

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 12th January 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 Cllrs J Cragg & R Trigg.

9.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

9.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Pinney declared an interest in item 9.7b & d as he is a near neighbour.

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

9.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 8 December: Resolved: The minutes of the 8 December meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Corke & Hall attended the Christmas market.

9.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from a resident containing correspondence with Highways on flooding in London Road. A letter from a resident asking about road works in New Road. Notification from HCC on their Waste Local Plan consultation.

9.7 Planning (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2020/3399/ADV Tesco Express Commercial Unit, Installation of 1 x gantry sign and 1 x low height totem: No objection.

b) 6/2020/3230/HOUSE 6 Bridge Road, Erection of a timber single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling: No objection.

c) 6/2020/3355/HOUSE 21 Bridge Road, Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with replacement outbuilding: No objection.

d) 6/2020/3231/LAWP 6 Bridge Road, Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a mobile home for use ancillary to the main dwelling: No objection.

e) 6/2020/3194/COND Kellard House, Submission of details pursuant to conditions 8 (surface water drainage), 9 (off site highway improvement), 10 (photovoltaic panels), 11 (soft landscaping works), 12 (vehicular access) and 14 (visibility splays) on planning permission 6/2019/1382/FULL: No objection.

f) 6/2019/1219/HOUSE 59 Garden Road, Update on unauthorised works: Alterations have been carried out to the house and the enforcement officer is due to inspect the works to ascertain whether the extension will qualify as permitted development. If it does the appeal decision will no longer be applicable. Cllrs Trigg & Cragg will discuss the matter with Enforcement.

g) To discuss Local Plan Examination: Two documents referring to windfall calculations and the treatment of enhanced Green Belt boundaries are subject to consultation. The planning consultant will be asked to respond. The Main Modifications document is published and no new sites are proposed in Woolmer Green. The Local Plan's 16,000 housing target remains unchanged.

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

a) To approve application for certificate of lawfulness re licence variation: Resolved: To apply for a certificate of lawfulness. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To approve quote for heating repair: The cost will be covered by Cllr Smith's Locality Grant. Resolved: To accept quote for £2,643+vat.

c) To discuss payment of Entertainment License: The PC normally recovers the £180 cost from the bar manager but his entertainment business is on hold due to the pandemic restrictions and is asking for support. The Council agreed to cover the cost and if bar bookings are able to resume during 2021/22 it may ask for a contribution.

d) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. A fence panel is missing in the hall grounds and will be replaced. The Council agreed the playgrounds should remain open as Covid-19 guidance signage is in place.

e) To consider placing staff on furlough: As the hall may be closed for some time it was agreed to retain all staff for the minimum hours required to monitor the hall and place them on part time furlough for the remaining hours. Due to reduced work load the Clerk will also be placed on furlough for hours not worked. **Action: Clerk.**

9.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

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

b) To receive and approve the accounts for December: Hall lets are down by £28,000 but low spending

and Job Retention Scheme support has greatly mitigated the loss. Resolved: To approve accounts for December.

c) To approve budget 2021/22: Low income is forecast for the coming year and the predicted overall loss is £14,437 for 2021/22. Resolved: To approve budget for 2021/22.

d) To receive a report on the Job Retention Scheme: £1,177.54 has been claimed for 5 November-1 December.

e) To receive a report on Locality Budget application: The PC has been successful in its bid for £4,205 from Cllr Smith's Locality Budget. This will pay for the heating repair and the replacement of the bark surface in the Garden Road playground. The PC expressed their grateful thanks to Cllr Smith for his support.

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

a) To discuss highways matters: (i) A water leak occurred in New Road and has been repaired.

(ii) Cllr Smith used £4,100 from his Highways Locality Budget to rectify an uncompleted crossing point in Mardleybury Road.

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

a) The Twin Foxes gate will be closed for 24 hours on the first weekend in February to prevent the establishment of a permanent Right of Way.

b) The Council noted that contractors continue to park on the car dealership site, blocking the footpath, although they have been asked not to.

c) The Council suspect some houses on the Taylor Wimpey site are occupied. This will be investigated.

9.12 To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.01.21

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____