

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 10th July 2018

Present: Cllrs P Corke (Vice Chairman), J Hawkins & A White.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Borough Cllr J Cragg.

- 3.1 To receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr Corke signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 3.2 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Gribble & Hall who are on holiday.
- 3.3 To review Registers of Interest – Cllrs Corke & White:** Cllrs Corke & White signed to say their Registers of Interest remained true.
- 3.4 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda:** None.
- 3.5 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public:** None.
- 3.6 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 8 May:** Resolved: The minutes of the 12 June Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
- 3.7 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Hawkins attended a meeting with representatives from YMCA which will be the lead agency of the Children's Centre from October. Cllrs Corke, Hall & White attended the June Market. Cllr Corke attended the school concert.
- 3.8 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: An invitation to a celebration at Tenterfield Nursery. A letter from Serco about fraudulent letters. A letter from a member of the public about the ball skills court. A letter from a resident about trees in Hall Lane. Information from HCC about their annual conference. A letter from a Tenterfield Governor informing the Council that Tenterfield will no longer be the lead agency from 1st October. An apology from the Manager of Marshalls after their intruder alarm sounded for much of a weekend. Information about the Hertfordshire Justice Board meetings being open to the public. Communications from a resident about trees & hedges beside the pond. A letter from a resident about the Wheels on Woolmer Green donations.
- 3.9 Planning (Cllr Corke)**
- a) 6/2018/1600/LAWP 12 Carvers Croft, Certificate of lawfulness for erection of a single storey rear extension: No objection.
 - b) 6/2018/1382/HOUSE 20 Oak Road, Erection of two storey side extension and alterations to openings on existing side and rear elevations following demolition of existing detached garage: No objection.
 - c) 6/2018/0737/FULL 61 London Road, Lessiters: No decision to report.
 - d) 6/2018/0316/HOUSE Paynes Farm: Application refused.
 - e) 6/2018/0317/LB Paynes Farm: No decision to report.
 - f) 6/2017/0848/MAJ Entech House, appeal 18 September: No decision to report.
 - g) 17/02755/1 Retrospective application for gypsy site at Danesbury: The application is expected to be decided at the planning committee meeting in October.
 - h) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: Hearings 4 took place at the end of June and focused on Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield. Hearings 5 are expected to include examination of the villages and will take place following completion of the Green Belt Review. Cllr Cragg agreed to enquire when that is likely to be but it will be after the summer.
- 3.10 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Hawkins)**
- a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection. All is satisfactory except for the balance beam in the Garden Road playground which has broken. **Action: Clerk.**
 - b) To review progress of clearing rubbish: Awaiting the outcome of the police discussions with the resident responsible. The police and Cllr Cragg have reported the matter to Environmental Health.
- 3.11 Finance: (Cllr Hall)**
- a) To receive and approve the payments for June: Resolved: To approve payments for June.
 - b) To receive and approve the accounts for June: Resolved: To approve accounts for June.
 - c) To consider paying expenses for cost of watering: Cllr Hawkins uses her own water supply to water the planters and during the hot weather the cost is escalating. Resolved: To pay Cllr Hawkins water expenses.
- 3.12 Environment (Cllr White) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble)**
- a) To review progress of PPP work: The work to footpath 24 is complete and cost £1,428 incl vat. The Rights of way officer agreed to contribute £228.
 - b) To discuss village sign: The reason the sign looks black is due to the leaching of tannin in the wood. This will oxidise over time and turn the sign grey.

c) To discuss highways matters: (i) A bollard outside Knebworth Care Home is broken and will be reported to highways. **Action: Clerk.**

(ii) The beacon at the zebra crossing has been repaired. (iii) There is no update on the issue of gravel on the path outside the school. (iv) There is no further update on the B197 report. (v) The air ambulance attended an accident at Oaklands last night. (vi) The hedge along Stevenage Road has been cut. (vii) The gullies outside the school are fully blocked although they should be cleared every eighteen months.

3.13 To review progress of GDPR compliance: The Council is working towards full compliance.

3.14 To consider responding to WHBC Gambling Policy consultation: The Council agreed not to respond.

3.15 To consider responding to WHBC Street Trading Policy consultation: The Council agreed not to respond.

3.16 To consider responding to the Consultation on the revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Hertfordshire (LFRMS 2): The Council agreed not to respond.

3.17 To receive announcements. (*for information only*):

a) The refurbishment of the ladies toilets is making progress.

b) A resident asked if St. George's flags could be erected if England reaches the World Cup Final. The Council had no objection.

3.18 To agree the date of the next meeting: 11th September 2018.

JRP 11.07.18

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____