

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 22 JUNE 2016**

**Present:** Councillor J Greenslade (Chairman)  
Councillors: M Banner, M Creaghan, MH Greenslade, AJ Hill, D Hill, A McCarthy, B Maher, D Nowell, M Pearce, P Wright

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor S Rydzkowski

### **C23 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

### **C24 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved,  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **C25 Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

The Council noted that all members had completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **C26 Matters of report from previous minutes**

There were no matters to report.

### **C27 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report**

The Council received a report from the Police Community Support Officer on the policing of Woolston. Details were submitted of the number and type of incidents in the parish since the last meeting and on action taken by the police. This included reports on:

- Robbery at the Late Shop, Holes Lane
- Four incidents of criminal damage
- Theft from a motor home
- Burglary to a house and a shed
- Five thefts from unlocked motor vehicles

The police were asked to review the use of an area of land for the sale of vehicles adjacent to the Woolston RBL premises on Manchester Road. Information was also requested on the purpose of a CCTV camera on the highway adjacent to the entrance to Woolston Park at Spittle Brook.

### **C28 Borough Council business**

Borough Councillors Hill, 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:

- complaints regarding inadequate grass cutting to public open spaces and highway verges. Details had been supplied to residents of the response from the Chief Executive explaining the effect of the reduction in council service;
- the Borough Council had agreed to provide a no left turn sign on A57 Manchester Road to reinforce the no entry prohibition into old Manchester Road;

- support was to be given in 2016 by the police and the Borough Council to the Padgate and Woolston Walking Day following representations made;
- the proposed change of use of the bungalow at the Fox Wood School, Holes Lane;  
(*Councillor Banner declared a personal interest in the above item having been consulted as a resident on the proposal*).
- delays to traffic and inconvenience to residents on Holes Lane by works in the highway being carried out to the gas main. National Grid had agreed to amend the work programme;
- nuisance to residents by a concrete business premises adjacent to Grey Mist. Residents had agreed to maintain a diary of events to provide information to officers;
- complaints at the failure to replace the bus shelter sited at A57 Manchester Road opposite the junction with Grey Mist Avenue following a traffic incident. Reports had been made that some bus services were failing to stop at this location since the removal of the shelter;
- full Council had discussed the Government's decision to encourage primary schools to become an academy. It was noted that consideration had been given at some governing bodies of local schools.

### **C29 Committee reports and recommendation**

#### **- Environment and Amenities Committee**

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 22 June 2016 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the report on the development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct be noted;
2. in respect of the unauthorised access by travellers in Woolston Park approval be given to:
  - 2.1. a letter being sent to the police recognising the support given by the Police Community Support Officer;
  - 2.2. the Borough Council be asked to ensure that in the event of a future similar incident information be provided direct to the parish council;
  - 2.3. thanks being recorded to the Borough Ward Councillors for their support regarding this matter.
3. the report on the works to the Hillock Lane amenity car park be noted and the thanks of the Council be recorded to Conlon Construction;
4. the Borough Council be informed there is no objection in principle to their proposal for the future management of the Woolston Playing Fields involving the Kings Leadership Academy subject to further information on the proposals to protect public use;
5. following the meeting with the Kings Leadership Academy:
  - 5.1. approval be given in principle to a trial use of the car park by parents at the beginning and end of the school day and at other times when required by the school in exchange for use of the school car park for community use associated with the playing fields. The Clerk be authorised to meet again with the school to prepare details for approval of this arrangement;
  - 5.2. the school be informed that the council has responded to the Borough Council regarding the request made by the school for use of the playing fields;
  - 5.3. the intention to provide fencing adjacent to the council's car park be supported;
  - 5.4. the school be thanked for the invitation to members to attend the Open Morning on 25 June 2016.
6. the action in approving the Borough Council's consultation documents relating to the proposed traffic calming scheme at Martinscroft Green following consultation with members and the Chairman of the Environment and Amenities Committee be approved;

7. it be noted that details are awaited on the replacement of the bus shelter at old Manchester Road;
8. it be noted that a meeting is to be arranged with Borough Council officers to progress the development of the “old Billy” scheme;
9. the Chairmen of the Council, the Environment and Amenities Committee and the Finance and General Committee be authorised to meet representatives of the Battery Lane Allotment Association at liaison meetings;
10. the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment and Amenities Committee, be authorised to take any further action in respect of the cultivation of plots.

