

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 9 February 2016**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

**9.1 To receive apologies for absence:** None.

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

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

**9.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 12 January:** Resolved: The minutes of the 12 January Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**9.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllrs Hall, Hawkins and White attended the January Market. Cllrs Gribble and Hawkins attended the Councillors Surgery. Cllrs Hall, Hawkins and the Clerk tidied the frontage of the Red Lion.

**9.6 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: Information on HCC's new plans for an energy from waste facility in Hoddesdon. Information from the Pensions Regulator about automatic enrolment. A copy of a formal complaint sent by a resident to HCC. Information from HAPTC about arrangements for external audit from 1 April 2017.

**9.7 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: Application granted.

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

c) 6/2015/2140/HOUSE Payne's Farm, Erection of single story timber double car port: Application granted.

d) 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 formal decision has been made but the landscape plan has been approved. An enforcement notice has been issued with regard to the outstanding highways issues.

e) To discuss the Red Lion and consider registering it as a Community Asset: Punch Brewery are going to carry out a refurbishment of the Red Lion and have applications from three parties interested in managing it. Cllrs discussed the merits of registering the pub as a community asset. Resolved: To apply for the Red Lion to be made a community asset. **Action: Clerk.**

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

a) To consider quote for painting kitchen: Resolved: To accept quote of £430 to repaint the whole kitchen.

b) To receive a report on Badminton Smash Up: Badminton will remain suspended at present and may be considered for relaunch in September.

c) To discuss the school Friends circus event: The school Friends committee want to hold one big fundraising event and have asked to use the hall grounds to hold a circus as the school field is not accessible to vehicles due to the playgrounds safety surface. The event would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October and the Council agreed to this in principle and propose to charge the equivalent of an evening party; £200. The circus will hold 600 people and be open to all villagers. The Council considered that parking may be an issue and asked for an estimate of how many vehicles are expected. The circus organisers are sending an information pack on how to organise the event.

d) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: All necessary work to the hall playground is complete, inspections have been carried out weekly and are satisfactory.

e) To discuss Garden Road playground: The ramp and tyres have been replaced to a high standard. The baby swings are in a dirty condition and the contractor suggested removing the isolated set of swings and installing baby seats in two of the swings in the main area of the playground. Cllrs agreed to consider this option later in the year. The contractor also highlighted that the bark safety surface is worn away under the monkey bars and the Council decided to obtain a quote to refurbish this area.

**Action: Clerk.**

**9.9 Finance:** (*Cllr Hall*)

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

**9.10 Environment (Cllr White) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble & Wilson)**

a) To receive a report on PPP work for 2016: The grant application has been submitted and quotes are being obtained for work to footpaths 10 and 24. Cllr White hopes to have 90m of Bridgers Path resurfaced this year and two further sections of 90m resurfaced each year up to 2018 by which time the full 270m length of the footpath will be renovated. **Action: Cllr White.**

b) To review progress of trees requiring a TPO: No progress to report.

c) To discuss highways matters: The dead tree in Garden Road is scheduled to be removed and a new one replanted in April. An application will be made through Highways Together to repaint the mile post. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss dog fouling: There have been a number of complaints about dog fouling in the village. The Council decided to highlight the issue more forcefully in the newsletter and feature a regular "Poo Watch" article.

**9.11** To discuss a meeting with Marshalls: A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and Cllrs proposed items for discussion.

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

a) Cllr White submitted a Woolmer Green walk for consideration in the CMS Walking Festival.

b) It was noted that a portion of field adjacent to Payne's Farm has been fenced off and planted with trees.

c) The vets have reported that waste from the take away is often discarded outside their premises which can be a danger to visiting animals. The Chairman will highlight the problem with the owners of the take away and information will be included in the newsletter.

d) An up to date photo of Cllrs is required for the web site.

e) Dates were suggested for the APM and County Cllr Richard Smith will be consulted before a date is finalised.

**9.13** The next Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

JRP 10.02.16

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_