

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 21 JUNE 2017**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor A Hill, M Creaghan, B Maher, P Wright

**C22 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors A Hill and M Creaghan on the grounds of attendance at a meeting of the Borough Council and Councillors B Maher and P Wright on the grounds of illness.

**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 17 May 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**C25 Matters of report from previous minutes**

There were no matters to report.

**C26 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report**

The Council received a report from the Police Community Support Officer on the policing of Woolston as set out below:

**Woolston  
Crimes Reported in May/June 2017**

- **Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)** 13 incidents reported  
These incidents were not isolated to any specific area in Woolston and ranged from knock and run to youths hanging around the shops on Dam Lane.
- **Criminal damage** 5 incident reported  
The damage reports were mainly from Woolston Grange Employment Area one of which related to youths damaging the coaches from Tanseys coaches. The youths were caught on the coaches one evening but the damage cannot be proved and the youths were advised due to the coaches being left open at night.
- **Theft from motor vehicles** 1 incident reported  
No detections as yet.

- **Burglary** 2 incidents reported  
The two burglaries were to business premises. 1 on Woolston Grange Employment Area and the other New Cut Lane.

- **Traffic** 12 incidents reported  
Two people arrested for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.  
1 vehicle seized for no insurance.  
Fraudulent 50mph signs removed from Woolston Grange Avenue.  
8 reported road traffic collisions none fatal.

The Police Community Support Officer reported on a possible delay to the removal of travellers from a site in the area because of circumstances related to the legal process.

The Council thanked the Police Community Support Officer for his attendance at the meeting and for the submission of a written report.

### **C27 Borough Council business**

Borough Councillor 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:

- Resiting of a traffic sign relating to the traffic calming scheme at Martinscroft Green following representations from residents;
- Following the refurbishment by the Borough Council of the Weir Lane Play Area with support from the parish council, the parish council were to be invited to an event to mark the re-opening of the new play area;
- Warrington East Phase 2 Consultation – following meetings with Borough Council officers and Warrington Borough Transport Ltd, a proposal had been made to amend the scheme for the link road between Gig Lane and the Grange Employment Area. This would provide a public footpath and cycle route with suitable landscaping and traffic chicanes. The Council agreed to support the proposed change;
- The replacement of the outbound service bus shelter on the A57 Manchester Road opposite the junction with Grey Mist Avenue had been further delayed. Following further representations it was expected to be installed in the near future;
- Following a meeting with Borough Council officers an amended scheme had been developed for the entrance to Woolston Park from Somerset Way. This would include the provision of no waiting restrictions from the junction of Hillock Lane with Somerset Way towards the junction with Wareham Close. No waiting restrictions would also be applied to the access road to the park from the junction with Somerset Way. Stumps were to be installed to protect the grass highway verge from unauthorised parking of vehicles. The Council agreed to support the scheme;
- A response had been made to a resident relating to a boundary dispute;

### **C28 Committee reports and recommendations**

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

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 21 June 2017 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the completion of the works for the traffic calming scheme at Martinscroft Green be noted;

2. the report on the increased heavy goods vehicle traffic at the development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct be noted;
3. the report from the Parish Path Warden be noted;
4. it be noted that details had been provided to the company preparing a draft for the highway sign relating to the “Old Billy” scheme and a proof copy was awaited for comment;
5. the action taken in serving Notice to Quit in respect of a plot at the allotment site be approved;
6. the Committee give consideration to any representations from the tenant;
7. the report on work to be carried out by the Borough Council to maintain the surface of Battery Lane be noted together with the provision of stone to the Allotment Association for their volunteers to carry out repairs to the surface of the track leading to the site;
8. the report on the work of the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group be noted;
9. the response made to the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group to the Council’s decision in reaffirming support to residents who had objected to the provision of seating by the Environment Agency as part of the scheme at the lock area at Weir Lane be approved.

- **Finance and General Committee**

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 21 June 2017 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2016-17 be accepted, including the statement of accounts, and
  - a. the Fixed Asset Register be amended;
  - b. the Clerk report to the Chairman on the review of the contract of employment for the post of Clerk and a further report be then made to the Committee.
2. approval be given to the Annual governance statements and Accounting statements for 2016-17;
3. approval be given to a grant of £300 to the St Peters RC Church to assist volunteers in the visit to Lourdes;
4. further information be obtained relating to the proposed provision of a defibrillator at St Peters RC Church.

**C29 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 – the minutes of the group meeting and other information had been provided to members.
- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor M Pearce reported on work undertaken by the Group and related matters:
  - On 6 June 2017 the Mayor had presented to the Group a Star Award in recognition of its support to the community. The event was organised by the Warrington Voluntary Action group and supported by the Borough Council and a commercial sponsor. The Council agreed to record their congratulations to the volunteers for the receipt of the well-deserved award;
  - Damage had occurred to the interior of the Ranger Cabin caused by a leak to the roof. The Group were seeking advice on repair work and it was suggested that the

Borough Council be asked what action it was taking before considering any further action;

- An interview had been given to Radio Warrington on the work of the group;
  - Discussions were continuing on the planning of the annual Woolston Show;
  - A number of schools had agreed to participate in the Art event relating to the anniversary celebrations for the opening of the park;
  - A work day was planned for 2 July;
  - Scottish Power had offered to refurbish the speed humps on the access road to the park in recognition on the disturbance caused to the park during their recent works.
- Public Rights of Way Forum – the next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 3 August 2017. Councillor Nowell reported on his attendance at the Local Access Forum meeting held in Warrington on 9 June 2017. It was noted that action was continuing following the collapse on the banks of the River Mersey in Woolston and Rixton involving reinstatement of the banks and the routing of public footpaths.
  - Other bodies – no reports.

### **C30 Correspondence – consultation and information**

#### **- East Neighbourhood News**

The Council noted a newsletter from the Borough Council's East Area and West Community Project Worker on events in the area from May to July 2017.

#### **- Padgate and Woolston Walking Day**

The Council noted details on the organisation of the annual walking day event.

#### **- Incidents of encampments in Woolston**

The Council noted information from the Cheshire and Warrington Traveller Team Manager on action taken following unauthorised encampments.

### **C31 Planning Applications and decisions**

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

2017/30495 – Crystal Rubber, 22 Kingsland Grange – full planning proposed new access to vacant land including security gates and fencing.

2017/30264 - Land at Bridge Lane Industrial Estate discharge of condition – application for approval of details reserved by Condition 14 (Verification Report – Completion) following planning approval 2016/27683).

Resolved,

That no objections or representations be made in respect of the above applications.

### **C32 Business raised by Members**

No business raised.

### **C33 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>
4265	17/5/17	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	87.48	Printing and stationery	
4266	21/6/17	JDH Business Services	0.00	1194.00	Accountancy and audit service	
4267	21/6/17	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	Month 3 June 2017	
4268	21/6/17	HM Revenue and Customs	0.00	268.60	PAYE months 1 to 3 2017	
4269	21/6/17	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	30.43	Printing and stationery	
4270	21/6/17	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	0.00	1429.31	Annual fee 2017-18	
4271	21/6/17	St Peters RC Church Lourdes Group	0.00	300.00	Grant visit to Lourdes	Yes

Chairman.....