

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 8th November 2022

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). County Councillor T Kingsbury, Borough Councillor J Cragg.

5.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr G Pinney due to a prior engagement. Borough Cllr T Mitchinson.

5.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Horton declared an interest on item 5.8d.

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

5.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting 27 September: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 27 September were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: Cllr Hall & Horton attended the October market.

5.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A survey from HCC about EV charge points which was completed. A letter from a resident about the carols event. Notification from National Highways about closure of the A1(M). Notification from Network Rail on proposed vegetation management. A letter from a resident concerned about pavement parking. A letter from a resident about a sewage leak in Mardleybury Road which was reported to Thames Water. Information from a resident about a near miss on the zebra crossing. A letter from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance asking for support. Information from a resident (item 5.11d). Mill Green Services change of bank details (item 5.9f). A proposal from a resident concerning the pond. Information from EDF about the Energy Relief Scheme. A suggestion from a resident about the speed on the B197. A programme of works to Rights of Way from HCC.

5.7 Planning (Cllr Corke & Horton)

a) 6/2022/1786/FULL 51-53 London Road, Erection of a single vehicle spray booth for the use of bodywork preparations and motor repairs (retrospective): No objection.

b) 6/2022/1822/HOUSE 51 Garden Road: Application granted.

c) 6/2022/0787/OUTLINE Land adjacent to 52 London Road: No decision to report.

d) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: No progress to report.

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

a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: The playground inspector reported an issue with the basket swing which will be investigated.

b) To receive update on annual playground report issues: No update to report.

c) To consider maintenance of tennis court: Resolved: To accept quote of £400 for annual maintenance.

d) To consider quote to clean hall gutters: Resolved: To accept quote of £240 to clear gutters.

e) To consider request for use of the car park: The Council consented to a three-month trial for a fee to be agreed. **Action: Cllr Corke.**

5.9 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

a) To receive and approve the payments for September/October: Resolved: To approve payments for September/October.

b) To receive and approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for September/October: Resolved: To approve the accounts for September/October.

c) To consider a donation to Royal British Legion: Resolved: To donate £50. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss 2023/24 budget: No major projects were put forward and an increase to the precept was discussed.

e) To consider paying staff a Christmas bonus: Resolved: To pay staff £50.

f) To approve change of supplier's bank details: The details had been verified. Resolved: To approve change of details.

g) To receive a report on 2022/23 LGA pay agreement: Information had been circulated. All pay scales will increase by £1,925pa, pro rata backdated to April 2022.

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

a) To discuss flooding issues: (i) During the recent heavy rains the road and driveway of 18 London Road was particularly flooded. Cllr Kingsbury noted the issue. (ii) The drain by the school is blocked and will be reported. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To discuss other highways matters: (i) A pothole in Garden Road is due to be repaired by 17th November. (ii) A sunken drain in Carvers Croft has been reported to Highways. (iii) Visitors to the car dealership have been parking on the pavement. A letter will be sent to the dealership asking them to resolve the issue. **Action: Clerk.**

5.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

- a) To discuss charity for Carols round the Tree collection: No suggestions have been received by residents. The market manager will be asked to nominate a charity.
- b) To consider recipient of Community Award: It was agreed to present the award to volunteer Jenny Hawkins for her hard work maintaining the village planters.
- c) Resolved: To exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed under item 5.11d.
- d) To discuss issue raised by residents: The matter was discussed. A follow up meeting with residents and Look Ahead is being arranged.

5.12 To receive announcements:

A Reminder that the Remembrance Sunday will take place on 13th November at 9.30am.

5.13 To agree the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7.30pm.

JRP 09.11.22

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____