

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> June 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 & G Pinney.

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Borough Cllrs J Cragg & R Trigg via remote access.

**2.1 To receive apologies for absence:** HCC Cllr T Kingsbury.

**2.2 To receive Cllr Pinney's review of his Register of Interests:** Cllr Pinney signed to confirm his Register of Interest remained true.

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

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

**2.5 To approve minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council & note the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were noted. Resolved: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2.6 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllrs Corke & Hall attended the May Market. Cllrs Gribble, Corke, Dix, Hall & Horton attended the litter pick event (see 2.11b). Cllrs Horton & Pinney met with a resident to discuss a fence adjacent to the pond (see item 2.11a).

**2.7 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: Information about a Herts Parish Councillors Facebook group. Information about Armed Forces Day on 26 June. A letter from a resident following a meeting with Cllrs about a fence (see 2.11a). A letter from a resident about overgrown vegetation (see 2.9b). A report from a hirer about youths loitering behind the hall which has been passed to the PCSO. A letter and minutes about the Community Asset application (see 2.8e).

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

a) 6/2021/1027/HOUSE 5 Twin Foxes: Application granted.

b) 6/2021/1031/HOUSE 4 Holly Road: Application granted.

c) 6/2021/0473/LAWE Woolmer Green Village Hall: Application deferred to a future date as it is unlikely sufficient supporting evidence can be provided to support this application at the present time.

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

e) To receive an update on Asset of Community Value application: The application to register the Chequers pub as an Asset of Community Value has been granted.

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

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

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

a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. It was reported some benches are decaying at the edges, and this will be investigated. **Action: Cllr Horton.**

b) To discuss resident's issue of overgrown vegetation: It was agreed to prune the vegetation in the Autumn. **Action: Clerk.**

**2.10 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 & bank reconciliation for May: Resolved: To approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for May.

c) To consider hall hire charges: No changes to hall hire charges were proposed at the present time but will be reviewed in September.

d) To consider pitch hire charge for 2021/22: Resolved: To increase fees by 10%. **Action: Clerk.**

e) To consider quotes for gas & electric supply: Resolved: To accept a three-year contract with EDF through Utility Aid. **Action: Clerk.**

f) To receive a report on the Job Retention Scheme: £700.14 has been claimed for May.

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

a) To receive a report on a meeting with a resident about the common boundary fence: HCC was satisfied the common land boundary fence was in the correct location, but the resident did not agree and considered he should have been consulted before it was erected as it restricted access to the outside of his fence. The meeting was amicable, and the resident did not intend to pursue the matter further.

b) To receive a report on The British Spring Clean event: The event was a success as the turnout was greater than expected and some parents with children took part. Over twelve bags of rubbish were

collected. The Council agreed a second litter pick should take place in six months. The area around the new shops was particularly strewn with litter and this will be reported to the owner of Kellard House.

**Action: Clerk.**

c) To discuss highways matters: (i) The B197 is due to be closed for resurfacing from 10 June.

(ii) Fly tipping in Bridger's Path had been reported to WHBC and has subsequently been removed.

**2.12** To discuss website accessibility: A computer expert will be consulted. **Action: Cllr Horton & Clerk.**

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

The manager of Tesco Extra has asked to meet the Council.

**2.14** To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 7.30pm.

JRP 09.06.21

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

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