

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 9 JULY 2024

Present: Councillor M Banner (Chairman)

Councillors: J Hunter, H Klein, D Nowell, G Rushby, S Rydzkowski, L Sheridan, CS Wilcock

Apologies for absence: Councillor Tynan

C44 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved,

That in the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Banner be appointed as Chairman of this meeting.

C45 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

C46 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

There were no declarations of interest.

C47 Apologies for absence

The Council noted an apology for absence from Councillor Tynan.

C48 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2024 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C49 Co-option of members

Further to Minute C37(2) 1.- 25 June 2024 the Clerk reported that all three applicants had completed the form approved by the Council to provide details in support of their application for co-option. This included a signed declaration that they met the legal qualifications for becoming a parish councillor. The Council then invited each applicant to speak in support of their application and to answer questions from members, and it was

Resolved,

That Mr. J Hunter, Mr. Gary Rusby and Mrs. Carole S Wilcock be co-opted to the Council.

(The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed by each person and the three named members joined the meeting).

C50 Election of Vice Chairman

The Council reviewed the making of an appointment of Vice Chairman for 2024-25 following the co-option of members:

Resolved,

That consideration be deferred to the next meeting.

C51 Chairman of the Finance and General Committee

The Council reviewed the appointment of the Chairman of the Finance and General Committee for 2024-25 following the co-option of members to allow another member to undertake this role:

Resolved,

That Councillor Banner be appointed as Chairman of the Finance and General Committee for 2024-25.

C52 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

C53 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Clerk reported that a Police representative was unable to attend the meeting for operational reasons. No matters were raised by members.

C54 Borough Council business

The Council received reports from Borough Councillors on matters under consideration by the Borough Council relating to the parish and on issues that they had acted on for residents since the last meeting and other issues relating to responsibilities of the Borough Council. (The Council noted that the reports related to the parish council area and not to the wider area of the Rixton and Woolston Borough Ward unless there was an issue of interest to Woolston).

1. Reports from Borough Councillors
Councillor Sheridan – no items to report.
2. Matters raised with the Borough Council
 - 2.1 Borough Council review of road safety on Holes Lane, Hillock Lane and Gig Lane – to consider future action on the response from the Director of Transport and Environment. Agreed that this matter continue to be pursued together with the roads adjacent to schools.
 - 2.2 Lincoln Close – issues raised by residents relating to the operation of a private care home.
The Council agreed to continue monitoring the situation.

Resolved,

That the report be noted, and the identified action approved.

C55 Committee matters

The Council considered matters relating to the undermentioned committees:

(1) Environment and Amenities Committee

1. Parish Path Warden scheme – condition report

Councillor Nowell reported on matters relating to public footpaths and on issues that had been reported to the Borough Council:

- Maintenance work had been carried out to clear the paths except for Path 31 (Woolston Weir to the Manchester Ship Canal). No progress had been made on clearing the Giant Hogweed. It was agreed that the matter be again reported to the Borough Council.
It was noted that Peel Holdings had fixed yellow strips to the decking spaced out that ended part way on the route over Woolston Weir.

- Path 27 alongside the river on the route towards Rixton was obstructed by vegetation and users were diverting into the adjacent field:

Resolved,

That

1. the report be accepted;
2. the Borough Council be requested to provide a response on the matters raised.

2. Battery Lane Allotment site – maintenance of access track to the site

The Council noted that the scheme was to proceed subject to comments received from the Borough Council.

(2) Finance and General Committee

1. Notice of Vacancy – East Ward

Further to Minute C37(2)2. 25 June 2024 the Clerk reported that the Borough Council had informed the Council that no request had been made for an election and that the vacancy was to be filled by co-option:

Resolved,

That the report be accepted, and notice be given of the vacancy.

2. Co-option of members

The Clerk reported that three vacancies remained to be filled by co-option:

Resolved,

That

1. the procedure adopted by the Council be continued;
2. notice be given of the vacancies and applicants be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council.

3. Banking arrangements – appointment of authorised signatories

Further to Minute C37(2)4. 25 June 2024 the Clerk reported that in making payments it had become apparent that National Westminster Bank had not completed their automated appointment procedure for Councillor Tynan as an authorised signatory. This had resulted in Councillor Banner and Councillor Rydzkowski signing replacements for cheques voided; the branch staff had approved the Clerk countersigning the transfer of funds (cheque 4778):

Resolved,

That

1. the action taken be confirmed in respect of the payments authorised by the Council;
2. approval be given to a repeat of the procedure for Councillor Tynan to be an authorised signatory.

4. Applications for grant aid

Noted no applications to consider.

C56 Reports from members appointed to local bodies

The Council received reports from members who were appointed by the Council or other organisations on local bodies including:

New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor Rydzkowski. No meeting held. Information was published by the group on their website. The group had been informed of an event promoted by Poulton with Fearnhead parish council to be held on Saturday 7 September 2024.

- Friends of Woolston Park group
Maintenance of Ranger Cabin
The Clerk reported that there was no further information from the Borough Council on the issues raised regarding repairs to the Ranger Cabin.
The FoWP group were to provide details to Councillor Klein of their meetings and workdays.
- Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell reported that no date had been set for the next meeting.

Resolved,
That the reports be noted.

C57 Correspondence – consultation and information

Noted no matters to report.

C58 Planning Applications and decisions

The Council considered the following planning applications submitted for comment by the Borough Council:

Applications for consideration at the meeting

PLANNING APPLICATION	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
FULL PLANNING (HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENT)		
2024/00624/FULH	16 Longbarn Lane WA1 4QJ	Single storey extension to front and rear side of property. Part two storey extension to side.
PART 14 (CLASS J) PRIOR APPROVAL		
2024/00845/PA14J	Armadillo Self Storage, 73 Manchester Road WA1 4AE	Installation of roof mounted Solar PV panels.
PLANNING APPEALS		
None to report.		

Resolved,
That no objections or representations be submitted in respect of the applications.

C59 Business raised by Council Members

No matters to report.

C60 Recess Committee

Resolved,

That approval be given to the appointment of a Recess Committee with a membership of the Chairman and the chairs of the Finance and General Committee and the Environment and Amenities Committee or their nominees, with the authority to deal with any urgent business arising before the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

C61 Accounts

No accounts to submit.

C62 Date of next meeting

Resolved,

That the next meeting be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024.

Chairman.....