

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 26 FEBRUARY 2020**

**Present:** Councillor J Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, MH Greenslade, A Hill, D Hill, A McCarthy, D Nowell, M Pearce

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors M Creaghan, B Maher, S Rydzkowski, P Wright

### **C97 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest**

#### **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

### **C98 Apologies for absence**

The Council noted the apologies for absence from Councillors M Creaghan, B Maher, S Rydzkowski and P Wright.

### **C99 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the change of the heading to minute C90 to read “C90 Borough Council business”.

### **C100 Walk to school week - 18 to 22 May 2020**

The Council received a presentation from Lesley Paterson, the Borough Council’s School and Residential travel advisor and Mel McHale, Road Safety Team Leader, on Walk to School week, Monday 18 to Friday 22 May, which this year was to be focussed on Woolston. The Borough Council had adopted a format over the last two years where there are issues associated with the school drop off and pick up. This was aimed at providing close links between residents and the schools and provide an opportunity for the community to work together to improve the environment in which they live.

Issues to be addressed included – illegal parking, inconsiderate parking causing obstruction to pedestrians, access to and from property, vehicles idling polluting the school environment, high dependence on the car and not considering alternatives, parking as close to school as possible and considering walking and cycling to be unsafe because of all the traffic therefore becoming part of the problem by driving.

Details were provided of the work carried out so far and the programme of events planned at the three primary schools and the senior school. In order to sustain the success of the project the work would need to be continued by the whole community. Members were asked to assist by increasing awareness of the project and supporting planned events:

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Council be given to the officers for their presentation and support be given to the project.

**C101 Matters of report from the previous meeting**

There were no matters to report.

**C102 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report**

The Council considered the reports provided by the Police for January and February 2020. PCSO Roberts had sent her apologies for absence because of illness:

**Woolston**

**January 2020 - Monthly Parish report**

**Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard**

**Beat Manager PC Alison Edwards**

**PCSO Bethan Roberts**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**10** Youths (3), environmental (5), personal (2)

Personal/environmental include neighbour issues, parking/traffic, domestic related issues

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**Burglary**

**1** Dwelling

**3** Other

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**Criminal Damage**

**7** 4x incidents linked

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**Vehicle crime**

**0** Theft of vehicle

**2** Theft from vehicle

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**OTHER**

- Shops – Patrols continue Dam Lane shops.
- Woolston Park – continue to liaise with County Fire
- Been following up CCTV enquiries for a number of incidents. A youth has been identified who is linked to several criminal damage and ASB incidents, actions are ongoing. Associates of this individual are also being identified

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<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/watch-schemes/neighbourhood-watch/>

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**Schools & other events**

St Peters Primary – Meeting with Junior Safety Officers, accompanied Yr3 visit to Woolston Hall Day Centre  
Woolston CP – Christmas Fair, Holiday Camp  
Kings Leadership – i/c PC White – Knife Crime input  
Woolston CE Primary – Elf Day visit

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**Surgery**

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub  
23 Jan 11:00, 29 Jan 18:00, 7 Feb 18:00, 14 Feb 11:00, 19 Feb 18:00

**Woolston**

**February 2020 - Monthly Parish report**

**Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard**  
**Beat Manager PC Alison Edwards**  
**PCSO Bethan Roberts**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**10** Youths (4), environmental (4), personal (2)  
Personal/environmental include neighbour issues, parking/traffic, domestic related issues  
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**Burglary**

**1** Dwelling  
**1** Other

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**Criminal Damage**

**3**  
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**Vehicle crime**

**0** Theft of vehicle  
**2** Theft from vehicle  
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**OTHER**

- Shops – Patrols continue Dam Lane shops.

- Woolston Park – Continue to liaise with County Fire. Met with WBC Early Help Team who will be working on the park, engaging with youngsters regarding ASB
- Parking complaints around schools – liaising with Lesley Paterson (WBC) regarding Walk to School Week. Discuss plans to work with residents and schools in relation to these issues
- Been following up CCTV enquiries for a number of incidents. A youth has been identified who is linked to several criminal damage and ASB incidents, actions are ongoing. Associates of this individual are also being identified
- Good news regarding arrests by detectives in relation to a series of convenience store robberies across the region

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/articles/2020/1/eight-men-charged-in-connection-with-a-series-of-armed-robberies-across-the-north-west/>

- We have a dedicated team investigating the recent bikes stolen across Warrington. Uniformed and plain clothed officers have been patrolling key areas. In the meantime, we are urging you to be vigilant and to follow our advice

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/appeals/2020/2/school-children-urged-to-be-vigilant-as-police-investigate-bikes-stolen-across-warrington/>

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Information on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/watch-schemes/neighbourhood-watch/>

WBC have an online form to report complaints about parking on yellow lines to their Enforcement Teams. Remember some yellow lines have a limited enforcement timeframe.

