

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 16 September 2014

Present: Cllrs P Corke (Chair), A Gribble (Vice Chair), L Brooks-Payne, S Hall, A White.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

5.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Lloyd due to work commitments.

5.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Corke declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.7c as he lives in Wolves Mere.

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

5.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 September: Resolved: The minutes of the 16 September Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Corke attended a Borough Meeting. Cllrs Corke & Brooks-Payne attended the Councillors' Surgery. Cllrs Brooks-Payne, Hall & White attended a meeting with the Church.

5.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A proposal from Solstice Renewables. Information on the tendering process for the Children's Centre. A letter from a new resident enquiring about the future of the Fox pub and the dangers of the New Road junction. A letter from a resident in favour of the solar farm application. Information from WHBC on the review of polling stations. There have been a number of comments on Facebook about the high number of Marshall's staff cars parking in the hall car park.

5.7 Planning: (Cllrs Lloyd)

a) 14/2014/1850/FP 25 Bridge Road, Erection of single storey rear extension: No objection.

b) 14/02153/1 Solar farm, Swangley's Lane: Awaiting the date of the committee meeting.

c) N6/2014/1748/FP 25 Wolves Mere: Application granted.

d) To receive a report on the meeting with the Borough: The meeting was given a summary of the presentation by WHBC Head of Planning on the Local Plan and changes to the planning system.

5.8 Hall & Grounds: (Cllrs Corke & Lloyd)

a) To receive a report on the fire doors: Awaiting quotes.

b) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspections: Inspections have been carried out each weekend and are satisfactory.

c) To discuss stop net: Looking for another contractor.

d) To receive a report on the hall floor: It has been highlighted that the condition of the hall floor has deteriorated due to poor maintenance. The options are to have a clean and re-seal but this does not guarantee longevity or have the floor sanded and re-lacquered. Provided the floor is properly maintained at least bi-annually and satisfactorily cleaned regularly the second option would guarantee that the floor would last for many years. Resolved: To include the sanding & re-lacquering of the floor in next year's budget to include the purchase of a floor cleaning machine.

5.9 Finance: (Cllr Hall)

a) To receive and approve the payments and accounts for September: These had been circulated.

Resolved: To approve payments and accounts for September.

b) To consider adopting revised Financial Regulations and authorise electronic payments: Resolved: to adopt revised Financial Regulation which will enable electronic payments.

c) To consider items for the 2015/16 budget: The budget for 2015/16 is looking healthy. Cllrs agreed to include refurbishment of the hall floor, floor cleaning machine, tree pruning & kitchen work tops. Cllrs discussed possibly increasing the donations budget and investigating solar panels in the hall grounds if funding could be obtained. It was considered prudent to increase the precept in line with RPI.

d) To consider a donation to the Royal British Legion: Resolved: To donate £40 to the RBL.

e) To receive a report on the meeting with the Church & consider a donation: The Church had presented accounts to Cllrs which show that for a number years their income has equalled expenditure. The amount paid to the Diocese continues to increase while donations decline. This year £4,000 of work is needed to the Church roof. The churchyard has been poorly maintained this year and new quotes for the work are being obtained. The Church is asking for an increased donation for maintenance of the Churchyard from the Parish Council. Cllrs were sympathetic and decided to delay a decision until all quotes had been received. They suggested that the Church could appeal to the public for donations.

- f) To discuss proposal from Solstice Renewables: It was agreed that all three Parish Councils' should discuss the proposal between themselves and come to an amicable agreement once the final decision on the application has been made.
- g) To consider adopting the LGPS Employers Discretionary Policy: Resolved: To adopt the LGPS Employers Discretionary Policy.

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

- a) To receive a report on PPP work: The work is due to start shortly.
- b) To receive a report on trees requiring a TPO: Ongoing.
- c) To consider erecting a seat at the playing field: Costings will be obtained. **Action: Cllr Corke.**
- d) To consider a quote for removal of saplings: Resolved: To accept a quote of £85.
- e) To discuss highways matters: Cllrs discussed progress of the B197 road scheme.

5.11 To discuss the Carols 'round the Pond event: The event had been discussed with the Church. The Parish Council agreed to print the carol sheets. Resolved: For the Church to hold a collection in aid of the Church roof.

5.12 To receive announcements. (*for information only*):

- a) HCC Town & Parish Conference is on 16 October.
- b) The Highways Liaison Meeting is on 20 October.
- c) CPRE Rural Living Awards are on 21 October.
- d) Remembrance Sunday is on 9 November at 9.30pm.

5.13 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11 November at 7.30pm.

JRP 15.10.14

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____