

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 11th March 2025

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). County Cllr T Kingsbury. Borough Cllr T Mitchinson.

10.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

10.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Horton declared an interest in item 10.7c. Cllr Gribble declared an interest in item 10.8d.

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

10.4 To approve minutes Council Meeting 11 February: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 11 February were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: The Clerk met with Strategic Leisure Ltd which has been commissioned by WHBC to assess the future need for borough leisure facilities.

10.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from Barclays Bank informing that deposit interest will be reduced from 12 May. An invitation to a reception from Lumo. A letter from NHDC regarding an outline planning application (item 10.7a).

10.7 Planning (*Cllr Dix & Horton*)

a) 23/01552/FP Land South of Watton Road, Knebworth, Outline planning permission for up to 200 dwellings (including affordable housing), structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area, surface water flood mitigation, vehicular access point and associated ancillary works. All matters reserved except means of access. (Amended application): The Council submitted comments to this application in 2023 and will inform NHDC that they are still relevant and update it to say the WHBC Local Plan has been adopted.

b) 6/2025/0115/HOUSE 40 Twin Foxes: No decision to report.

c) 6/2024/2069/FULL 22A London Road. Amended application: Application granted.

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

a) To consider installing carbon monoxide detectors: Resolved: To purchase and install three carbon monoxide detectors up to a maximum cost of £60. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To receive update on lighting tennis court: Costs to install lighting to the tennis court is prohibitive. It was suggested that some unused solar lights could be installed.

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

d) To consider quote for pruning trees: Resolved: To accept quote for £700+vat.

10.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

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

b) To review accounts performance against budget – February: The Family Centre lease cost has been paid up until December and the Council received £1,061 from Cllr Kingsbury's Locality Budget. The new boiler has been paid for. Some outstanding debts will be followed up. It was agreed to close the Entertainment Fund from April. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To receive and approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for February: Resolved: To approve the accounts & bank reconciliation for February.

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

a) To receive update on puffin crossing: A meeting between HCC & WHBC and the site owner has been arranged for 3rd April. Cllrs Kingsbury & Mitchinson will investigate whether an s278 agreement can expire.

b) To discuss other highways matters: No matters were raised.

10.11 Community: (*Cllrs Corke & Pinney*)

a) To receive a report on arrangements for Village Day: Deferred.

10.12 To discuss arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting: All County & Borough Cllrs will be attending. The new curate Rev. Jackson will be invited.

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

a) Legislation will come into effect from April 2027 for micro businesses to recycle waste.

10.14 To agree date of next Council meeting – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 15 April at 7.30pm
Council Meeting Tuesday 13 May at 7.30pm.

JRP 12.03.25

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____