

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 12 June 2007

Prior to the meeting there was a discussion led by Mr Terry Osborne, Chief Partnerships & Performance Officer, Welwyn Hatfield Council, on recent achievements and future targets, where Parish Councillors could raise concerns.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Watson (Chair), Cllr N Collingridge, Cllr H. Bryant, Cllr S. Day.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Deputy Clerk), Members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr A. Gribble, Cllr J. Beckerman, A. Edmonds (Clerk).
- 2. Co-option:** The Council agreed to co-opt Mr. S. Day of 10 Broadfield Road, Woolmer Green, Senior Forensic Scientist, as a member of the Council. Cllr Day signed the Declaration of Office and the Undertaking to observe the Current Code of Conduct.
- 3. Election of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Collingridge was elected as Vice-Chairman.
- 4. Areas of Responsibility:** Decisions deferred to next meeting.
- 5. Appointment of Councillors to outside Bodies:** Cllr Beckerman was appointed to the Road Safety Committee and the School Transport Committee.
- 6. Minutes of Council Meeting on 8 May 2007:** The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 7. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting:** The Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 8. Meetings attended by Councillors:** Cllr Watson circulated notes on a Highways Meeting she had attended with Cllr Collingridge. Cllr Collingridge attended a Countryside Management Service Meeting regarding the Footpath Map.
- 9. Correspondence:** Cllr Watson had received a document regarding HCC's Waste Development Plan. An application was received to book the hall for New Years Eve 2008/09 which will be discussed February 2008.
- 10. Revised Code of Conduct:** Councillors agreed to adopt the revised Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2).
- 11. Planning: (Cllr Bryant)**
 - a)** Red Lion Public House: Councillors objected to the plan to erect a smoking area to the front of the Red Lion on the grounds that it was an inappropriate addition to this listed building. There was also concern about the line of sight for drivers turning onto London Road from Wolvesmere. Cllr. Bryant agreed to inform WHC planning.
 - b)** Monread Lodge: No progress to report. A letter from Knebworth Surgery saying they had not been informed of the plans for Monread Lodge will be passed on to WHC Planning.
Action: Cllr Watson
 - c)** 11 Haywains: WHC refused permission for the erection of a rear conservatory.
 - d)** 11 London Road: Cllr Bryant has prepared a letter requesting a meeting with WHC to discuss the plans to be sent by the Clerk on his return.
 - e)** Petit Forester, London Road: No progress to report. Cllr Watson to contact Borough Cllr S. Markiewicz for information.
Action: Cllr Watson
- 12. Hall: (Cllr Watson)**
 - a)** Recovering of chairs: The recovering of 50 chairs at a cost of £948 was approved.
 - b)** Hot Water Tank: The cost of a new hot water tank to supply the cleaner and the bar will cost £865. Cllr Collingridge suggested that two instant hot water tanks would be more economical. Cllr Watson is to look into this.
Action: Cllr Watson
 - c)** Repair to Football Pitch: The groundsman has agreed to repair the football pitch at no extra cost.
 - d)** Repair of chain: The repair of a chain in the Hall playground was approved.
 - e)** Twin Foxes access gate: Agreement has been reached for the use of the access gate. The secretary to the Management committee will be asked to see our access agreement and to repair the fence again at the rear.
Action: Clerk
- 13. Finance:**
 - a)** Payments and Accounts for May: These had been circulated and were agreed.
 - b)** Pay Scales: NALC have not come to an agreement on pay scale increases.

14. Environment and Transport: (Cllr Collingridge)

a) Mardleybury Road Speed Limit: Matter being pursued.

Action: Cllr Collingridge

b) Mardleybury Road Gas Mains: Matter being pursued.

Action: Clerk

c) Ditch near Jolly Garden: WHC to be informed about rubbish being deposited in the ditch.

Action: Cllr Watson

15. Publicity:

a) Website: Cllr Collingridge is pursuing the access information to the Parish Website.

b) HAPTC Website: It was agreed not to set up a Herts Web Wise site.

16. Village Day: Following Village Day it was decided to ask WGSSC to attend the next Council Meeting to present their audited accounts.

Action: Clerk

17. Replacement of Caretaker: No applications have been received for the position of Caretaker. Cllr. Watson will distribute leaflets to advertise the vacancy. **Action: Cllr. Watson**

18. Parish Plan: Deferred to the next meeting.

19. Computer: Cllr Watson expressed thanks to Cllr Collingridge for setting up the computer in the hall. Further grants would be available from HAPTC for the purchase of new equipment.

20. Good Neighbours Scheme: Deferred to the next meeting.

21. Playground Inspection: Cllr Watson to carry out this month's inspection. **Action: Cllr. Watson**

22. Registration of Council land: Progress is being made.

23. Pond: No further progress to report.

24. Training: Cllr Watson proposed that councillors should consider attending a training course.

25. Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 July 2007 meeting at the Jolly Garden at 7.30pm prior to Council meeting in the hall.