

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 5 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor D Nowell (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, J Greenslade, MH Greenslade,
A McCarthy, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski, P Wright

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill, B Maher

**C72 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C73 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill and B Maher. The Clerk reported further to minute C35 11 July 2018 on the approval given to Councillor Creaghan for her absence from meetings:

Resolved,

That it be confirmed that the period of approval extends until 31 January 2019 and further consideration be given if required at the next meeting of the Council.

C74 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C75 Matters of report from previous minutes – presentation on the Carbon Landscape project

Further to minute C67 – 31 October 2018 the Council received a presentation from the Community Engagement Officer on the Carbon Landscaper project and on the work undertaken and being planned for Woolston. Carbon Landscape is a £3.2m project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Work was being carried out over a 5 year programme involving the Wildlife Trust and partners including Warrington Borough Council. Schemes under consideration included the provision of improved routes and access to areas along the Mersey corridor. Work was carried out by volunteers in association with local groups including the Friends of Woolston Park, the Woolston Eyes group and the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail group. The purpose of the presentation was to raise awareness of the work with the parish council and the local community and to encourage involvement in the development of local schemes to improve public contribution and access. The programme had about two and a half years to run;

Resolved,

That support be given to the aims of the project and the Community Engagement Officer be thanked for her presentation.

C76 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council received reports on the policing of Woolston as set out below and representatives of the police attended the meeting:

December 2018 - Monthly Parish report

Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard
Beat Manager PC Simon Dadswell
PCSO Bethan Roberts
Anti Social Behaviour

13 Reports of ASB – 7x youth related issues, 6x neighbour/environmental/personal issues

Burglary

5 Dwelling

3 Other (2x Garages, 1x business)

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Criminal Damage

4 2x may be linked, enquiries ongoing

*******Theft**

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Vehicle crime

0 Theft of vehicle

0 Theft from vehicle

OTHER

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/>

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/children-and-young-peoples-safety/>

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/bicycle-safety-and-security/cycling-safety-and-training-for-children/>

Speed enforcement Hillock Lane – 80 vehicles, of which 5 between 31 – 35 mph, 1 at 41mph

Attended Christmas Markets at Woolston CE Primary

Brownies – helped with one of their challenges for the Jobs Badge

Schools

Primary & High schools visited and discussed bicycle safety, leaflet provided

Roads Safety – The Warren Link Club, Green Lane Community Special School

Anti-bullying (Choose Respect) – St Peters RC Primary

Surgery

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Hub – 14 Dec 18:00, 18 Dec 11:00, 4 Jan 18:00

Members reported the concern of residents in respect of burglaries in the area. The police representatives reported on action being taken by officers and the promotion of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Concern was also expressed about the speed of vehicles on local roads and on requests for a 20mph limit along Hillock Lane and the use of electronic speed warning signs to road users.

Resolved,

That the police representatives be thanked for their report and attendance at the meeting.

C77 Borough Council business

Borough Councillors McCarthy and Wright reported on matters under consideration by the Borough Council relating to the parish and on issues that the Borough Ward members had acted on for residents including:

- The council had been asked to take action following the severe flooding of the footpath alongside St Peters RC School on Hillock Lane.
- A meeting had been held with Borough Council officers following parking of vehicles on the grass verge adjacent to the entrance to Woolston Park on Somerset Way. A trial was to be proposed to be given to the use of wooden stumps to protect the grassed area.

- The road humps on the access road to Woolston Park had been removed and some concern had been expressed at new traffic calming measures introduced by the Borough Council.
- A survey was to be undertaken in the new year of the traffic conditions at the 3 local schools to identify any action required to improve road safety. Woolston Community Primary School had agreed with the Borough Council to the provision of a new barrier to prevent children from running into the road.

