

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 13 June 2017

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). Borough Councillors Julie Cragg and Roger Trigg.

2.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr G Pinney as he is on holiday.

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: None.

2.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 9 May: Resolved: The minutes of the 9 May Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Gribble & Hawkins met with the owners & developers of Entech. Cllrs Hall & Hawkins attended the May Market. Cllr Corke attended the Borough Cllrs Surgery. Cllrs Corke, Gribble, Hall & Hawkins attended Village Day.

2.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A letter from E On about the change to the renewal window. A letter from a resident complaining about a hall floodlight; this has been addressed. A letter from a resident about fly tipping. Information from Seafarers UK about Merchant Navy Day. A letter from Taylor Wimpey informing the Council that the Entech application has been submitted. Copies of correspondence between a resident and Highways complaining about the standard of the recent works on London Road. Letters of thanks from stall holders who attended Village Day. Correspondence from the Clerk of Knebworth Parish Council about the WHBC Local Plan and proposed housing in Knebworth. Information and advice from WHBC on the terrorism threat.

Cllr Corke arrived at the meeting.

2.7 Planning: *(Cllr Corke)*

a) 6/2017/1064/FULL, Knebworth Care Home 59 London Road, Installation of 4 x dormers and alterations to the internal layout to provide additional bedrooms: Major objection due to the proposed installation of dormer windows to the third storey which would overlook the rear gardens of Longmead. The design of the windows are also out of keeping with the design of the building as they are not gabled.

b) 6/2017/0952/HOUSE, 33 New Road, Erection of two storey side extension, part first floor side and rear extension as well as alterations to existing openings: No objection.

c) 6/2017/0848/MAJ, Entech House, Erection of 72 residential units consisting of 46 houses (12 x 3 bedroom and 34 x 4 bedroom) and 26 flats (4 x 1 bedroom and 22 x 2 bedroom), retail floor space (A1) measuring 657m² and office floor space (B1)a) measuring 485.1 m², with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure, involving demolition of existing industrial (B2) buildings: The response was finalised and approved.

d) To consider submitting a statutory listing application for the Art Deco house: Deferred.

e) 16/02460/1 at Land At Junction Of Pottersheath Road And, Danesbury Park Road, Welwyn: No decision to report.

f) 6/2017/0729/PN15, Harmergreen Wood Scout Group, Robbery Bottom Lane: Prior approval not required.

g) 6/2017/0323/LAWP, 14 Longmead: Application granted.

h) 6/2017/0594/HOUSE, 13 London Road: Application granted.

i) 6/2017/0299/HOUSE, 18A London Road: Application granted.

j) To consider a response to the Welwyn Hatfield Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation: No recommendations.

k) To consider a response to the Welwyn Hatfield Community validation checklist consultation: To recommend that a Heritage Statement Appraisal and/or Heritage Impact Statement should be required for a building on a Parish/Town/Borough local list.

2.8 Finance: *(Cllr Hall)*

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

b) To approve the Accounting Statement & Annual Governance Statement for audit: Resolved: Approved and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Hall retired from the meeting due to work commitments.

2.9 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds: (Cllr Hawkins)

- a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Hall deferred. Garden Road satisfactory.
- b) To consider action regarding the dumped waste in the hall grounds: Some waste has been removed by a resident therefore this item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

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

a) To receive a report on progress of PPP grant: The £1000 grant has been approved. Cost to resurface one third of Bridger's Path is £1,620+vat. It would be more cost effective to resurface the remaining two thirds this year which would cost £2,730+vat. Cllr White will consult with the Rights of Way Officer to see if he is able to help with the cost.

Action: Cllr White.

b) To discuss the resurfacing of London Road: Cllrs considered that the white lining following the recent surface dressing works are not complete and below standard. Highways will be informed.**Action: Clerk.**

c) To discuss other highways matters: Cllr Smith's bid to the PCC Road Safety Fund has been successful and will enable a feasibility study to be carried out on the B197.

2.11 To receive a report on Village Day: There were a lot of varied activities this year and the numbers of people attending the event continues to rise. The pet competition was a success and something similar could be included next year. The accounts are not finalised but £340 was spent. The Council thanked Cllr Corke & the Clerk for all their hard work organising the event. Next year it will be held on Sunday 3rd June.

2.12 To discuss ideas for a New Year's Eve party: Deferred.

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

a) HAPTC AGM will be held on 13th July, 2.30pm at Redbourne.

b) An unattended bag found in the hall corridor on Election Day caused an emergency incident. Armed police officers were despatched to investigate who analysed the bag and declared it safe. It belonged to a pupil from Stanborough School and the police went to the school to return it.

2.14 To agree the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 11th July at 7.30pm.

JRP 14.06.17

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____