

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Borough Cllrs T Mitchinson & R Trigg. One member of the public.

- 2.1 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr Gribble signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2.2 To receive apologies for absence:** None.
- 2.3 To review Registers of Interest:** Cllr Gribble signed to confirm his Register of Interest remained true. Cllrs Hall & Horton have submitted a revised Register of Interest.
- 2.4 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda:** None.
- 2.5 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public:** A resident congratulated the Parish Council on the success of Village Day. They stated they have asked the Borough Council's Chief Environmental Officer for a meeting to discuss the pond. They also believed that the information about the pond on the Parish Council website is inaccurate and asked if the Council would guarantee changing the article if they submitted alternative information. The Chairman said the Council could not guarantee that and information is based on advice from HCC Countryside Management.
- 2.6 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 10 May:** Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 10 May were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 2.7 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors:** Cllrs Corke Hall & Horton attended the May market. All Cllrs attended Village Day. Cllrs Corke, Gribble, Hall, Horton & Pinney attended the Jubilee Picnic.
- 2.8 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: Information from HCC about Reserves Day & Armed Forces Day. Details from WHBC about a required re-issue of an Article 4 Direction. A reply from WHBC enforcement on the unfinished landscaping on the Taylor Wimpey site. An update from the HCC Hertfordshire Strategic Migration Steering Group. Details from HCC on the closure of Robbery Bottom Lane. A request from a resident asking if they can clean benches. Letters of thanks from two stall holders who attended Village Day. A complaint from a resident about goal post storage. A letter from a Knebworth resident about the outline planning application on land south of 52 London Road (see 2.9c). A copy of the CPRE response to application 6/2022/0787/OUTLINE (item 2.9c). Notification from Castle Water that the Council's direct debit will increase to £80.92 per month. A response from Network Rail to an enquiry about tree planting. Information from Ornamental Trees on establishing newly planted trees.
- 2.9 Planning (Cllr Corke & Horton)**
- 6/2022/1055/HOUSE 7 Birch Road, Erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and front porch: No objection.
  - 6/2022/0690/HOUSE 46 New Road, Erection of a single storey front extension and two storey rear extension, modification to existing side elevation dormer and installation of new ground floor windows: Under delegated powers the Council commented that the scale and height of the extension will be overbearing. Application refused.
  - 6/2022/0787/OUTLINE Land adjacent to 52 London Road: No decision to report. The Parish Council informed WHBC planning that the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan should be taken into account and that NHDC had not referred to it in its representation.
  - To receive update on Local Plan Examination: Due to an up coming by-election any decisions have been delayed.
- 2.10 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Dix)**
- To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory.
  - To receive the annual playground inspection report: Two items were raised in the hall playground and Wicksteed will be asked for advice. **Action: Clerk.**
  - To consider quote to prune vegetation around tennis court: Resolved: To accept quote for £750+vat.
  - To consider quote to replace two fence posts at the tennis court: Resolved: To accept quote for £280+vat.
  - To consider quote to refurbish the ball skills court: Resolved: To accept quote for £14,424+vat.
  - To review Covid-19 advice: Updated advice approved.
  - To discuss hall bar: The Council will continue with current arrangements.

h) To discuss purchasing tabletop grill: The Council decided against the purchase.

**2.11 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: Staff costs will be higher than budgeted due to the new caretaker receiving expenses. The Council has not received reclaimed vat via the Making Tax Digital software and HMRC have been contacted. Resolved: To approve the accounts for May.

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

a) To discuss other highways matters: A traffic survey is taking place near to Kellard House shops. The Council agreed to make enquiries as to when the puffin crossing will be installed. **Action: Clerk.**

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

a) To receive a report on Village Day: The Chairman thanked Cllrs Corke & Pinney for organising Village Day. He also thanked the judges of the pet show and cake competition. Volunteers came along and helped during the morning. Due to the weather being overcast some stall holders did not turn up but the turnout by the public was good. A sizable crowd attended the Jubilee Picnic.

**2.14 To receive announcements:**

a) Attimore vets will not be reopening.

b) To address legionella concerns the unused shower in the ref's room will be disconnected.

**2.15 To agree the date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

JRP 15.06.22

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

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