(b) No. 2 Market Street

Some recent correspondence was received and considered. The prospective tenant has offered to put right the current substantial dilapidations in return for a 14 month rent free period. It was agreed that the term of the lease should be for 10 years with a five year, upward only, rent review. Cllr Mrs V Edwards proposed that this offer be accepted. Cllr B Yoxall seconded this proposal

RESOLVED

That the offer from the prospective tenant for No 2 Market Street be accepted. A detailed schedule of work will be drawn up by WTC's land agent and form part of the contract. The Carter Jonas building surveyor will be asked to contribute to this document.

The meeting rose at 8.50pm.

Signed Date