

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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) for part of the meeting, T Dix, R Horton & G Pinney.

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). County Cllr Tony Kingsbury, Borough Cllrs J Cragg & R Trigg.

**9.1 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr S Hall due to a prior commitment.

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

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

**9.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 11 January:** Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 January were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**9.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors:** Cllr Horton attended the January Market.

**9.6 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: A letter from a resident about a dangerous incident on the zebra crossing. A letter from a resident thanking the Council for replacing the swings. Several communications from a resident about the pond. An enquiry whether a toddler group operates at the hall. Information about vegetation management from Network Rail. Notification from WHBC of a consultation on withdrawing permitted development on some employment sites. A letter from a resident about overhanging brambles. An enquiry about paid voluntary work. Information from the barman about equipment taken from the bar. Notification from Cadent about gas works in Mardleybury Road. Notification from Luton Rising of a consultation on increasing airport capacity.

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

a) 6/2021/3560/HOUSE 52 London Road, Erection of a single storey side extension following demolition of existing side conservatory and extension and conversion of existing detached garage into a home office: No objection.

b) 6/2021/3404/TPO: Kellard House: Application granted.

c) 6/2021/3283/TPO: Cedar Meadows (Entech site): Application granted.

d) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: WHBC has agreed to maintain its position of November 2021 and plan for 13,279 dwellings in the Local Plan which is below the 15,200 set by the planning inspector. WHBC has written to inform him and await his response.

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

a) To receive update on quote for Legionella Risk assessment: Thames Air & Water revised their quote. Resolved: To accept quote for £1,788.

b) To consider accepting quote for replacement of hall fire doors: Resolved: To accept quote for £4,800.

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. More bark is required under the slide apparatus in the Garden Road playground.

d) To discuss refurbishment of the ball skills court: An engineering company has submitted a quote for a bespoke opening metal tennis net. The PC will apply to County Cllr T Kingsbury for funding for the project. **Action: Clerk.**

**9.9 Finance:** (*Cllr Hall*)

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

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

c) To discuss Making Tax Digital: The Council agreed to use free government approved software; Votify.

d) To discuss caretaker vacancy: Advertising will continue. **Action: Clerk.**

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

a) To discuss London Road parking: Parents are parking dangerously along London Road towards the Chequers. The school are hoping to reintroduce the walking bus. The PC will include an article in the next newsletter to encourage parents to park in the hall car park. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To discuss other highways matters: There has been occasions when contractors working at the Chequers have parked on the pavement forcing pedestrians, including children walking to school, to walk in the road on this dangerous bend. The Council will contact the site manager to explain the dangers. **Action: Clerk.**

*Cllr Corke arrived at the meeting.*

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

a) To receive update on Village Day arrangements.: Live music has been arranged and many stalls have applied to take part.

**9.12 To fix a date for the Annual Parish Meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**9.13 To agree the date of the next meeting:** Council Meeting Tuesday 8 March 2022 at 7.30pm.

JRP 09.02.22

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

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