

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 9th October 2018

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

5.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr S Hall who is on holiday.

5.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Corke declared an interest in item 5.7b as he owns the property.

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

5.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 11 September: Resolved: The minutes of the 11 September Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Hall attended the September Market.

5.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: Complaints from two residents about the right of way from New Road diagonally across the field being difficult to walk on due to ploughing. The landowner explained that they have to reinstate the pathway within 14 days which will occur after the tilling and sowing process. Notification from Herts Highways that Mardleybury Road will be closed sometime within the next eighteen months for road works. A letter from a resident about the Parish Council article in the Welwyn Parish Magazine. Notification from Network Rail of tree works to be carried out between 8th October and the end of March. A letter from a resident about anti-social behaviour in the Jolly Garden (see 5.10b).

5.7 Planning (Cllr Corke)

a) 6/2018/2269/LAWP, 19 Mardleybury Road, Certificate of lawfulness proposed for Installation of a Static Mobile Home within curtilage of a dwelling house: No objection.

b) 6/2018/2172/HOUSE, 23 Wolves Mere, Erection of a part single storey rear and part first floor rear extension and installation of front window to facilitate garage conversion: No objection.

c) 6/2018/2158/TPO St. Michael's Church, Various tree works: Application granted.

d) 6/2018/1863/HOUSE 27 Bridge Road: Application granted.

e) 6/2018/1864/LAWP 27 Bridge Road: Application granted.

f) 6/2018/1759/TPO 5 Evergreen Close, tree works: Application refused.

g) 6/2018//1600/LAWP 12 Carvers Croft: Application granted.

h) 6/2017/0848/MAJ Entech House, appeal 18 September: No decision to report.

i) 17/02755/1 Retrospective application for gypsy site at Danesbury: Awaiting a response from North Herts Council.

j) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The planning consultant has compiled and submitted a joint document from Woolmer Green and Knebworth Parish Councils raising matters in the Green Belt Review. The consultant will attend Hearing Session 5 on their behalf.

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

a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. Awaiting repair of the balance beam in the Garden Road playground.

b) To review progress of clearing rubbish: The Council approved a letter to be sent to the resident.

Action: Clerk

c) To consider ball skills court proposal: The proposal and quotation was to re-instate the line markings only and stated other work required which they could not quote for. The Council agreed the tennis court needed a more substantial refurbishment and declined the proposal.

d) To consider progress of new Children's Centre Underlease: The Underlease is in the hands of the Parish Council solicitor.

5.9 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

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

b) To receive and approve the accounts for September: Resolved: To approve accounts for September.

5.10 Environment (Cllr White) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble)

a) To discuss highways matters: (i) The lights at the zebra crossing have been adjusted. (ii) The chippings along London Road have either been swept or dispersed and are no longer a problem. (iii) Some parents dropping children off at school have been parking on the bend outside the Chequers. This is dangerous parking and will be reported to the police.

Action: Clerk

(iv) There is no further update on the B197 report.

b) To discuss drug taking in the Jolly Garden: This has been reported by residents. A quote will be obtained to remove some vegetation used for concealment. The matter will be reported to the police.

Action: Cllr Hawkins & Clerk.

5.11 To review progress of GDPR compliance: No progress to report.

5.12 To consider subscribing to new website & email host: A new more user friendly website is under construction. Comparison of the costs of host companies shows there is little variation. Resolved: To transfer the domain to Wix to host website and email addresses at £8.50 per month.

Action: Clerk

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

a) Cllr Pinney will organise the community New Year's Eve Party.

b) Cllrs discussed possible items to include in the 2019/20 budget.

c) The Remembrance service is on Sunday 11th November at 11.30am. Cllr Pinney offered to read at the service.

d) The Highways Liaison Meeting is on Tuesday 16th October.

e) The Allotment AGM is on Tuesday 16th October.

f) A volunteer to open the hall on Sunday mornings is required. This will be included in the newsletter.

g) Cllrs were saddened to hear of the passing of Leader of Welwyn Hatfield Council, Mandy Perkins, and will send condolences.

5.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: 13th November 2018.

JRP 10.10.18

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____