

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 9th June 2020

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.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

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

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

2.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 12 May: Resolved: The minutes of the 12 May meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: None.

2.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from Barclays Bank informing that savings account interest is reduced to 0.01%. A letter from a Woolmer Green artist enquiring about studio space. Information about skylarks from a resident hoping this would affect Green Belt development plans. Information from Nationwide about online banking. Information from HCC about Armed Forces Day. Notification that the Local Electricity Bill will be debated in parliament on 10th June.

2.7 Planning (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2020/0863/TPO Kellard House: No decision to report.

b) 6/2020/0669/HOUSE 18a London Road: No decision to report.

c) 6/2020/1291/HOUSE 59 Garden Road, submitted to appeal: Planning Enforcement is working with the resident on a possible permitted development scheme.

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

e) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The Borough has enquired which areas of employment in Woolmer Green the Parish Council considered should be protected. The Council concluded protected employment sites should include Lessiters, Cawdor & the new employment units on the Entech site and not Marshalls.

Action: Clerk.

Cllr Trigg informed the Council that the next Hearing sessions will take place in July.

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

a) To discuss preparations for opening the hall: Anticipating that the hall may open in the near future; the Council discussed introducing an enhanced cleaning regime, sanitising stations, distancing measures and protective equipment for staff. Resolved: To purchase sanitiser dispensers & face masks.

Action: Cllr Corke & Clerk.

b) To discuss holding an outdoor market: The market manager and stall holders are keen to reopen the market outdoors from 28th June. The Council agreed it could go ahead with social distancing measures in place. Stallholders only will be permitted to use the hall toilets and the manager is to ensure they are cleaned.

2.9 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 discuss the implications of the COVID-19 outbreak: The Parish Council has successfully claimed for three staff under the Government Job Retention Scheme from March to 31 May. The Council agreed to make a second claim for June.

Action: Clerk.

2.10 Environment (*Cllr Horton*) & **Transport:** (*Cllr Gribble*)

To discuss highways matters: (i) An accident occurred this morning on London Road when a car travelling at speed clipped a car reversing out from the driveway of the old cottage and overturned. (ii) An accident occurred on 19 May at the Mardleybury Road junction. (iii) Vegetation is overhanging the pavement by the Jolly Garden and will be reported. **Action: Clerk.** (iv) The Council noted that the speed of traffic has increased as the roads have been quieter; particularly in Mardlebury Road. (v) The brick planter on the corner of Mardleybury Road has been damaged during the recent road work activity.

2.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To discuss response to COVID-19 outbreak: Four residents have been assisted since the last meeting.

b) To discuss progress of festive lighting: The lighting company are not taking on further work during the current pandemic situation. The Council agreed to put the project on hold and review in a few months time.

2.12 To consider back up of council data: The Council has signed up for a free trial from Back Up Everything.

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

 Cllr Corke has purchased the Community Award plaque.

2.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 14 July at 7.30pm.

JRP 10.06.20

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____