

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 12 January 2016

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), P Corke (Vice Chairman), S Hall, J Hawkins, A White, D Wilson.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

8.1 To receive apologies for absence: None.

8.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda: Cllr Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.7a as he is a neighbour.

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

8.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 8 December: Resolved: The minutes of the 8 December Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

8.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hall, Hawkins & White attended the Christmas Market. Cllr Hall met with a proprietor of the Red Lion.

8.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from E-on apologising for calculating VAT & Climate Change Levy incorrectly and have refunded £90.42. HCC Herts Transport Facts 2015 & Herts Road Casualty Facts 2015. Notification from HCC that the Herts Waste Local Plan, Employment Land Area Search & Supplementary Planning Document (ELAS SPD) has been adopted. Notification of an HCC consultation on the phased withdrawal of the passenger assistants from taxis accompanying primary aged children to school (see 8.12). A letter from a resident commenting on the orchard & pond. Information from CMS about a planned Walking Festival. A letter from Historic England to say they are assessing the PC's application to list the War Memorial.

8.7 Planning: *(Cllr Corke)*

a) 6/2015/2487/HOUSE 2 Broadfield Road, Erection of replacement single storey side extension with pitched roof and replacement front porch: No objection.

b) 6/2015/2430/HOUSE 2 Mardleybury Court, Erection of a part single and part two storey front extension: No objection.

c) 6/2015/2140/HOUSE Payne's Farm, Erection of single story timber double car port: No decision to report.

d) 6/2015/2242/VAR The Fox 21 New Road, Variation of condition 1 (Plans) of planning permission N6/2015/0560/FP - Erection of Four bedroom semi detached dwellings following demolition of existing public house: Application withdrawn.

e) 6/2015/2201/HOUSE, 20 Bridge Road, Erection of single storey front and part single/part two storey rear extensions: Application granted.

f) 6/2015/1972/COND, The Fox, 21 New Road, Approval of details reserved by condition 2 (materials), condition 3(landscaping), condition 4 (highways report), condition 5 (construction method statement), condition 6, 7 and 8 (archaeological scheme) on planning permission N6/2015/0560/FP: No decision to report.

8.8 Hall & Grounds: *(Cllrs Corke & Hawkins)*

a) To consider quotes for painting kitchen: The quote is for making good two areas only. Cllrs agreed to obtain a quote to repaint the whole kitchen. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To choose curtain material: Agreed to recommendation of "Paris Navy".

c) To approve payment of 50% deposit for the curtains: Cllrs appreciated Cllr Richard Smith's contribution from his Locality Budget to pay for the new track. Resolved: To pay £2,206.02 incl. vat deposit for curtains. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss Badminton Smash Up: The club is suspended at the moment as there are too few attendees and a new coach is undergoing training. Once the new coach is available the sessions will be advertised again. WHSPAA are arranging sessions at the school to encourage year six pupils.

e) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Inspections had been carried out each weekend up to the end of December and all is satisfactory. Inspections have not been carried out in January due to poor weather conditions.

f) To receive a report on the annual playground inspection: The report raised some issues in the Garden Road Playground. The spider climbing frame is in need of sanding and repainting and Cllrs suggested approaching Marshalls for assistance. Resolved: To accept quote to replace wooden ramp and two new tyres £965 +vat. **Action: Clerk.**

8.9 Finance: *(Cllr Hall)*

a) To receive and approve the payments and accounts for December: Cllrs noted that a small surplus is predicted for 2015/16. Resolved: To approve payments and accounts for December.

- b) To approve the 2016/17 budget: Cllrs noted that WHBC are reducing the Council Tax Support Grant by 40%. Resolved: To approve budget which includes a 2% increase in the precept.
- c) To consider a further donation to the Church for maintenance of the churchyard: Resolved: Not to make a further donation this year.
- d) To consider renewal of insurance: Resolved: To approve insurance expenditure of £4,250.84.

8.10 Environment (Cllr White) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble & Wilson)

- a) To receive a report on PPP work for 2016: The grant application form is expected by the end of February. The PC will be required to adhere to a new agreement. Work identified is resurfacing a section of footpath 10 and re-seeding the entrance to footpath 24.
- b) To review progress of trees requiring a TPO: No progress to report.
- c) To discuss highways matters: The PC submitted numerous photos of the village's gullies to be considered under the new Highways gully cleaning programme. As a result some have been cleaned and others identified as requiring attention.

8.11 To consider responding to The Hertfordshire Compact consultation: Cllrs agreed to support the proposals. **Action: Clerk.**

8.12 To consider responding to HCC Passenger Assistant Consultation: Cllrs agreed that travel assistants should continue to accompany very young children up to 6 years. **Action: Cllr Corke.**

8.13 To discuss activities for Village Day: Cllrs agreed to decline the offer of the Sports Stadia as it is too Expensive. They discussed attractions for Village Day.

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

- a) Cllrs discussed possible locations to mount the defibrillator.
- b) HAPTC is running a Neighbourhood Planning workshop on 17 February, 9.30am-12.30pm.
- c) To consider registering the Red Lion as a community asset to be an item on February's agenda.

8.15 The next Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.01.16

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____