

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 20 JULY 2016

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor M Pearce

C36 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C37 Apologies for absence

The Council noted that Councillor Pearce had submitted an apology for absence on the grounds of ill-health.

C38 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C39 Scottish Power Energy Networks - presentation

The Council Mr H Thomas, District Manager of SP Energy Networks. Information was provided on the services delivered by the company in the area and on the level of community involvement. Details were given of the recruitment and training policy adopted and the training of apprentices and development of staff within the company. The company was interested in becoming more involved in job fairs and similar events and details were provided of contacts at the Borough Council:

Resolved,

That Mr Thomas be thanked for his presentation.

C40 Matters of report from previous minutes

The Council noted further to Minute C28 Borough Council business, that the Development Management Committee was to give consideration to an application for the proposed change of use of the bungalow at the Fox Wood School, Holes Lane.

C41 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:

- Theft of a motor vehicle from Grey's Court and from Holes Lane. Advice had again been published on the securing of vehicles
- Theft of a bicycle from a property at Longbarn Lane
- Damage to a substation at Gordon Avenue
- An act of criminal damage at a property in Berkshire Drive
- Anti-social behaviour in a car park at Dam Lane. The parents of the youths had been visited

- Visits had been made to local schools following complaints about the parking of vehicles at the beginning and end of the school day

The police were asked about checks on the speed of vehicles on local roads. It was noted that a programme was in place to enforce speed limits.

C42 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:

- The Borough Council had carried out maintenance to the hedgerow along Gig Lane.
- A No Left turn sign had been sited on A57 Manchester Road to reinforce the No Entry restriction into old Manchester Road.
- The Borough Council had confirmed that the replacement of the outbound bus shelter on A57 Manchester Road opposite Grey Mist Avenue was to be carried out. The work was subject to an insurance claim. A request had been made for a temporary bus stop sign to be sited at the bus layby.
- A report had been made following flooding of the highway in Warren Lane and maintenance work had been carried out.
- Work was to commence in October to the highways and this was to include traffic calming measures opposite Woolston Neighbourhood Hub.
- The hedgerow at the Weir Lane Play area was to be removed as a safety measure. The work was to be funded from the S106 agreement for the David Wilson Homes development.
- Details had been supplied to a resident on the £250k development programme in Woolston Park following a request for information. The programme was ongoing.
- It was requested that representations be made for the reinstatement of a Ranger in the park for half a day each week.

C43 Committee reports and recommendation

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 20 July 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. the report on the landscaping works to the Hillock Lane Amenity area car park be noted;
3. it be noted that there had been no further information from the Borough Council regarding the future management and use of the playing fields;
4. approval be given to a trial use of Hillock Lane Amenity Area 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 for an initial trial period commencing August 2016 in recognition of access to the Kings Leadership Academy school car park for authorised activities on the playing fields;
5. the approval granted to the Kings Leadership Academy for use of the playing fields by the Borough Council be noted;
6. the report on the provision of fencing by the school to the perimeter of their land adjacent to the car park be noted;
7. the report of the Parish Path Warden be noted;

8. approval be given in principle to the replacement bus shelter at old Manchester Road and the Clerk be requested to contact the Borough Council regarding the necessary procedures for this work;
9. it be noted that a meeting is to be arranged with Borough Council officers to progress the development of the “old Billy” scheme;
10. it be noted that consultation was taking place with the Battery Lane Allotment Association on items for the liaison meeting and a suitable date;
11. 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;
12. the report on the meeting of the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Group held on 16 July 2016 and other matters be noted.

- **Finance and General Committee**

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 20 July 2016 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the report on the final arrangements for the training course for new members and clerks to be held at Birchwood on 25 July 2016 be noted and any other member who wishes to attend be asked to contact the Clerk;
2. the report on progress in the development of the website be noted;
3. the following items be approved for allocation from reserves for 2016-17:
 - Bus shelter £5,000
 - Hillock Lane Amenity Area £10,000
 - Joint use of playing fields £4,000

C44 Martinscroft Village Green – response to consultation on traffic calming scheme

The Council received a report from the Borough Council on the outcome of the public consultation exercise which had indicated support for the proposed traffic calming measures. Comments had been made on matters outside the survey on traffic issues and these were being dealt with by the Borough Council. A request had been made for an additional road hump to be provided as part of the scheme. The Council was requested to determine the action to be taken:

Resolved,

That

1. the results of the survey be noted;
2. approval be given to proceed with the scheme as advertised;
3. consideration be given to any further measures following the completion of the scheme;
4. it be noted that the Borough Council is to respond to comments made during the survey on matters outside the scheme.

C45 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 on the presentation to the Board by the Friends of Woolston Park on the use of funding approved by the Board. The Board’s Annual Report was available on the website. It was pleasing to note that the Executive Board member was pleased with the work of the Board.
- New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor J Greenslade reported on the meeting held on 16 July 2016. The minutes of the group meeting and other information had

been provided to members. It was noted that the main focus of the meeting had been on matters relating to Paddington Meadows. The group had raised the issue of No Dog fouling signs on the path alongside the canal. It was noted that funding had been provided for this and that the locations were to be determined in consultation with the group.

- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor M Greenslade reported on that plans for the Woolston Show on 4 September were progressing well. Attempts were being made to recruit further volunteers to help at the event. Kings Leadership Academy had agreed to the use of their car park for the event. The group had been encouraged to do a wish list of projects to allow consideration to be given when the finance available was known. The Jubilee Garden had suffered from acts of vandalism to the path surface and a seat. A litter pick of the park was to be held prior to the Show.
- Public Rights of Way Forum – the next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 18 August 2016.

C46 Correspondence – consultation and information **– Water Plus**

The Council noted a letter from United Utilities plc informing that United Utilities and Severn and Trent were joining to form a new retail company for business customers called Water Plus. There would be no change in water supply or wastewater treatment services and no change to tariffs or prices as a result of the formation of the new company. In April 2017 all businesses in England were to be able to select their water and wastewater retailer.

C46 Planning Applications and decisions

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

2016/28487 – Sharples Group, Tatton Court – proposed side extension to existing building to provide additional warehouse/storage area and new car parking arrangement.

2016/28498 – Land at Bridge Lane Industrial Estate – discharge of conditions – proposed discharge of Condition 5 (Reasonable Avoidance Measures Statement) Condition 6 (Method Statement for Reptiles) Condition 9 (Method Statement for Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed) Condition 10 (Landscape and Environmental Management Plan) and Condition 16 (Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) following approval 2016/27683.

Resolved,

That

1. no objections or comments be made in respect of application 2016/28487;
2. any representations in respect of application 2016/28498 be made following consideration by Borough Ward Councillors Hill and Wright;

C47 Business raised by Members

Councillor Banner reported that she had attended the Kings Leadership Academy Open Morning. This had included a tour of the school and details of the curriculum.

C48 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not Recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4195	20/7/16	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M4 July	
4196	20/7/16	Mr W Worth	0.00	45.00	Updating Chairmans' Board	
4197	20/7/16	Live Wire CIC	0.00	33.60	Woolston Hub – room hire	

Chairman.....