

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

A risk assessment has been carried out to ensure the meeting is conducted in a Covid-19 secure way.

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

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

**6.1 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr G Pinney due to work commitments.

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

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

**6.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 12 October:** Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 October were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**6.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors:** Cllr Hall attended the October market. Cllr Corke attended the Chequers on the last day before the current publicans must close the pub before it is refurbished and re-opened under new management. He thanked Marion & Nick Darter, on behalf of the Parish Council, for all their hard work and community support during the past eighteen years of their tenancy.

**6.6 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: A resignation letter from the morning caretaker. Details of an archive film available to commemorate the Poppy Appeal. Details of membership benefits of the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA). A thank you from a resident for pruning vegetation in the hall grounds. An enquiry from a resident about common land maintenance. A resident's complaint about a noisy party at the village hall.

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

a) 6/2021/2116/FULL The Chequers: Application granted.

b) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: No progress to report. It was agreed to contact our MP as he has not responded to the Council's last letter and write directly to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government with the Council's concerns of green belt development in Woolmer Green.

**Action: Clerk.**

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

a) To discuss fire alarm display panel: Awaiting a report from a contractor.

b) To consider change to hall Terms & Conditions: Resolved: To include "*Sticking items to the floor is strictly prohibited and if glue residue is found after an event the Parish Council will charge £50.00 for its removal.*"

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory.

d) To receive update on replacement of swing posts: Replacement of the posts is unlikely to be carried out until the new year due to a shortage of materials.

**6.9 Finance:** (Cllr Hall)

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

b) To receive and approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for October: Due to a government Covid grant, Job Retention Scheme income, underspending and good hall income since its reopening the accounts are better than predicted last year. Resolved: approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for October.

c) To receive report on Sage payroll: The payroll will be moved to Sage Cloud. The cost will remain unchanged but will be charged monthly instead of annually.

**Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss caretaker vacancy: One application has been received but it was agreed to post the vacancy on Facebook.

**Action: Clerk.**

e) To discuss budget 2022/23: It was agreed not to raise the precept or hall hire rates at the present time. Costs for replacement fire doors, metal tennis net and festive lighting will be included in the 2022/23 budget.

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

a) To discuss highways matters: (i) Gullies and manhole covers in Wolves Mere have been raised and the road surface patched to bring them level with the road. The work has worsened the road's appearance.

(ii) The gullies have been cleared on London Road. (iii) Yellow lines at the entrance to Hall Lane have not been reinstated following resurfacing work and this will be reported.

**Action: Clerk.**

b) To consider supporting 20s Plenty campaign for a 20mph speed limit on residential roads: Resolved: To support 20s Plenty campaign for a 20mph speed limit on residential roads.

c) To discuss Queen's Green Canopy: Discussions have taken place with Highways and residents have been asked to suggest locations where trees can be planted. Resolved: To apply for the Queen's Tree Canopy grant. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To consider organising a village litter pick: It was agreed to organise a litter pick for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

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

a) To discuss Annual Community Award: The Council unanimously agreed to present the award to Jackie Castle, Landlady of the Red Lion, for fund raising to install a second defibrillator in the village and her enthusiastic community involvement. **Action: Cllr Corke.**

b) To discuss Village Day: This will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Cllrs discussed preliminary preparations.

c) To discuss charity donations from Carols round the Pond: No suggestions had been received from residents. It was agreed to ask Sarah McGuinness to nominate a charity as a thank you for helping to organise the installation of the Red Lion defibrillator. **Action: Clerk.**

**6.12** To discuss Parish Council Christmas card: Residents had sent in photos, and several will be used for the Christmas card. It was agreed to present the three residents of the chosen photos with a £10 voucher and a dozen cards. **Action: Clerk.**

**6.13** To approve Website Accessibility Statement: An Accessibility Audit has been carried out and the Council's web site is 86% compliant. The Council will work towards full compliance by addressing the issues raised in the Accessibility Report in due course. Resolved: To adopt Website Accessibility Statement.

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

The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.

**6.15** To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7.30pm.

JRP 10.11.21

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

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