

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14th December 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.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

7.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr G Pinney due to work commitments.

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

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

7.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 9 November: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 9 November were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hall & Horton attended the November Market. Cllrs Corke, Hall & Horton attended the Christmas Market.

7.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: Notification from HMRC that transition to Making Tax Digital will come into force from April 2022. Notification that the trading name of London Luton airport has changed to Luton Rising. Details of HCC Hertfordshire to Essex Rapid Transport survey. Notification that White Horse Lane will be closes for replacement of gas main. Details of WHBC & HCC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Notification from the Valuation Office that the rateable value of the hall was incorrect and has increased by £750. Query from a resident about postings on the Community Facebook page. A complain about a noisy party. An offer of help from a resident to improve the tennis court. Correspondence from a resident about the resurfacing of Wolves Mere.

7.7 Planning (*Cllr Corke & Horton*)

a) 6/2021/3283/TPO Cedar Meadows (Entech site) Fell Scots Pine (T3), partial removal of Scots Pine (T240) and reduction to crown: The Council commented that if Scots Pine are felled more should be planted as they are associated with the history of the site.

b) 6/2021/3064/ADV: The Chequers Installation of 2x internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 x non-illuminated fascia sign, 2x non-illuminated hoarding signs and 1 internally illuminated hanging sign: No objection.

b) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The Main Modification consultation is now proposed to begin on 4th February 2022 subject to approval by the examination inspector.

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

a) To discuss fire alarm display panel: To ask T J Fire to match the cheapest quote. Resolved: To accept quote for £1,510.

b) To consider quote to re-lacquer the hall floor: Resolved: To accept quote for £1,505.

c) To consider quote following Legionella Risk assessment: Resolved: To accept quote to clean water tanks £475.

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

e) To receive update on replacement of swing posts: The posts have been replaced and the swing seats will be reattached this week.

7.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

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

b) To receive and approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for November: Resolved: approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for November.

c) To discuss caretaker vacancy: The vacancy will be advertised again in the newsletter. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss budget 2022/23: It was agreed to pledge £10,000 to refurbish the tennis court and ask residents to help raise a further £5,000.

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

a) To discuss highways matters: (i) The owner of Kellard House is expecting technical approval from Highways soon and then work to install a puffin crossing can commence. (ii) A resident has questioned whether the resurfacing of Wolves Mere has followed correct procedure, but County Cllr Kingsbury has investigated and it looks to be correct. (iii) The installation of the footway in front of the Fox cottages in New Road is scheduled to take place between 4th and 7th January.

c) To discuss Queen's Green Canopy: The Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £350 and the trees have been purchased. Highways will be asked how the PC can check where services are located.

Action: Clerk.

7.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To consider Chequers license application: No objections were raised.

b) To discuss Carols round the Pond: Due to Covid-19 this will be held in the village hall car park to allow social distancing. Resolved: To approve risk assessment.

c) To discuss Village Day: Arrangements are ongoing.

7.12 To discuss gift for the caretaker: Resolved: To spend up to £40 on a bouquet and £50 for a shopping voucher.

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

a) It was decided to postpone the litter pick to 27th March 2022.

b) A five year lease has been agreed with a new car dealership to occupy the former Marshalls site. The landowner will still pursue its designation to residential in the Local Plan.

7.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 7.30pm.

JRP 15.12.21

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____