

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 13th March 2018

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), P Corke (Vice Chairman), S Hall, J Hawkins, G Pinney & A White.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

10.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

10.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 10.7a as she lives in Carvers Croft.

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

10.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 13 February: Resolved: The minutes of the 13 February Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Corke, Hawkins & White attended the February Market. The Clerk met with Highways & Fox pub development residents to discuss the footway.

10.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: Information about the Beacon victim care centre. Herts Traffic & Transport Data based on 2016. A letter from a resident wanting to get involved in road safety in the village. A request from the Guides for hall storage of camping gear which was declined through lack of space. A resident's concern about a dead tree in the hall grounds (see item 10.8f). Details of a Government consultation on the overhaul of the NPPF. Correspondence from a resident about the war memorial. A letter from the curate supporting the church's grant application (see item 10.9b).

Cllrs Corke & Pinney arrived at the meeting.

10.7 Planning (Cllr Corke)

a) 6/2018/0440/HOUSE 37 Carvers Croft, Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory: No objection.

b) 6/2018/0407/COND 5 Evergreen Close Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (materials samples) on planning permission 6/2017/2651/HOUSE, dated 05/01/2018: No comment.

c) 6/2018/0316/HOUSE Paynes Farm: No decision to report.

d) 6/2018/0317/LB Paynes Farm: No decision to report.

e) 6/2017/0848/MAJ Entech House, submitted for appeal: No appeal date set.

f) 17/02755/1 Retrospective application for gypsy site at Danesbury: No decision to report.

g) 6/2017/2695/MAJ Entech House: No decision to report.

h) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The Parish Council was represented at Hearing Session 3 to discuss employment and the economy. WHBC has commissioned a new Green Belt review and Hearing Session 4 will take place once it has been completed in the summer.

10.8 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Hawkins)

a) To consider quotes for the refurbishment of the ladies toilets: Resolved: To accept quote of £4,576.66 + vat to refurbish the ladies toilets. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To receive a report on the new Barleyfields under lease: HCC solicitor is awaiting instruction from HCC.

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Inspection satisfactory. Some caps need replacing in the hall playground.

d) To consider quote for orchard fencing: Resolved: To accept quote of £480 + vat for new orchard fencing. **Action: Clerk.**

e) To review progress of clearing rubbish: The solicitor will be asked if a claim can be made on the basis of a quotation as it is possible the contractor will not pay even if a judgement is made against him.

f) To consider resident's concern of dead tree: The tree has been inspected and is dead. Cllrs Corke, Pinney & White volunteered to fell the tree. Resolved: To accept quote of £240 to reduce the tree behind 2 Wolves Mere by one third. **Action: Cllrs Corke, Pinney & White & Clerk.**

g) To receive an update on preventing the establishment of permanent rights of way: All letters bar one have been returned. The resident that has not signed the letter will be contacted by the Clerk. As the Twin Foxes gate is accessed by any member of the public, sending letters to Twin Foxes residents and the Residents Associations is not adequate to prevent a right of way from being established. Advice is to close the gate for one day a year and photograph and minute the action. A notice should be erected and the public could be notified via the newsletter. **Action: Clerk.**

10.9 Finance: *(Cllr Hall)*

- a) To receive and approve the payments and accounts for February: Resolved: To approve payments and accounts for February.
- b) To consider a grant to the church: Resolved: To award £750 to the church for churchyard maintenance. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) To consider a grant to Wickfield Community Centre: Resolved: To award £500 to Wickfield Community Centre to purchase carpet bowls equipment. **Action: Clerk.**

10.10 Environment *(Cllr White)* & **Transport:** *(Cllr Gribble)*

- a) To discuss highways matters: (i) On 19th February an accident occurred at the Mardleybury Road junction. A car mounted the pavement in front of school house and damaged the fence. Luckily the accident did not occur at the end of school when lots parents and children would have been using the footpath. (ii) The loose chippings along much of the pavements following the road resurfacing has been reported online. The Council proposed contacting Highways directly about this. **Action: Clerk**
- (iii) The new lighting erected along Stevenage Road is now illuminated. Some of the older lighting is still not working. (iv) The loose gravel beside the cottage next to the school which has spilled onto the public footpath has been reported to Highways but they do not consider it a priority. (v) An s278 agreement and the payment of a £30,000 bond should have been arranged before the development at the Fox pub site was begun. This did not happen and now the development is finished the developer has not been responding to Highways attempts to contact them. Highways have agreed to look into any action that it or WHBC enforcement can take.

10.11 To consider responding to the HCC Waste Local Plan Initial Consultation: The Council decided not to respond.

10.12 To consider responding to the East Herts District Plan Modifications Consultation: The Council decided not to respond.

10.13 To discuss arrangements for Village Day: Arrangements are progressing.

10.14 To consider good cause for Wheels on Woolmer Green: Resolved: To support SPACE, a Hertfordshire based charity supporting parent/carers of children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or a related condition.

10.15 To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting: Arrangements are progressing.

10.16 To receive announcements. *(for information only):*

- a) Cllr Corke will attend the Clls Surgery on Saturday 7th April.
- b) The Highways Liaison Meeting is on Thursday 15th March.
- c) A tribute to Enid Fairhead will take place on Sunday 18th March.
- d) Cllrs would accept a painting by Enid to display in the hall if offered.
- e) The old trestle tables were donated to Enfield Youth Rugby Team.

10.17 To agree the date of the next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting 17th April & Parish Meeting 8th May.

JRP 14.03.18

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____