

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday the 28th August 2008

Present Cllr John Nicoll Chairman
 Cllr Terry Huggins Vice Chairman
 Cllr Andy Notman
 Cllr Simon West
 Cllr Peter Collins
 Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

Also present - Mr Mike Newman D Cllr.-
 26 members of the Public
 3 members of the Police Force

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Alistair Marr, CC Cllr Steve Criswell

34 Members declaration of interests for Items on the Agenda – Cllr Terry Huggins for item 36, and Cllr Peter Collins for item 35

The Open part for the public meeting

36 Grasstrack Racing – The Chairman welcomed the visitors to the meeting. The item for discussion is that on the 14th September 2008 there is going to be a Grasstrack event held at Mr Johnson's Field at the west end of the village

The general worries for the residents of the village are as follows:-

- Public relations
- Noise
- Entrance on blind corner
- Traffic
- Signage
- Size of bikes
- Number of competitions
- Length of meeting
- Rubbish
- Summary

Mr Gary Southgate could not be at the meeting; therefore, Mr Terry Lincoln addressed the meeting on behalf of the organizers.

Firstly he apologised for the lack of communication with the Parish Council and Residents and then gave a brief outline of the Event on the 14th September 2008, before He answered the Questions from the floor:-

The main concern was the Noise factor in a quite village over a weekend which He thought would not be a problem, as it was quite a way away, and nobody had heard them practice a short time previous. This did not convince a member who said they could hear combining in the surrounding fields. The bikes run at 98 des.

Another great concern was the Entrance to the field, which is on a very tight-blind bend, Mr Lincoln said there would be at least two marshals on the gate at all times. Mr Johnson was going to put another gate, but at the time of the meeting this had not been done. Questionable Planning was another worry, but Mr Lincoln assured that planning had been granted.

The Traffic hopefully will not go through the village because of the precautions taken by the Club in directing in the News Letter to follow the main roads and avoid the Village.

There will be signs on the road to follow, too the field.

The size of the bikes is as follows juniors (6years) are 50cc advanced 250cc, 350cc, 500cc, 1000cc solo's and bikes with sidecars are 500cc. All bikes are kept in very good working order and all have to be inspected before races. The Club complies with Motorbike regulations.

The Number of Club meetings is only two a year and only one will be at this venue. Races start at 11.00o/c With 50 races each with 4 laps each race lasting 1½– 2mins, 100 riders take place and the club expects 200-300 spectators at the meeting. The length of the meeting will be Saturday setting up and Sunday event.

The Organisers will make sure that the whole site is cleared of rubbish and as little damage to the site and surrounds as possible.

The Organisers will do all they can to make the meeting go with as little disruption to the village as possible. Feedback from other communities where they have held meetings has been favourable, and even enjoyed by some. Parish members suggested that a donation was made to the village Church or similar. The members also suggested that they would have to take the organisers word until after the event.

The Chairman summed up, by saying we will keep an eye on the situation and monitor what happens and report back to the next Parish meeting.

The Open Public part of the meeting was closed

- 35 Revised Planning Application – Garage at Meadowcroft** – The Chairman had a message about the the revised plan. The Clerk notified the Councillors that she had not received any new plan. Mrs Shirley Firth representing the Parish Church Council (who also objected to the site of the garage) explained that the plan they received was just an A4 sheet with the old drawing crossed through and a new drawing beside. Cllr Terry Huggins said it could not be discussed without the plan but because of the time limit it was suggested that the same answer be given as at the first application.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Mrs Alison Brace Clerk
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Next Meeting 22nd September 2008

these minutes are un-adopted