

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 26 OCTOBER 2016

Present: Councillor J Greenslade (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, MH Greenslade, A Hill, A McCarthy,
D Nowell, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski
Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, D Hill, B Maher, P Wright

C65 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C66 Apologies for absence

The Council noted that Councillor Creaghan had submitted an apology for absence on the grounds of attending a meeting as a Borough Councillor and Councillor Wright for absence on holiday.

C67 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the substitution in minute 64 Payment of Accounts of the words “M5 August 2016” for “Meeting room April and May 2016”.

C68 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters to report.

C69 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:

- Bicycle security marking event to be held at the Woolston Neighbourhood Hub
- Vehicle crime to a vehicle parked in Riversdale.
- Events held at local schools relating to Halloween and bonfire night safety.
- Incidents of alleged anti-social behaviour by youths at Dam Lane shops. Follow up action was being taken by officers where required.
- Traffic congestion on Woolston Grange Avenue and at Chesford Grange resulting from a fireworks event organised by JTF warehouse. A meeting had been held with the management.
- Unauthorised traveller encampments that had since moved on from the premises at JTF warehouse and at Hardwick Grange.

The police were informed of suspected banned substances found during a litter pick in Woolston Park and it was noted that this matter was being given attention.

C70 Borough Council business

Borough Councillors A Hill and McCarthy 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 Borough Council had replaced the outbound bus shelter on A57 Manchester Road opposite Greymist Avenue.
- The waste bin at the outbound bus shelter on A57 Manchester Road opposite the junction with Redwood Close had been replaced.
- Notice had been given of carriageway resurfacing works in Cotterill Drive and Greymist Avenue. Confirmation was being sought that these were not part of the £40m structural highway works fund.
- United Utilities plc had carried out repairs to a burst water main on A57 Manchester Road adjacent to the junction with Runnymede.
- Pre-planning application consultation on the proposed use of an industrial unit on Chesford Grange for truck sales.
- Consultation with officers on the introduction of speed humps on Hall Road from Laburnum Avenue to the Woolston Neighbourhood Hub car park entrance. Details had been requested of proposals for the resurfacing of this length of road before the installation of the speed humps.
- The play area on Woolston Park to the rear of Poulton Crescent was to be refurbished.
- A meeting had been held with Borough Council officers on the refurbishment of the Weir Lane Play Area. Funding of approximately £7k was available from the Section 106 agreement with David Wilson Homes. Additional works had been identified to improve the area subject to a contribution being made by the parish council. It was agreed that the Chairs of the Council and the Environment and Amenities and the Finance and General Committees finalise a scheme with the Borough Council based on a contribution of up to £5k being made.
- Following representations from residents in support of a hard standing in the highway verge for the bus stop on Hillock Lane opposite St Peters RC school discussions were ongoing with officers from the Borough Council on options.
- Legal action was to be taken following a complaint from residents of Greymist Avenue of an alleged breach of conditions by reason of out of hours working at an industrial unit.

C71 Committee reports and recommendation

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 26 October 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. Borough Council officers be asked to advise on options for the development of the grassed area at the Hillock Lane Amenity area;
3. the details supplied by the Borough Council on the organisations using the Woolston Playing Fields for the 2016-17 season be noted;
4. the Clerk write to the Families and Wellbeing Directorate requesting details of the current position regarding the management and use of the Woolston Playing Fields by the Kings Leadership Academy and the community;
5. the progress report from the Borough Council regarding the traffic calming scheme for Martinscroft Green from Croftside to Battery Lane be noted;

6. the report on matters relating to footpaths from the Parish Path Warden be noted;
7. approval be given to the replacement of the bus shelter at old Manchester Road with the type used by the Borough Council and to the Borough Council arranging for its installation;
8. consultation be carried out on the replacement in accordance with that usually undertaken by the Borough Council and a further report be made to the Committee at the next meeting;
9. the progress on the development of the “old Billy” scheme be noted;
10. it be noted that arrangements are being made for an independent inspection of plots at the allotment site;
11. the report relating to the New Cut Heritage and Trail Group relating to issues in Woolston be noted;
12. the investigation of the feasibility of providing suitable barriers to protect the highway verge in the Monroe Close/Wareham Close area be approved.

