

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

**1.1 To receive apologies for absence:** None.

**1.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda:** Cllr Corke declared an interest on item 11.7b as he is a neighbour.

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

**1.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 28 April:** Resolved: The minutes of the 28 April meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**1.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors:** None.

**1.6 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: A letter from a regular hirer asking about resuming their classes (see item 1.8a). Information from the Woodland Trust. A survey from Stop Stanstead Expansion. A letter from a resident about parked cars obstructing the hall gate.

**1.7 Planning** (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2020/0863/TPO Kellard House: Reduce 1 x Hornbeam Tree [T1] by 30% [TPO 515] Reduce 1 x English Oak Tree [T2] by 30%: Objection as reasons given for pruning cannot be justified and the natural openness of the trees will be spoiled.

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 dealing with the issue.

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

e) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: No update to report.

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

To consider a request for limited use of the hall: A regular hirer has asked if they can use the hall from 1<sup>st</sup> June in line with planned schools opening, but Government advice is that community halls should remain closed, with very limited exceptions, until further notice.

**1.9 Finance:** (*Cllr Hall*)

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

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

c) To discuss the implications of the COVID-19 outbreak: There is no clear advice from NALC or the Government on whether Parish Councils can furlough staff under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Resolved: To apply to the scheme from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May for the three hall staff. **Action: Clerk.**

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

To discuss highways matters: (i) The seeding of Mardleybury Road verge has been scheduled by Ringway. (ii) The Council noted there is currently extensive utility works on London Road. (iii) The Council noted that the Government recently announced there will be funding available to help increase cycling and walking capacity across the UK.

**1.11 Community** (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

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

b) To discuss progress of festive lighting: WHBC tree officer recommended that the trench for the electric cable should be hand dug to minimise damage to tree roots. A quote will be obtained for this. The lighting company will be forwarded the information from the church architect. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To discuss a community award: Resolved: To purchase a "Woolmer Green Community Spirit Award" shield. **Action: Cllr Corke.**

**1.12** To consider back up of council data: Investigating data back-up provider Back Up Everything.

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

No announcements were made.

**1.14** To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.05.20

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_