

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 11th June 2019

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Borough Cllrs J Cragg & R Trigg.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

2.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Hall declared an interest in item 2.10d as she is a member of Woolmer Green Band.

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

2.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 14 May: Resolved: The minutes of the 14 May meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Gribble & Horton attended a series of meetings with Welwyn Parish Council to discuss the Call for Sites consultation. All Cllrs attended Village Day. Cllrs Hall & Horton attended the May Market. Cllrs Dix & Horton attended the Cllrs Surgery. Cllrs Gribble, Corke, Hall, Horton & Pinney attended the Public Meeting on the Call for Sites consultation.

2.6 To appoint Cllr Corke to specific responsibilities: Cllr Corke will share Planning & Community.

2.7 To receive correspondence: The Council received: Letters from Herts Constabulary acknowledging the reporting of 3 stolen emergency lights. A letter from a resident reporting a possible dead tree which is in the Twin Foxes estate. A letter from Lessiters notifying the PC of a problem with their building. A letter from WHBC about the footpath in front of the Fox pub development. A letter from the curate about festive lighting. A "thank you" letter from a stall holder who attended Village Day. A letter from a resident about the removal of hedging from the Entech development. A copy of communication between WHBC and a resident about the Call for Sites consultation portal. Notification of a sponsors meeting about a new special school in WGC.

2.8 Planning (Cllr Corke & Horton)

a) 6/2019/1216/HOUSE 5 New Road, Retention for alterations to existing garage: No objection.

b) 6/2019/1237/COND Lessiters, Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (Urban Drainage), 2(External Lighting), 3(Surfacing Materials) on planning application 6/2019/0075/FULL: No comment.

c) 6/2019/1170/COND Entech House, Submission of details pursuant to condition 7(Construction Environmental Management Plan (Biodiversity), Traffic management plan, Build Route Plan) on planning permission 6/2017/0848/MAJ: Despite not having approval all demolition work has been done on the site and this has been reported to the planning officer. Due to the removal of all hedging the PC agreed to seek a meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss future planting plans. **Action: Clerk.**

d) 6/2019/0909/FULL Land to the rear of 2 Mardleybury Court, Erection of single-storey studio and treatment room on land adjacent to garage, timber framed structure with roof lights: Objection due to lack of suitable parking provision, access to the building via a private footpath and overdevelopment of the site. **Action: Clerk.**

e) 6/2019/1171/COND Entech House, Submission of details pursuant to condition 9 (Materials) planning permission 6/2017/0848/MAJ: No comment.

f) 6/2019/1041/LAWP 8 Garden Road, Certificate of lawfulness for conversion of loft to habitual accommodation: No objection.

g) 6/2019/0734/FULL St Michaels Woolmer Green School: Application granted.

h) 6/2019/0821/LAWP 6 Garden Road: Application granted.

i) 6/2019/0916/COND Entech House, condition 6: Application granted.

j) 6/2019/0917/COND Entech House, condition 3: No decision to report.

k) 6/2019/0541/COND 61 London Road, condition 1: Application granted.

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

m) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The Council held a public meeting to discuss the Call for Sites consultation which was well attended and included residents from Oaklands and Knebworth as well as Woolmer Green. Cllrs Gribble & Horton have attended meetings with Welwyn Parish Council to discuss the consultation and WPC has shared its response. Cllrs also encouraged Welwyn PC to raise awareness of the consultation to their residents. The Council has identified points that should be included in the Council's response to the Call for Sites consultation and have instructed the planning consultant to compile an official response. Approval of the document will be delegated to the Clerk following agreement by all Cllrs.

2.9 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Dix)

- a) To review charge for disposing of rubbish bags: Resolved: To increase charge to £8 per bag.
- b) To consider purchasing new projection equipment: It was suggested to purchase a portable electronic display device. A demonstration will be arranged. **Action: Cllr Pinney.**
- c) To consider installing external electrical sockets: A quote will be obtained. **Action: Clerk.**
- d) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. The balance beam has been repaired. The bolts on the hall playground climbing frame need tightening. **Action: Clerk.**
- e) To consider quote to fit latch post to height barrier: Resolved: To accept quote for £400+vat.

2.10 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

- a) To receive and approve the payments for May: Resolved: To approve payments for May.
- b) To receive and approve the accounts for May: Resolved: To approve accounts for May.
- c) To consider a grant application from the Pre-school: Deferred.
- d) To consider a donation to Woolmer Green Band for attending Parish events: Resolved: To donate £250.

2.11 Environment (Cllr Horton) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble)

- a) To discuss erecting village Christmas decorations: The initial simplest solution favoured by the curate and the Council is to erect festive lighting in the church yew trees. A contractor has been instructed to provide a quote.
- b) To receive a report on closing New Road for Carols 'round the Pond: Closing New Road is possible by applying to Highways with details of a diversion route and displaying the relevant signs two weeks prior to closure. **Action: Clerk.**
- c) To discuss other highways matters: (i) A light post in the centre of London Road outside the Chequers has been damaged and a manhole near Wickfield has sunk. These issues will be reported. **Action: Clerk.**
(ii) Cllr Smith will submit a second bid to the PCC Road Safety Fund in September which, if successful, could fund small works to the B197 identified in the AECOM Report.

2.12 To discuss Wellbeing Evening, 23 July: As well as a first aid course "Cancel out Cancer" are willing to come along at 6.30pm and give a talk on cancer awareness. The evening will be advertised in the Newsletter.

2.13 To receive a report on Village Day: Village Day was well attended. It was noted that some attractions were rather expensive. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Corke & Pinney for organising the successful event.

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

- a) Cllr Hall revealed the artwork for Woolmer Green Band's new banner and asked if the Woolmer Green crest could be used. The Council had no objection.
- b) Volunteer Tony has obtained a quote to replace posts to rights of way 10 & 24 and replace a post on the steps in New Road. He has submitted an application to the PPP fund.

2.15 To agree the date of the next meeting: Parish Meeting 9th July.

JRP 12.6.19

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____