

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14th January 2020

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

8.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Pinney was unable to attend.

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

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

8.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 10 December: Resolved: The minutes of the 10 December meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Corke, Dix & Hall attended the December Market. Cllr Horton attended the market stall holder's reception buffet. Cllrs Corke, Dix, Horton & Pinney attended the Carols round the Pond event.

8.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from Dow Schofield Watts. Notification from HCC that it's 2019 conference report is available on its website. A letter asking for historical information on Woolmer Green. A proposal about organising a Christmas lunch for people spending Christmas alone. A response from the owners of the Entech shops/office complex to an enquiry about possible occupants. They said there was no progress to report. A thank you letter from the Multiple Sclerosis Trust for the donation from the Carols round the Pond event. Notification from Sage that the payroll License Plan is due for renewal on 22nd January.

8.7 Planning (Cllr Corke & Horton)

a) 6/2019/3152/COND Kellard / Enetch House, Submission of details pursuant to condition 7 (sample of materials) on planning permission 6/2019/1382/FULL: No comment.

b) 6/2019/2995/COND Entech House, Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (Construction Method Statement) on planning application 6/2019/1382/FULL: No comment.

c) 6/2019/2518/VAR Studio 2 Mardleybury Court: Application granted.

d) 17/02755/1 Retrospective application for gypsy site at Danesbury: No progress to report.

e) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: WHBC Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel will be discussing recommendations resulting from the call for sites consultation on 23rd January. The site adjacent to Mardley Heath has been rejected. The Marshall's site has been re-designated for residential with some employment. Part of the site adjacent to Knebworth has been included for 25 dwellings. A consultation on the proposals will take place from 10th February to 2nd March. Our Borough Cllrs suggested holding a meeting with the Parish Council and this will be arranged. **Action: Clerk.**

8.8 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Dix)

a) To discuss annual playground inspection report: Deferred.

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

c) To discuss refurbishment of the ball skills court: Quotes are being organised.

d) To consider quote for installing lighting in Hall Lane: A resident has donated a free solar light to erect for a trial. If suitable, three further lights will be installed. **Action: Cllrs Corke, Dix & Horton.**

8.9 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

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

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

Cllr Corke left the meeting

c) To approve 2020/21 budget: The Council noted that due to an increase in the tax base the Parish portion of band D Council Tax will reduce from £48.55 in 2019/20 to £46.72 for 2020/21. Resolved: To approve budget for 2020/21.

d) To discuss continuing to participate in the LGPS pooling arrangements: Resolved: To continue participation in the LGPS pooling arrangements.

8.10 Environment (Cllr Horton) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble)

a) To discuss fencing on the common land: The common land boundary on the commons register and the property deeds correspond. The resident will be informed of where his fencing should be erected. **Action: Cllrs Dix & Horton.**

b) To consider responding to South Central & North Central GTP Consultation: The consultation runs from 6th January to 30th March. A response will be prepared. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To discuss highways matters: (i) The intermittent beacon on the zebra crossing is not resolved and will be reported. (ii) The downlights on the zebra crossing do not illuminate pedestrians and will be reported.(iii) The bollard on London Road has been replaced.

8.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To receive a report on Carols round the Pond: Although it rained on Christmas Eve there was still a good turnout for the event. Cllr Pinney organised some colourful lighting and erected a Christmas tree and Woolmer Green band accompanied the singing. £142.54 was collected on the evening which was added to the £101.10 the band had collected at previous events. In total £243.64 was donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

b) To receive a report on arrangements for live music event: It was suggested holding the event in September.

8.12 To consider back up of council data: No progress to report.

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

a) The Cllrs surgery is on 1st February.

b) Village Day is to be included on the February agenda.

c) Commemorating VE Day is to be included on the February agenda.

8.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Parish Meeting 11th February 2020.

JRP 15.01.20

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____