

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 12 September 2017

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

4.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr White as he is on holiday and Cllrs Corke & Pinney due to work commitments.

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

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

4.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 11 July: Resolved: The minutes of the 11 July Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllrs Gribble, Corke, Hall & Hawkins met with Knebworth Parish Council to discuss the WHBC & North Herts Local Plan Inquiries. Cllrs Hall & Hawkins and members of Knebworth Parish Council met with a planning consultant. Cllrs Hall & White attended the July Market.

4.6 To receive correspondence: The Council received: A reminder from WHBC to review members Registers of Interest (this had already been done). An apology from Herts Highways following the PC's complaint about the B197 resurfacing. A complaint from a hirer which has been dealt with. Notification from HCC that it's Corporate Plan 2017-21 and Annual Report 2016/17 has been published. A thank you letter from Prostate Cancer UK for the recent donation. Various correspondences on the concerns of drug use taking place in Mardley Heath. Notification from Affinity Water that water resources are below average. A letter from a resident about ambulances parking in the hall car park and a suggestion that the hall stage could be raised and ceiling mics fitted to improve sound and visibility. Notification from HCC that Mardleybury Road will be closed for 7 days from 3 August 2017. A thank you letter and certificate from Herts Air Ambulance for the recent donation. Information from Taylor Wimpey about the Entech site. A document from a resident about the history of the pond. Notification of satisfactory completion of an inspection of the hall by the Licensing Officer. Notification that a child was hurt, but not seriously, by the hall door. A complaint by a hirer which is being dealt with. A complaint from a resident that her address was circulated in error on an email for which the Parish Council apologised.

4.7 Planning: *(Cllr Corke)*

a) 6/2017/1924/HOUSE 5 Evergreen Close Woolmer Green Knebworth SG3 6JN, Erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extension: No objection.

b) 6/2017/1717/PN15, Harmergreen Wood Scout Group Robbery Bottom Lane Welwyn, Prior approval for the installation of a 15 metre high monopole and equipment cabinet: No objection.

c) 6/2017/1503/HOUSE, 20 Oak Road, Erection of a two storey and part single storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage and alterations to existing openings: No objection.

d) 6/2017/0166/HOUSE, 19 Oak Road: No appeal decision to report.

e) 6/2017/1354/HOUSE, 5 New Road: Application granted.

f) 6/2017/1064/FULL, Knebworth Care Home, 59 London Road: Application being decided at the Development Management Committee on 14 September. The officer is recommending approval.

g) 6/2017/0952/HOUSE, 33 New Road: Application granted.

h) 6/2017/0848/MAJ, Entech House: Application is being decided at the Development Management Committee on 14 September. The officer is recommending refusal.

i) To consider submitting a statutory listing application for the Art Deco house: The Council decided not to submit an application at the present time.

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

k) To receive a report on the meeting with the planning consultant: The consultant was briefed on the Parish Council's position regarding the Local Plan and agreed to represent Woolmer Green & Knebworth Parish Councils at the hearing sessions.

4.8 Finance: *(Cllr Hall)*

a) To receive and approve the payments and accounts for July & August: Resolved: To approve payments and accounts for July & August.

b) To approve the conclusion of the audit: The external auditor informed the Council that it must ensure

that the elector's rights inspection period should start after the accounting statements are approved in future years. No other matters came to their attention. Resolved: Conclusion of Audit approved.

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

- a) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Weekly inspections satisfactory. No volunteer has come forward to inspect the hall playground.
- b) To consider action regarding the dumped waste in the hall grounds: Some fly tipping waste has been removed but some still remains.
- c) To review progress of the repainting of the Garden Road playground equipment: No progress to report. A quote for re-painting will be obtained with a view to making an application to the HCC Locality Budget.

Action: Clerk.

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

- a) To receive a report on progress of PPP grant: All work has been completed.
- b) To discuss highways matters:
 - (i) Cars are still being advertised for sale in the school lay by which restricts parking for parents. Neither Trading Standards nor WHBC have been able to help resolve this. County Cllr Richard Smith will be asked for advice.
 - (ii) A near miss occurred at Mardleybury junction on 2 September.
 - (iii) Cllrs noted that a fatal accident occurred recently in Heath Road and another on the A1M which caused considerable congestion on the B197 for many hours.
 - (iv) Cllr Hall highlighted the dangers of cars mounting the pavement to park on the verge outside school house as when walking to the allotments a car sped across her path. A child would not be as vigilant.

Action: Clerk.

4.11 To consider a response to the E & N Herts NHS CCG "Healthier Future" consultation: The Council decided not to respond.

4.12 To consider a response to "The future of children's centres, health visiting and school nursing in Hertfordshire" consultation: The Council will reply to say that the additional services proposed for the Family Centres would be better suited to being provided at doctors' surgeries and that Children's Centre facilities are too small to accommodate the additional staff.

Action: Clerk.

4.13 To discuss date for Wheels on Woolmer Green 2018: Deferred.

4.14 To consider ideas for the Parish Council Christmas card: It was agreed to ask the Brownies & Guides to design a Christmas card.

Action: Clerk.

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

- a) The cross hatching by the hall gate is not completed.
- b) The tennis court is in need of refurbishment. A quote will be obtained for new fencing and a new surface with a view to applying for funding.
- c) The bark surface in the Garden Road playground has been weeded.
- d) It was suggested that a movement sensor light could be fitted at the rear of the hall to deter youths.

4.16 To agree the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.09.17

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____