- **Finance and General Committee**

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 22 June 2016 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. it be noted that all members have completed the declaration relating the Register of Members’ interests;
2. approval be given to Councillors Creaghan, D Hill, Nowell and Pearce together with the Clerk attending the Cheshire Association of Local Councils course for new members and clerks to be held at Birchwood on 25 July 2016;
3. the report of the Internal Auditor for 2015-16 including the statements of accounts be accepted;
4. a report be prepared identifying the allocation of reserves;
5. approval be given to the Annual governance statement and the Accounting statements for 2015-16.

**C30 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:

- East Warrington Neighbourhood Board – Councillor M Greenslade reported that Board had agreed to celebrate the use of funding approved by the Board. Groups who had received grant aid were to be invited to display photographs and information on the use of funds at the meeting to be held on 24 July. The Board had also discussed the provision of a cycle route between Rixton and Woolston. Information had been reported on changes to staff support for the Board. A discussion had taken place at the Board on encouraging the attendance of the relevant Borough Ward Councillors. Members noted that Councillor Hill had attended the meeting and that the Borough Council had appointed Ward Members to each Area Board; in the case of the East Board the appointment was Councillor Wright.
- New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor J Greenslade reported on the meeting held on 23 May 2016. The minutes of the group meeting and other information had been provided to members. The group continued to be involved in discussions with the Environment Agency on the Flood Defence scheme that had recently been granted planning approval. Details were reported on events planned by the group.
- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor M Greenslade reported on the meeting held on 13 June 2016. Two new members had joined the group, including Councillor Pearce. Work was proceeding with the Woolston Show and a banner acknowledging the support of the Woolston and Poulton with Fearnhead parish councils was to be displayed. The group were pleased to see the completion of the new childrens play area adjacent to the pond. It was planned to site the replacement gazebo in the near future. Additional bollards had been sited to help prevent unauthorised access following the recent encampment by travellers.

- Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell reported on public rights of way matters including clearance of vegetation by the Borough Council along paths; removal of the stile at Brook Lane; a report made to the Borough Council on Japanese Knotweed along Mill Lane – this was considered by the Borough Council to be the responsibility of the landowner. The broken knee rail had not been replaced at the Woolston Guard weir. This was considered to be the responsibility of Peel Holdings to repair.

### **C31 Correspondence – consultation and information**

No items to report.

### **C32 Scottish Power Energy presentation**

The Council noted a report from the Chairman on the Mid Cheshire area meeting held on 25 May 2016 at Middlewich. It was recommended that the Council agree to a presentation from the company on their activities including community support:

Resolved,

That Scottish Power be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting of the Council.

### **C33 Planning Applications and decisions**

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

2016/28094 – Muscrat Manor, Manchester Road – proposed extensions to the eastern elevation of the site and between the existing restaurant and the Wacky Warehouse play barn with provision of a yard gate.

2016/28180 – J and J Tansey 43 Manchester Road – extension to existing vehicle service and repair shop, 3 no. new industrial units, associated car parking.

Resolved,

That

1. no objections or comments be made in respect of application 2016/28094;
2. any representations in respect of application 2016/28180 be made following consideration by Borough Ward Councillors Hill and Wright;
3. it be noted that application 2016/27683 submitted by the Environment Agency in respect of land at Bridge Land Industrial Estate (MR2), Woolston Weir (MR1 downstream), the rear of Weir Lane/Edward Gardens (MR1 upstream), and Thelwall Viaduct had been granted planning permission subject to conditions.

### **C34 Business raised by Members**

Councillor Pearce reported that residents had expressed concern at the amount of weeds in Woolston Park pond and that it had been reported that there used to be a system to have this removed:

Resolved,

That this matter be referred for possible assistance from the Community Service team.

### **C35 Payment of Accounts**

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Date expenditure incurred</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>VAT not Recoverable</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>S137</b>
4187	26/5/16	St Peters RC Church – Lourdes Group	0.00	250.00	Grant to support volunteers	Yes
4188	31/05/16	LiveWire CIC	0.00	67.20	Meeting room April and May 2016	
4189	8/06/16	JDH Business Services Ltd	0.00	1182.00	Accountancy services	
4190	VOID					
4191	22/06/16	HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk)	0.00	268.60	PAYE April to June 2016	
4192	22/06/16	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M3 June	
4193	22/06/16	United Utilities plc (Clerk)	0.00	40.43	Allotment	
4194	22/06/16	Staples (Clerk)	0.00	49.99	Printer cartridge	

Chairman.....