

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 12 January 2010

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

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

10.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr M Burge.

10.2 To receive declaration of interests: Cllr Collingridge declared a prejudicial interest with regard to the allotments as he is in partnership with the landowner.

10.3 To approve minutes of Council Meeting on 8 December: Resolved: The minutes of the 8 December meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.4 A resident informed the Council of his concerns that the public continually trespass on farmland causing damage. He thinks the Parish Council should respond by taking a long term approach to raise awareness. He suggested signs, newsletter, village day and talks to children in the school as examples of getting the message across. Councillors agreed it was a problem, welcomed his ideas and agreed to offer support.

10.5 To receive a report on the relocation of the Pre-school: Two representatives of St. Michael's Pre-school attended the meeting. St. Michael's School is expanding and will need the classroom occupied by the Pre-school from September 2011. The Pre-school work closely with the school to offer children a smooth transition into school however after the school failed to secure funding for an extension the Pre-school are likely to be given notice. They need to find new premises or face closure. There have been talks with the Local Authority, the Diocese and the school to try and seek a solution but none has been found. The Pre-school have applied for a number of grants which have been unsuccessful. The Parish Council offered their support to find a way forward.

10.6 To receive reports on meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Watson attended a Sports Meeting, presented the prizes to the Christmas Card Competition winners at the school Christmas Bazaar, read the lesson at the Church Christmas Service and attended the WHBC Christmas Reception. She also attended a Councillors Surgery.

Cllrs Watson & Collingridge attended two site meetings and met with the Parish solicitor about the Children's Centre. They also attended a Highways meeting.

Cllrs Watson & Corke attended a WHALC Meeting.

10.7 To receive correspondence: A report on St. Michael's Pre-school from the Chair of the Governors.

10.8 Planning: (Cllr Corke)

No new planning applications or decisions to discuss.

10.9 Hall: (Cllr Watson)

a) To review progress on the Children's Centre: The contractors are waiting for the gas main to be moved. The Parish Council have offered to contribute £400 towards the cost of painting the committee room and corridor. Completion of the Children's Centre is scheduled for 9 March.

b) To review progress of installing environmental measures in the hall: An application to the Lottery Fund is hopeful. The Council should be notified by the end of January.

10.10 Finance: (Cllr Day)

a) To approve payments and accounts for December: These had been circulated. Resolved: to approve payments and accounts for December.

b) To consider approving the budget for 2010/11: Cllrs made two minor amendments to the budget and agreed not to increase the precept. Resolved: To approve the budget for 2010/11.

10.11 Environment & Transport: (Cllr Collingridge & Cllr Corke)

a) To receive progress on the Parish Plan, B197: No progress to report.

10.12 Publicity: (Cllr Collingridge)

a) To review progress on Business & Transport leaflets: The Council agreed that printing the Travel Leaflet would be too costly.

b) To discuss mounting a display at the Heritage Fair: The Council will mount a display about the Woodcarver.

c) To receive a report on the Woodcarvers project by Darren Hazzard: Deferred until the next meeting.

10.13 Grounds: (Cllr Gribble)

a) To receive a report on the monthly playground inspection: Not carried out.

b) To consider the report on the yearly playground inspection: The report had been circulated. It was recommended that some swing seats and chains be replaced. A quote had been obtained for £714 for the

work which Councillors thought too expensive. It is hoped the work can be done for £500. **Action: Clerk**
c) To review progress of the hall grounds entrance signs: No progress to report.

Action: Cllr Collingridge

d) To review progress of the old pavilion site: The Children's Centre contractors will be carrying out the work.

10.14 To review progress of the Allotment Society: The Tenancy Agreement between the Parish Council and the Allotment Society is completed. Awaiting planning permission for the access track and dropped kerb.

10.15 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2010 at 7.30pm.

JRP 13.01.10

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____