

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 11 JULY 2018**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, B Maher, S Rydzkowski

**C34 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest**  
**Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

**C35 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, B Maher and S Rydzkowski. The Clerk reported a request from Councillor Creaghan for 6 months leave of absence following the recent loss of her husband:

Resolved,  
That the request from Councillor Creaghan be approved.

**C36 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved,  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the following:

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

The reference in the Police report to Grencore be clarified as Centre 21.  
Parking advice notices – provided at Monks Sports Club; Grencore

**C33 Business raised by Members - Bus shelter at Dam Lane**

The reference to damage to the bus shelter be clarified as being to the litter bin adjacent to the bus shelter.

**C37 Matters of report from previous minutes**

There were no matters to report.

**C38 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report**

The Council noted the report on the policing of Woolston would be circulated when received.

**C39 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:

- Councillor McCarthy had held a site meeting with the Assistant Director of Transport and Operations and an undertaking had been given to carry out the annual maintenance of the hedgerow along Gig Lane to A57 Manchester Road. Maintenance work was also to be carried out the alleyways in the areas off Redwood Close and Monmouth Close. The boundary fence adjacent to the highway on A57 Manchester Road was also to be repaired on the length adjacent to Martinscroft Green.

- Further to the objection made in respect of application 2018/32762 a report was given on a meeting with representatives of Warrington & Co. and the showpersons who were to be located at the proposed site on New Cut Lane. The showpersons had made clear that the Woolston site was considered by them to be to be the most suitable of those identified for the relocation from the present site in the town centre. Warrington & Co and the showpersons were aware of the objections made. Councillor McCarthy reported that he would make representations at the Development Management Committee meeting and because of this not take part in determining the application. Members noted the procedure adopted by the Committee when hearing representations for and against an application and it was agreed that residents should be given the opportunity to speak. The Chairman reported that in view of this he would attend the meeting as an observer.
- Information had been provided that there was no intention to create a link road from the industrial estate to Bridge Road. Members agreed that representations be made to the Borough Council at the lack of adequate consultation regarding recent proposed developments by the Borough Council in the parish.

#### **C40 Committee reports and recommendations**

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

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 11 July 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 11 July 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

#### **C41 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 next meeting of the group was to be held on 23 July 2018. It was agreed that future reports relating to the Group should be made to the Council and that the standing agenda item to the Environment and Amenities Committee should not be continued.

Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade submitted a brief summary of some of the work that the Friends of Woolston Park have carried out over the last nine months. Information about all these activities is posted regularly on Friends of Woolston Park Facebook page, and detailed in their minutes, and of course regularly reported to Woolston Parish Council however, we thought it might be an idea to briefly summarise below.

- Woolston Show September 2017 had a good turnout, less that last year due to poor weather, still a success. Children’s Art Exhibition was excellent – and every child received a certificate recognising their community spirit. Planning is well under way for the 2018 Show.
- General winter maintenance carried out in the Park during the winter months, including extensive use of the Stihl heavy duty strimmer provided via a project grant from Woolston Parish Council...54 acres of Park is a lot to cover!

- Fox Wood school carried out a Santa Dash followed by hot chocolate, facilitated by FOWP – a very successful event
- 16 Bird boxes cleaned and repaired during early spring prior to bird breeding season.
- A bird survey took place in the spring, and showed a good variety of birds in the Park.
- A bat survey took place early April - the presence of a number of species of bats was detected and will lead to a bat walk for members of the public at a later date.
- A butterfly survey is to take place soon.
- Regular monthly volunteer sessions continue to take place in the Park on first of each month, attracting new volunteers. Extra Saturday morning sessions have been trialled plus some volunteers work at other times in the Park, to suit their work arrangements. Two Scout groups have taken part in these sessions.
- Work has also continued in the Jubilee Garden and in the newly cleared and replanted area in front of the Cabin.
- Sadly, volunteers have had to clear up broken glass around the Kingfisher play area on several occasions. Local police have been involved, and the Youth Service have attended at weekends and spoken to youngsters...however, further incidents have recently been reported.
- Cabin break in 28 March – FOWP volunteers immediately turned to – inventory of stolen items, cleaned up the awful mess left, reported damage to Warrington BC and repaired what they could, removed graffiti and repainted. Donations from Woolston Parish Council, Borough Councillors and relatives of FOWP volunteers were very much appreciated.
- Fortunately, due to the hard work of FOWP, the regular Eggstravaganza following the break in was able to go ahead, with more youngsters than ever attending. Two teams of PCSOs dropped in, plus PC Simon Dadsworth during the day.
- The Eggstravaganza was preceded in the morning by an Easter egg hunt arranged by Fox Wood School, and facilitated by FOWP volunteers.
- FOWP were represented at VolFest 2018 on 2 June at the Town Hall, and received a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor, Councillor Karen Mundry.
- Woolston C of E Primary school Summer Fayre was attended by FOWP.
- Several Safeguarding courses arranged by Warrington BC and Carbon Landscape have been attended by some members of FOWP. Three members attended a one day “Working with Children” course organised by Carbon Landscape in Wigan in March. Three members attended a two day course on “Outdoor First Aid” in Wigan in May
- Regular meetings take place with Stef Woof from Warrington Voluntary Action regarding increasing volunteer involvement.
- The Young Friends of Woolston Park (YFOWP) project was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> June, designed for young people aged between 7 and 17. It was a lovely day with activities for the youngsters and tea, coffee, cold drinks, cake and fruit available for youngsters and their parents/carers. At least eight youngsters have agreed to be involved, with others now asking for information. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 July with activities planned to at least year end. An application to Warrington BC Community Fund for YFOWP has been deferred – the further information requested has now been provided.
- FOWP supported the recent 10k Warrington Road Runners park run.
- Fox Wood School held a sponsored Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research in the Park, supported by FOWP volunteers...all of the children received a medal.
- Friends of Woolston Park Facebook page is proving very popular, with lots of nice comments and “likes” FOWP keep the page up to date, and respond quickly to any queries.
- A record of the number of volunteer hours is kept - year to date (end of June) the total is 913 hour.

Public Rights of Way Forum – next meeting to be held on 9 August 2018.

**C42 Correspondence – consultation and information**  
**- Woolston Community Recycling Centre - redevelopment**

The Council noted details received from the Borough Council on the closure of the Woolston CRC from 5 August 2018 for a period of 10-12 weeks following the granting of planning permission on 6 June 2018 for the redevelopment of the site. Signs informing of the temporary closure were to be displayed from 9 July 2018 and a dedicated project website had been developed and this would be regularly updated.

**- Warrington East Phase 2 – project news and update**

The Council noted details received from the Borough Council on the road works being undertaken on Birchwood Way from 10 July 2018.

**C43 Planning Applications and decisions**

The Council noted that no relevant planning applications had been submitted for comment by the Borough Council.

**C44 Business raised by Members**

There were no matters to report.

**C45 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>
4353	11/7/18	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	38.99	Printing and stationery	
4354	11/7/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	16.80	Room hire 20 June 2018	
4355	11/7/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	67.20	Butterfly Room hire – tea room June 2018	YES
4356	11/7/18	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	Month 4 July 2018	
4357	11/7/18	Warrington East Scouts	0.00	200.00	Grant Jamboree replaces 4318	YES

Chairman.....