

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 12 December 2017**

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

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

**7.1 To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr A Gribble due to a prior engagement.

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

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

**7.4 To approve minutes of the Council Meeting on 10 October:** Resolved: The minutes of the 14 November Meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**7.5 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllrs Corke, Hall, Pinney & White attended the November Market. Cllr Hawkins attended the Councillors Surgery. Cllrs Gribble & White attended Planning Training organised by WHBC.

**7.6 To receive correspondence:** The Council received: Notification of changes to Terms & Conditions from Nationwide BS. Notification of closures of the A1M. An offer from a visitor of 60% cost for a bench to be installed on the corner of Madleybury Road; Councillors noted that this land is the responsibility of Highways. An enquiry from a resident about who owns the Green Belt behind Marshalls. A thank you from an organisation that were loaned tables for an event. Details from HAPTC about external audit arrangements for 2017/18. Notification that the Police & Crime Commissioner will be sending parishes a monthly newsletter. An enquiry from a resident asking why the Entech application has been re-submitted. Details of a questionnaire by WHBC on local sports provision. Notification by HCC on the Draft Minerals Local Plan (see 7.12).

**7.7 Planning:** (Cllr Corke)

a) 6/2017/2695/MAJ Entech House, Erection of 72 residential units consisting of 46 houses (12 x 3 bed and 34 x 4 bed) and 26 flats (4 x 1 bed and 22 x 2 bed), 657 sqm retail floor space (A1) and 485.1 sqm office floor space (B1a)) with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure, involving demolition of existing industrial (B2) buildings and residential units: The response was approved.

b) 6/2017/2651/HOUSE 5 Evergreen Close, Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension: No objection.

c) 6/2017/2515/HOUSE Paynes Farm: No decision to report.

d) 6/2017/2516/LB Paynes Farm: No decision to report.

e) 16/02460/1 at Land At Junction Of Pottersheath Road And, Danesbury Park Road, Welwyn: Appeal withdrawn.

f) To receive update on Local Plan Examination: Further examination documents have been added to the WHBC web site. The planning consultant represented Woolmer Green & Knebworth at the North Herts Local Plan examination in November.

**7.8 Hall (Cllr Pinney) & Grounds:** (Cllr Hawkins)

a) To approve payment of £130 for new market manager & assistant to attend a hygiene training course: Resolved: To pay £130 for hygiene course. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To review progress of clearing rubbish: The resident and the Parish Council have contacted the contractor responsible for dumping rubbish in the hall grounds but have had no response. The Borough Council and the PC's solicitor will be contacted for advice. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To receive a report on the weekly playground inspection: Inspections satisfactory.

d) To receive a report on the annual playground inspection: No urgent matters were reported.

e) To consider quote for fitting baby swing seats in the Garden Road playground: Resolved: To accept quote of £300 to fit two cradle seats in the Garden Road playground.

**7.9 Finance:** (Cllr Hall)

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

b) To discuss the 2018/19 budget: It was agreed to obtain further quotes to refurbish the ladies toilets. Cawdor Stone have made a generous offer to supply stone sink tops. £500 will be added to the budget to contribute to the planning consultant's fees. **Action: Clerk.**

c) To consider paying staff a Christmas bonus: Resolved: To pay staff £25. **Action: Clerk.**

**7.10 Environment (Cllr White) & Transport: (Cllr Gribble)**

a) To discuss highways matters: (i) The Council noted that the B197 became partially snowbound following the heavy snow fall on Sunday. (ii) Grant Shapps has recently visited the school to hear parents' concerns about the speed of traffic past the school.

b) To discuss cleaning of war memorial: As the memorial is a listed monument, listed building consent is needed before any work can take place, including cleaning. Advice on the correct method of cleaning is being sought. **Action: Clerk.**

**7.11** To consider responding to the HCC School Admissions Consultation 2019/20: The PC agreed to re-iterate the point that rule 4 should state that places should be offered to schools within the village's priority area. **Action Clerk.**

**7.12** To consider responding to the HCC Draft Minerals Local Plan consultation: The Council agreed not to respond.

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

a) Carols around the pond will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.30pm. The collection will be donated to the Children's Society.

b) The New Year's Eve party will run from 7pm – 1am.

c) Councillors signed the Parish Council Christmas cards.

**7.14** To agree the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.12.17

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

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