

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 10th October 2023

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

5.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

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

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

5.4 To approve minutes Council Meeting 12th September: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 September were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: Cllr Dix assisted the Church with its open day event.

5.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A thank you letter from the church for help by Cllr Dix with its open day. A complaint from HFHS that the wifi in the main hall is not good enough for Zoom meetings. A resident informed the Council of exposed nails on the gate post of the hall playground; the post has been replaced. A resident complained that the landowner does not reinstate the Right of Way across the ploughed field to Cave Wood; the landowner and Rights of Way Officer have been informed. Permission was sought from the Mayor of Broxbourne's office for permission to wear their chain of office at a charity event being held at the hall. A letter was received from a resident of details of a near miss on the Chequers bend and asked if yellow lines could be installed (see item 5.10b(ii)). Cllrs were informed of a HCC survey about developing relationships between HCC and Local Councils.

5.7 Planning (Cllr Dix & Horton)

a) 6/2023/1786/FULL 22A London Road: No decision to report.

b) 6/2023/1492/HOUSE 1A New Road: Application granted.

c) 6/2023/1230/HOUSE 3 Barneswood, Digswell Welwyn: Application granted.

d) 6/2023/0980/HOUSE 46 New Road: Application refused.

e) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: The Local Plan was discussed at the WHBC CPPP meeting on 5th October which resolved that it noted the content of the Inspector's Report on the WHBC Local Plan.

Grant Shapps has invited the Parish Council to a catch-up meeting on 27th October.

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

a) To consider quote for manifold covers: Deferred.

b) To consider work to Family Centre heating: The cost of repairing the heating in the Family Centre is prohibitive at present considering how the rooms are infrequently used. It was agreed to provide a small heater as an interim solution. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory. A new gatepost has been fitted to the hall playground and the contractor will replace the bench in the Garden Road playground.

d) To receive update on replacing swing post in Hall playground: The work is scheduled for 8th November.

e) To receive update on clothes bank: The clothes bank has been delivered and residents notified via social media. An article will be included in the next newsletter. **Action: Clerk.**

5.9 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

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

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

c) To consider reinvestment of reserves: Resolved: to invest in a Nationwide 1 year saver at 5.4%.

d) To discuss budget 2024/25: The first draft of the budget was discussed.

e) To consider a project for the last instalment of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Items suggested include the Family Centre heating upgrade, rubber playground surface & tennis court fence boarding.

f) To discuss One Welwyn Hatfield Community Lottery: It is unclear how the Lottery works but it was suggested that raised funds could pay for a Christmas tree in the hall grounds to be lit up for the carol singing event and a rubber surface in the Garden Road playground.

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

a) To receive update on puffin crossing: No progress to report.

b) To discuss other highways matters: (i) A letter was sent to Arriva highlighting residents' issues with the 301 service. (ii) The resident's request for yellow lines around the Chequers bend will be passed to

WHBC.

5.11 Community (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To receive a report on the Warhammer Club: The club is well attended. One DBS has been completed. The second is pending.

b) To consider charity to support at Carols round the Tree: Residents will be asked for suggestions in the next newsletter. Woolmer Green Band has already collected £30 from Burnham Green Fete.

Action: Clerk.

5.12 To discuss ideas for Parish Council Christmas card: Cllr Hall has provided a photo of a Christmas scene.

5.13 To receive announcements:

The Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 12th November at 9.30am.

5.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Parish Council meeting Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

JRP 11.10.23

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____