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/report-parking-problem>

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### **Schools & other events**

Foxwood School – Parent/children e-safety inputs

Woolston CE Primary – Internet Safety advice, assisted by the Junior Safety Officers  
Puddleducks – Meet the Police

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### **Surgery**

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub

28 Feb 18:00, 6 Mar 11:00, 10 Mar 18:00

Resolved,

That the reports submitted for January and February 2020 be noted.

### **C103 Borough Council business**

Borough Councillors Hill and McCarthy reported, and the Council noted 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:

- Representations from a resident for the access track from Battery Lane leading to the allotment site to be cleared of potholes. The Clerk reported that this issue would be discussed with the Secretary to the Battery Lane Allotment Site at the monthly site meeting.
- Residents had expressed concern relating to the Notice of Appeal by Way of Written representations process in respect of the planning application submitted by Sainsbury's Supermarkets (2019/34391 - 11 Manchester Road). This related to there being no right of appeal for objectors in the event of the application being approved on appeal, other than through the legal process.
- Additional meetings of the Development Management Committee were to be held in March and April.
- Trees in Redwood Close were to be inspected by officers.
- Surface water drains alongside the highway had been cleared along lengths of A57 Manchester Road.

### **C104 Committee reports and recommendations**

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

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 26 February 2020 and the Council considered 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 26 February 2020 and the Council considered the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

### **C105 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 that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Group and would report further following receipt of the minutes.
- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported that a meeting had not been held this year. The next meeting was to be held on 2 March 2020.
- Public Rights of Way Forum – the meeting of the Forum had been rescheduled for 2 April 2020. In view of the length of time since the last meeting Councillor Nowell had requested that an update be provided by the Borough Council. This had been supplied by the Public Rights of Way Officer. It was noted that a work programme was being prepared for the coming Financial Year. This would include a programme for signing and minor works. There would also be a capital works programme. Input from Forum members was welcomed and suggestions from them would be invited at the meeting. Other matters in the response related to other areas of the Borough.

### **C106 Correspondence – consultation and information – street sweeping**

The Clerk reported that a complaint from a resident regarding extensive littering between Parkway and Runnymede, particularly on the pathways and in the bushes. The complaint had been reported to the Borough Council using their online reporting service. The Council's response had been sent to the resident informing that the area would be inspected within 10 working days and if work was required this would be carried out in 6-8 weeks unless it was deemed to be of high importance:

Resolved,  
That the action be noted.

### **– Traffic issues – Epping Drive/Hillock Lane – school drop-off and pick-up times**

The Council considered a letter from a resident regarding issues surrounding parking and driving around Epping Drive and Hillock Lane during school drop-off and pick-up times. Representations had been made by the resident to the Borough Council and Police regarding careless driving and illegal parking leading to concern at a tragic accident or an emergency vehicle not being able to access one of the roads. A complaint had also been made that the waiting restrictions outside Woolston C of E primary school, which were intended to restrict parking during school hours, were not being enforced.

The Council was asked to support the representations made to the Borough Council and the Police. Members noted that these issues were to be addressed as part of the Walk to School project reported to the meeting:

Resolved,

That the representations be supported and this matter be reviewed when the outcome of the Walk to School project is known.

#### **– Closure of public footpath – path resurfacing**

The Council noted a letter from the Borough Council regarding the closure of the public rights of way from New Cut Lane in a westerly direction for approximately 350 metres from 5 March 2020. This was for a period of 6 weeks, when signed on site, for enhancement and resurfacing of the path.

#### **– Borough Council consultation on dog control**

The Council noted details of a public consultation exercise being carried out by the Borough Council through their website on dog control measures. Local groups and the public were invited to respond.

#### **C107 Planning Applications, appeals and decisions**

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

Application reference: 2019/36133

Location: Workshop adjacent to 61 Greymist Avenue, Woolston, Warrington, WA1 4AR

Description of development: Full Planning - Retention of portacabin for office use on the premises.

Application reference: 2020/36467

Location: 4 Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington, WA1 4QQ

Description of development: Full Planning - Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey, 4 bed dwelling on land adjacent to No.4 Weir Lane, Woolston.

Resolved,

That

1. no objections or representations be made in respect of the above applications;
2. it be noted that planning application 2019/35731 – Omega Access North, New Cut Lane had been withdrawn.

#### **C108 Business raised by members - Woolston Park – play equipment**

Councillor Nowell reported that there had been a further incident of vandalism to play equipment.

#### **C109 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>
4477	26/02/20	Zurich Municipal	0.00	1296.84	Insurance premium 2020-21	
4478	26/02/20	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	1586.03	Christmas tree installation and removal 2019	
4479	26/02/20	Live Wire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire 15/01/20	
4480	26/02/20	Amazon.co.uk (Clerk)	0.00	91.47	Printing cartridges	

Chairman.....