

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14th March 2023

Present: Cllrs P Corke (Vice Chairman), T Dix, S Hall, R Horton & G Pinney.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

9.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr A Gribble due to prior commitment. Borough Cllr J Cragg.

9.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Hall declared an interest in items 9.7c & d. Cllr Horton declared an interest in items 9.8b & c.

9.3 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public: None.

9.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 14 February: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 14 February were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hall, Horton & Pinney attended the February Market. Cllrs Gribble, Hall & Horton met with Grant Shapps MP.

9.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from Barclays Bank asking for information on the Entertainment Fund account; this has been dealt with. A letter from Frank Cooper & Son to say the company is folding on 31st March. Information from HMRC about changes to VAT penalties. A complaint about rubbish in undergrowth in the hall grounds behind a resident's back fence. A complaint from a resident about a noisy party. Notification of the increase in Allotment rent from October to £723.31pa. Results of the Safer Routes to School consultation from HCC. A reply from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities about the WHBC Local Plan. A letter from Barclays about a payment recall.

9.7 Planning (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2023/0391/HOUSE 12 Broadfield Road, Erection of a single storey side extension and partial garage conversion, with alterations to fenestration: No objection.

b) 6/2023/0203/HOUSE 26 New Road: No decision to report.

c) 6/2023/0296/LAWP 50 Carvers Croft: No decision to report.

d) 6/2023/0109/HOUSE 19 Hay Wains: No decision to report.

e) 6/2023/0178/LAWP 16 Wolves Mere: No decision to report.

f) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The PC met with Grant Shapps MP to discuss the WHBC Local Plan and its impact on Woolmer Green. Mr Shapps said he supported the PC "100%".

9.8 Hall (*Cllr Pinney*) & **Grounds:** (*Cllr Dix*)

a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory.

b) To discuss cleaning out gutters: Resolved: To accept quote for £200.

c) To consider quote to repair hall gutter soffits: Deferred.

d) To consider grounds contract quote: Resolved: To accept quote for £400 per month to be reviewed in one year.

9.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

a) To receive and approve the payments for February: Resolved: To approve payments for February.

b) To receive and approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for February: It was noted that hall hire takings are catching up with budget but some costs are higher. Resolved: To approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for February.

c) To discuss UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Quotes for hall heating work for 2022/23 & 2023/24 and an invoice for the current years fund have been submitted to WHBC. Arrangements are being made for the work to be done. WHBC will hold a presentation with the PC Chairman and Mayor of WHBC in due course.

9.10 Environment (*Cllr Horton*) & **Transport:** (*Cllr Gribble*)

To discuss highways matters: (i) An accident occurred in London Road at the Mardleybury Road junction. The police were in attendance. (ii) The PC have been made aware of dangerous parking outside the school and have asked people to make use of the village hall car park when dropping children off at school via social media. (iii) Highways are collecting data in Wolves Mere. (iv) The Council noted 477 people responded to the recent Safer Routes to School survey with 85% in support of the proposals. Highways are developing designs reflecting the feedback received.

9.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To discuss Wheels on Woolmer Green: All arrangements have been made for Wheels on Woolmer Green.

b) To discuss Village Day: The Council held a detailed discussion on how to arrange Village Day a little different this year.

c) To discuss Woollyfest: Plans are in the early stages.

9.12 To discuss Annual Parish Meeting: Cllr Kingsbury (or officer) will talk about the Safer Routes to School project. Reverend Christie Gilfeather & PCSO Anne Devine will be invited.

9.13 To receive announcements: None.

9.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 18 April 2023 at 7.30pm.
Annual Meeting of the Council 9th May 2023 at 7.30pm

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Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____