

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 10 February 2009

Present: Cllr Mrs J Watson (Chair), Cllr N Collingridge (Vice Chair), Cllr M Burge, Cllr P Corke, Cllr S Day, Cllr A Gribble.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes of Council Meeting on 13 January 2009: The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Meetings attended by Councillors:

Cllrs Watson & Burge attended an Allotments Meeting. Cllr Watson attended a meeting regarding a bus timetable leaflet and a meeting with the leader of Herts County Council regarding their budget. She also attended two meetings with the PsLA, one with Cllr Collingridge, to forward the Childrens' Centre proposals. Cllrs Watson and Collingridge attended a WHBC Climate Change meeting.

4. Correspondence: The school forwarded a quote of £2965.60+VAT for surfacing the path from the hall grounds to the Twin Foxes.

5. Youth Matters:

- a) Gift for James: Cllrs agreed to give James Mansell a gift for all the work he has done. **Action: Clerk**
- b) Club: Some parents are offering to set up a club for young people.
- c) CCTV: After monitoring the power used by the CCTV system and discovering it was very low Cllrs agreed that it should run continuously. An incident involving some youths has been recorded on the CCTV and passed to the police.

6. Planning: (Cllr Corke)

- a) New applications: None.
- b) The Chequers, 16 London Road: Application refused.
- c) Application 2009/0004 Erection of Replacement Wooden Cabin, Robbery Bottom Lane: No objection.
- d) Issues & Options Document: Cllrs will comment when asked at the consultation.
- e) e Planning: Cllr Collingridge attended the demonstration on e Planning that will eventually replace the current system.

7. Hall: (Cllr Watson)

- a) Complaints on Noise from the Hall: A resident of Wolves Mere presented a petition to the council complaining about the disruption the unsupervised evening parties cause to their lives. He highlighted the problems of noise from loud music, anti social behaviour outside the hall including swearing and the dangers of broken glass as a result of outdoor drinking. The Chairman read out the caretakers statement of the procedures she follows to try to ensure the hirers leave the premises on time and pointed out that hirers were not permitted to consume drinks outside the hall. The Council considered it their duty to try to alleviate these issues and resolved to investigate the cost of providing security from 9.30pm to 12.30am and the installation of a sound limiter. Councillors voted to change the finishing time for parties to 11.30pm meaning the hall should be vacated by 12.15pm with immediate effect although parties that are already booked will remain unchanged. **Action: Clerk**
- b) Repair to Window: This has been delayed due to bad weather.
- c) Repair to Table: Work completed.
- d) Curtain Relining: No progress to report.
- e) Childrens' Centre: A meeting was held with the PsLA to discuss the plans for building the Children's Centre. Matters discussed included additions to the kitchen, timetable of events and legal implications. A meeting for residents will take place on 24 March 2009.

8. Finance: (Cllr Day)

Payments and Accounts for January: These had been circulated and were agreed.

9. Environment & Transport: (Cllr Collingridge)

Resident's Letter concerning parking outside the school: A resident wrote to the Council to express his concern over parents parking outside his house when dropping and picking up their children from school and obstructing his view of the road. The head of the school supports his concern. He considers the situation could lead to a serious accident. The Council resolved that Herts Highways should be made aware

of the problem and suggest a solution.

Action: Clerk

10. Publicity: (*Cllr Collingridge*)

a) Business Leaflet: A leaflet is under production.

Action: Cllr Watson

b) Bus & Transport Leaflet: A leaflet is under production.

Action: Cllr Watson

c) Wedding Leaflet: A leaflet advertising the hall as a wedding venue has been produced.

11. Grounds: (*Cllr Gribble*)

a) Groundwork Trust & Mardley Heath: Progress is being made.

Action: Cllr Watson

b) Monthly Playground Inspections: Cllr Gribble will carry out the inspection.

Action: Cllr Gribble

c) Yearly Playground Inspection: Arrangements will be made to remove the posts.

Action: Cllr Watson

d) Playground & Childrens' Centre Signs: Progress is continuing.

e) Allotment Society: Plans have been produced and, providing the Church agrees, access to the site will be across the churchyard via the Jolly Garden where car parking will be provided. An agreement exchanging the land to the Allotment Society is ready to be signed.

Action: Cllr Watson & Burge

f) Jolly Garden: The Groundwork Trust will prune the Jolly Garden in March.

g) Old Pavilion Site: The Groundwork Trust have produced a plan for the site costing £1,700 which does not include removal of the concrete base. The Football Foundation will be approached for funding.

12. Village of the Year Competition:

a) Offer of Tree: Cllrs were asked for suggestions of where to plant the tree.

b) Eastern Region Entry: Judging will take place on 31 March.

c) 2009 Competition: The entry for this year will be completed by some parents from the school.

13. CiLCA- Adoption of Complaints Procedure: Before adopting the procedure Cllrs want to find out if it is compatible with WHBC Standards Committee procedures.

Action: Clerk

14. Date of AGM: The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 14 April. There will be an Allotment Society presentation.

15. WI: Cllr Watson will give a talk to the Womens' Institute.

16. Date of next Meeting: 10 March, 2009.