

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 26th April 2021

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk), Borough Cllr R Trigg.

13.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

13.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: None.

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

13.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 9 March & Extra Meeting 31 March: Resolved:
The minutes of the 9 March & Extra Meeting 31 March meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hall, Horton & Pinney attended the March Market. Cllrs Corke, Hall & Horton attended the April Market. Cllr Horton met with a resident to discuss a fence adjacent to the pond.

13.6 To receive correspondence: The Clerk received a call from the Health & Safety Executive to discuss covid safety measures. The Council received: A number of letters from residents concerned at development proposed on the Green Belt. A reply from Grant Shapps MP in answer to the Parish Council's letter about the Local Plan. A copy of correspondence from Highways about a path along the former Fox pub site. Information about the NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day on 5th July. A letter from the school Governors about school capacity. Correspondence from a resident about matters relating to Woolmer Green and Mardleybury ponds. Notification from the HCC Pension Fund of new bank details. A letter from CSA Environmental asking if they can carry out a DNA pond survey. Details from a resident about dangerous dogs. A letter from a resident about a parked van. Confirmation from Vaillant of an extended guarantee for the new boiler. Details from OWL about anti-social behaviour in the Garden Road playground. Notification from Highways of the micro surfacing of Wolves Mere. Details from NHDC of the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

13.7 Planning (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2021/1027/HOUSE 5 Twin Foxes, Erection of a single storey rear extension and garage conversion: No objection.

b) 6/2021/1031/HOUSE 4 Holly Road, Retrospective application for erection of front porch: No objection.

c) 6/2021/0473/LAWC Woolmer Green Village Hall, Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of Woolmer Green village hall to hold a public function on New Year's Eve up to 01.00am: No comment.

d) 6/2021/0502/HOUSE 14 Twin Foxes, Erection of single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage and infill of front porch: No objection. Application granted.

e) 6/2021/0547/LAWP 32 Longmead: Application granted.

f) 6/2021/0273/COND Kellard House (landscaping): Application granted.

g) 6/2021/0344/VAR Kellard House (safe crossing): No decision to report.

h) 6/2021/0134/LAWP 5 Twin Foxes: Application refused.

i) To receive an update on Asset of Community Value application: WHBC acknowledged receipt of the application and has invited the Parish Council to submit a full representation. The Council agreed to respond to support the application. **Action: Clerk.**

j) 6/2019/1291/HOUSE 59 Garden Road, Update on unauthorised works: No progress to report.

k) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The inspectors final report is due to be published sometime after the local council elections on 6 May.

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

a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. The bark surface refurbishment will be carried out in the first week in May. The cost will be higher as the original quote is out of date. During an incident of anti-social behaviour, the coronavirus signs were removed and need replacing. **Action: Clerk.**

13.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

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

b) To receive and approve the accounts for March: Despite low hall takings, government Covid-19 support and Locality Budget grants have enabled the final accounts to show a small surplus. Resolved: To approve accounts for March.

c) To consider grant application from the church: Due to the Council receiving a significant Covid-19 grant the Council decided to re-consider the Church grant application. Resolved: To award a further £200.

Action: Clerk.

d) To receive a report on the Job Retention Scheme: £1,204.38 has been claimed for March. The cleaner has been taken off furlough as some hirers resumed their activities from 12 April.

e) To receive an update on Covid-19 grant application: The Council received £10,240.93.

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

a) To discuss highways matters: Highways are considering applying for a closure of New Road to clear blocked gullies that feed into the pond.

b) To consider supporting The Great British Spring Clean 2021: The Council agreed to organise a litter pick on Sunday 6 June.

Action: Cllrs Corke & Horton.

13.11 To approve Annual Report: Resolved: To approve the Annual Report.

13.12 To discuss the departure of Cllr Smith: Cllrs agreed to present Cllr Smith with a leaving gift and a card.

Action: Cllr Corke.

13.13 To set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting: Agreed it would take place in the village hall on Wednesday 19 May at 7.30pm. Covid-19 safety regulations will apply.

13.13 To receive announcements. *(for information only)*.

Virtual meeting regulations end on 7 May. The matter is subject to a court ruling which is expected by the end of April.

13.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 7.30pm.

JRP 29.04.21

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____