C78 Committee reports and recommendations

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 5 December 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

- Finance and General Amenities Committee

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 5 December 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

C79 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 J Greenslade reported on the annual general meeting and meeting of the group held on 26 November 2018 and the work being carried out by the group. The group had discussed work for the year ahead and this included projects in the Woolston area, educational events involving the scouts, providing regular information in the local media, an Open Day in February, a big clean up in March, a local history event in summer and involvement in the Woolston Show in September. Support was given to the provision of bench seats adjacent to the towpath and information was requested on the hydro power scheme. The group had expressed concern at waste items being removed from the Community Recycling Centre and Councillor McCarthy agreed to follow up on this matter.

Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported on the work of the group and matters under consideration:

- Extensive repair work was required to the Ranger Cabin.
- The Young Friends of Woolston Park continued to meet regularly and currently were building a bug house.
- The Facebook page continued to be well read with plenty of public interaction.
- Fox Wood School was to hold a Santa Dash facilitated by the group.

Public Rights of Way Forum – The next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 4 January 2019. The following matters where relevant had been reported to the Borough Council by Councillor Nowell in his role as Parish Path Warden:

- Waterlogging should be reduced at New Cut Lane path entrance due to new kerbs and drains being fitted for the Community Recycling Centre access road.

- New traffic calming has been fitted to the public rights of way (PRoW) along the access road from Somerset Way to the Rangers cabin in Woolston Park.
- Vegetation has been removed from the Peel land either side of the old Statham Lane track. There is evidence that vehicles have crossed the PRoW to complete this work.
- Resurfacing by a local landowner along Juniper Lane has been extended towards the motorway access bridge to the lane.
- Finger post damaged at New Cut Lane next to the Community Recycling Centre entrance gate. This plus speed reduction signage attached to the finger post on Battery Lane reported to Warrington BC; awaiting a reply. The previous Public Rights of Way Officer had left office mid-November.
- All paths checked were accessible. Only Moss Edge cottages route not checked due to poor weather and underfoot conditions.

Other reports

- Parish Council liaison meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – The Chairman, Councillor Nowell reported on the meeting held on 6 November 2018. The precept for the current year had been raised to the maximum allowed. A review was being undertaken of the buildings operated and this would include the station at Risley. Reductions were required to be considered to avoid a cut in police officers. Consultation was to be undertaken on the use of Police Community Service Officers.
- Member Briefing HS2 – The Chairman, Councillor Nowell reported on the briefing session where HS2 Ltd had provided an update on the High Speed 2 Rail proposals made by the Government to construct a high speed rail line from London to Manchester and Leeds via Birmingham. There was nothing to raise relevant to Woolston.

C80 Correspondence – consultation and information

- Complaints/queries/service requests

The Council noted details received from the Borough Council on the use of the Contact Centre make reports to the Council and of facilities available to parish councillors to email reports.

- Parish Remuneration Panel

The Council noted details received from the Borough Council on the recommendations made by the Panel to parish councils on the payment of allowances to members.

- Cheshire Fire Authority Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2019/20

The Council noted details received from the Cheshire Fire Authority on the draft plan. Consultation was to extend until 4 January 2019.

- Warrington Voluntary Action – November Health update

The Council noted details received from Warrington Voluntary Action providing an update on local health care issues.

C81 Planning Applications and decisions

The Council gave consideration to the following planning application submitted for comment by the Borough Council:

2018/33829 – 78 Dam Lane – proposed change of use from a bridal shop to a Yoga Studio.

Resolved,
That no comments or representations be made in respect of the above application.

C82 Business raised by Members

No matters were raised.

C83 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,
That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4383	30/11//18	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M8 November 2018	
4384	5/12/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	84.00	Butterfly room – weekly community event October 2018	Yes
4385	5/12/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Meeting room 31 October 2018	
4386	5/12/18	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	46.98	Printing, stationery and office equipment	
4387	5/12/18	Costco (Clerk)	0.00	15.99	Printing paper	
4388	5/12/18	Water Plus Ltd (Clerk)	0.00	540.13	Allotments meter charge 7/8/18 (estimate) to 15/11/18 (actual)	
4389	5/12/18	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	587.66	Matting and clearance of leaves Remembrance Sunday service	
4390	5/12/18	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	188.93	Pruning of laurel hedge and clearance of leaves for Remembrance Sunday	

Chairman.....