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**Minutes of the Meeting of Woodborough Parish Council – Planning  
held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room**

**Present:** Councillors Steve Napier, John Brewin, Andy Towler, Johnny Paterson and Josh Dear.

Unitary Councillor Paul Oatway

Clerk Ruth Kinderman

Residents Gisela Coleman, Peter and Jackie Taylor

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Linda Winter and Brian Marnane

**2. Pecuniary and other Interests**

None declared.

**3. To note progress of applications previously considered:**

**PL/2022/06514 – The Old Rectory** - 2 x Norway Maple trees - reduce crowns by 3m - 4m and shape accordingly. Beech tree - reduce to 3m in height. Laurel tree – fell. Bay tree - reduce to previous cuts at about 2.5m

Approved by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting.

**PL/2022/07067 – The Mill House** – pollarding of two willows to 10m of old knuckles.

Approved by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting.

**PL/2022/07353 – Church Rooms (Parish Room)** - Dismantle 2 Ash Trees to leave 6 - 8m pollards

Wiltshire Council is due to publish its decision on 31<sup>st</sup> October. There had been some confusion amongst residents between this application and the application **PL/2022/00109** submitted by the Salisbury Diocese in December 2021, approved in March 2022, for works to the lime trees in the Glebe field between Silverton and the church, which have not yet been carried out.

4. **To consider at this meeting:**

**PL/2022/07535 – Ruxley** – Tree Preservation Order Consent - Reduce by 3.5m & cut back on neighbouring side to clear building by 1.5m

**PL/2022/07536 - Ruxley** - Fell Ornamental Conifer – Fell Holly

It was agreed to submit no objection to both treework notices for Ruxley. It was noted that the need to download tree applications from the planning portal negates the 'view' facility, the object of which was to simplify the procedure of inspecting plans without the need for paper or digital storage space.

**PL/2022/07186 – Amberley** - Proposed vehicular access

Cllr Napier invited comments from the floor.

Concerns raised focused on the detrimental effect on safety which would result in the event this proposal was implemented. It was noted that many pedestrians, including adults and children, walk along that stretch of road at regular school times, and for before- and after- school clubs, as well as out of school hours. Residents noted that this is already precarious, especially when accompanying young children. The bus stop almost opposite the proposed site for the access was noted as an additional existing hazard, with the bus stop at the other side of the crossroads adding to the dangers of the junction.

Cllr Napier said that the parish council had received correspondence regarding this application; verbal comments had come from residents and written communication from the Headteacher of Woodborough School, on behalf of the school, and a letter from the school PTA. Resident Gisela Coleman, on behalf of the school PTA, said that the letter had been put to the vote and parents had supported it unanimously. Both letters focused on the safety aspect for pedestrians approaching school from the crossroads, referring to the fatality in Broad Street during 2011, and noting the proximity of the proposed access to the single carriageway and patrolled road crossing.

Councillors agreed that introducing another element of traffic flow into an existing dangerous situation would be highly irresponsible and would make a mockery of everything that the Diocese, the School, the Woodborough Social Club and Wiltshire Council have implemented during the last fifteen years, or more.

It was agreed to submit a strong objection to the application; Clerk to draft a response for approval.

It was noted that Highways had objected to the application but that the final decision rests with the Planning Officer. It was noted that the parish council's response carries no more weight than that of any other individual and that respondents have no right of appeal to overturn a planning decision. Concerns were raised that the application may be approved subject to conditions placed on the hours allowed for use of the access. It was

agreed that this would be unacceptable and unenforceable and that, to remove the risk of conditional approval, the application should be called in to Planning Committee.

Cllr Oatway said that he would contact the Planning Department tomorrow; should the Planning Officer be minded to approve it, he will request that the application is called to Planning Committee.

**5. To confirm date of next meeting**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Parish Room.

*Meeting closed at 8.30pm*