

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 14 June 2016

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), S Hall, J Hawkins, A White.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Two members of the public who left following item 2.3.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr P Corke due to a prior commitment.

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

2.3 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public: The Notice of Election was published on Friday 9th June marking the start of a purdah period up until the Parish Council election date of 14th July. Resolved: To suspend the public forum.

2.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 10 May: Resolved: The minutes of the 10 May Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Hall & Hawkins attended the May Market. All Cllrs attended Village Day.

2.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from Grant Shapps with an accompanying letter from Lord Gardiner. A letter from a representative of the Welwyn Natural History Society. Notification of the 2016-2018 National Pay award from HAPTC.

2.7 Planning: (*Cllr Corke*)

a) 6/2016/0916/HOUSE 3 Broadfield Road, Replacement front porch to semi-detached two storey dwelling house: No objection.

b) 6/2016/0880/FULL The Red Lion, 26 London Road, Erection of shelter: No objection.

c) 6/2016/0548/ADV The Red Lion, 26 London Road, Installation of 4no illuminated signs and 3no non-illuminated signs: No decision to report.

b) 6/2015/1645/FULL, Mardleybury Farm, Change of use of from light industrial (B1) to cafes and restaurants (A3) to facilitate the move of the existing cafe from Unit 3c to Unit 1: No decision to report. Environmental Health had objected to the application as more information was required on the type and quantity of food that would be offered.

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

a) To receive a report on hall windows: A local contractor has inspected the large hall windows and reported that the woodwork is deteriorating and that seals on a number of double glazed units have failed. They suggested obtaining a number of quotations to replace the windows as they do not have the resources to do this but could repair the woodwork if required. Cllrs agreed to obtain quotes to replace the windows. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To review progress of installing a defibrillator: The British Heart Foundation has acknowledged receipt of the grant application.

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Deferred until next meeting.

d) To review progress of resurfacing the orchard path: Fields in Trust offered a grant of £1,650 to cover the whole cost of resurfacing the orchard path. The work has been completed and the contractor upgraded the finished surface to crushed granite at no extra cost.

e) To consider installing an information sign inside the hall playground: Despite the erection of signs in the orchard asking for it to be respected children visiting the playground are not supervised adequately by parents and this leads to damage to the orchard plants. It was proposed to erect a further information sign in the playground itself but Cllrs decided fencing off the playground would be the most effective solution but dependent upon cost. A quote will be obtained for the fencing. **Action: Clerk.**

2.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

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

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

a) To receive a report on PPP work for 2016: The £1,000 grant payment has been received. Work to footpath 10 will begin soon.

b) To review progress of trees requiring a TPO: The TPO for the trees at the Entech site has been served.

c) To discuss highways matters: The sink hole by the Chequers has not been filled in. Highways have inspected it and consider it is not a danger to the public and therefore not a priority.

2.11 To consider allowing the Wheels on Woolmer Green event to be held on 1 May 2017: Agreed.

- 2.12** To receive a report on Village Day: Accounts have not been finalised as yet. Village Day was a success and Cllrs all appreciated the effort and hard work of Cllr Phil Corke for organising the event.
- 2.13** To set date for Village Day 2017: Subject to the approval of Cllr Corke, Cllrs set the date as Sunday 4th June 2017
- 2.15** To receive announcements. (*for information only*):
- a) It was suggested a staff Committee Meeting should be arranged to approve the Pay Award.
 - b) It was reported that all four houses on the Fox development were three bedroom dwellings despite the planning application suggesting two dwellings were two bedroom. The third bedroom loft conversions did not require planning permission. The landscaping is very different to the submitted plan and the Highways condition was refused. The last two issues will be followed up with the case officer. **Action: Clerk**
- 2.16** The next Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm.

JRP 15.06.16

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____