- **Finance and General Committee**

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 26 October 2016 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the Borough Council’s questionnaire on the Review of Neighbourhood Boards be completed giving the views of members in support of the retention and development of neighbourhood boards;
2. the report on progress in the development of the website be noted;

C72 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 MH Greenslade reported on the meeting of the Board held on 21 September 2016. A presentation had been given on multiple deprivation indices for the East area. This information was available on the Borough Council’s website. The Board was to discuss the findings at the next meeting. A request had been made by the Borough Council for assistance in identifying elderly vulnerable people who may benefit from the Winter Warm campaign. There were 100 bags to distribute over the East area and members were asked to assist in identifying those who might benefit most. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the East Area Community Project Work and Councillor Wright for further information.
The Home Watch scheme had been rebranded as the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. A scheme was being piloted using DNA to mark belongings to help to identify their ownership in the event of a theft. It was reported that Superintendent Bill Dutton was leaving the post of chairman of the Board having given valuable service in that role. The new Police Superintendent was to take up the post.
- New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Details of the work being carried out and other events supplied by the Group had been issued to all members. It was agreed that the thanks of the Council be recorded to Ian Johnson for keeping members informed on a regular basis. It was noted that the next meeting was to be held on 28 November 2016.
- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported on the work of the Group. The thinning out work of trees in the park was continuing. Borough Council officers had explained the need for the work that some had considered to be too extensive. The Kingfisher Play Area sited near to the pond was being well used and similar improvements were to be carried out to the play area to the rear of Poulton Crescent. A litter pick was to be held in the park on 1 November.

- Public Rights of Way Forum – the next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 1 December 2016.

C73 – Consultation and information
– Parish Council Liaison meeting

The Council noted an email from the Borough Council giving notice of the meeting to be held on 31 October 2016.

– Police and Crime Commissioner meeting

The Council noted an email giving notice of the liaison meeting to be held with parish councils in the Borough on 27 October 2016.

– Encampment at Hardwick Grange

The Council noted an email from the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team Manager on action taken to end an encampment at Hardwick Grange.

– Mersey Phase 3b – status of works at Weir Lane

The Council considered an email from the Project Manager for the Environment Agency’s Mersey Phase 3b project that provided the following information:

- Bank Stabilisation works were continuing with rock placement upstream from the New Cut canal entrance. A sub-contractor, Teignmouth Marine Services, would continue the placement works to the end of November which would be followed by piling works. The piles were to be installed by a small excavator along the stabilised footpath. The Environment Agency would be in closer contact with the residents that back on to river when piling works were due to commence. They would also be keeping in touch with the New Cut Heritage and Ecology group with regard to the reinstatement of the lock area.
- Works downstream of New Cut were to start week commencing 31 October with preparatory works for piling adjacent to Weir Lodge and Lock Cottage. The main contractor, GBV, would be undertaking further surveys next week prior to these works commencing. This would include a GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) survey to confirm the location of underground services and obstructions. Piling works were to be followed by the formation of a new embankment to the rear of Weir Lodge adjacent to the new weir. Main civil engineering works were to continue for the remainder of the year with finishing works following in the new year. Programme dates would be subject to change subject to weather and unforeseen conditions.
- The next drop in session was to be held on Wednesday 2 November at St Peter’s Church where further information could be provided.

Resolved,

That

1. the information be noted;
2. the Environment Agency be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting of the Council to provide an update briefing on the project.

C74 Planning Applications and decisions

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

2016/28984 – River Mersey (between Woolston and Bridgefoot roundabout); Padgate Brook – discharge of conditions – proposed discharge of Condition 17 (submission of habitat creation scheme) on previous planning application 2011/19262.

Resolved,

That any representations in respect of the above application be made following consideration of any comments by Borough Ward Councillors Hill and Wright.

C75 Business raised by Members

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on a new social media site relating to Woolston and Martinscroft.

C76 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That

1. approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4212	13/09/16	Birchwood Town Council	0.00	67.50	Recharge for Training event 25 July 2016	
4213	23/09/16	The Society of Local Council Clerks	0.00	103.00	Annual subscription 2016	
4214	7/10/16	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	111.99	Election charges May 2016 – instalment one	
DD	12/10/16	British Telecom plc	0.00	40.32	4828 Broadband service	
4215	26/10/16	United Utilities plc (Clerk)	0.00	241.09	Allotment water charge May –August 2016	
4216	26/10/16	Staples (Clerk)	0.00	150.47	Printing and stationery	
4217	26/10/16	British Telecom plc (Clerk)	0.00	132.25	9481 phone service	
4218	26/10/16	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M7 October 2016	
4219	26/10/16	Live Wire CIC	0.00	33.60	Meeting room September 2016	
4220	26/10/16	Woolston RBL	0.00	40.00	Poppy wreath annual service of remembrance	

Chairman.....