

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors A Hill, D Hill

C96 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C97 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors A Hill and D Hill.

C98 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C99 Matters of report from previous minutes

No matters to report.

C100 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council received reports on the policing of Woolston as set out below and representatives of the police attended the meeting:

February 2019 - Monthly Parish report

Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard

Beat Manager PC Simon Dadswell

PCSO Bethan Roberts

Anti Social Behaviour

13 Relate to ASB (9), environmental (2), personal (1), vehicle issues (1)

Burglary

3 Dwelling (1x attempt)

2 Other

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Criminal Damage

6 2x vehicle damage; 1x business (3 occurred same road/period)

Theft

0

Vehicle crime

0 Theft of vehicle

0 Theft from vehicle

OTHER

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/>

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/children-and-young-peoples-safety/>

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

ASB issues – Shops, park hotspot areas ongoing patrols. Continuing to follow up CCTV enquiries at various locations to identify any key individuals. Liaise with school (Kings provided assembly prior to half term which covered a range of topics)

Have your say on Risley police base move, survey closes midnight on 7 March 2019

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/about-us/consultation/risley-consultation/>

Schools

Safer Internet Day – Inputs given Woolston CP, Woolston CE & St Peters RC Primary schools, Foxwood Community Special School

Wind in the Willows – children visited to introduce myself

Woolston CP – Reception Class visited for ‘People who help us’

Woolston Beavers – input given as part of safety badge

Parking – Austral Avenue – patrols will continue, spoken to some drivers regarding position on pavement for residents, not observed to be dangerous (residents can use the WBC reporting forms online regarding problems about yellow lines)

Surgery

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Hub – 22 Feb 11:00, 26 Feb 18:00, 8 Mar 18:00, 14 Mar 11:00

Resolved,

That the report be noted.

C101 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:

- The Borough Council had carried out works to remedy the severe flooding of the footpath alongside St Peters RC School on Hillock Lane. However, there had been another incident of flooding and further work was to be carried out.
- Details were reported of the representations made to the Borough Council over a number of years regarding the nuisance to residents adjacent to Bridge Lane, an unadopted highway, of and other properties caused by heavy goods and other vehicles using the access to the industrial estate and loss of residential amenity caused by noise and the hours of use of the premises. Attempts had been made to ascertain the conditions relating to hours of operation of the various premises and any other restrictions imposed to allow these to be known and enforced. This situation had recently become highlighted with the submission of a retrospective application for planning approval for the construction of a concrete mixing plant with ancillary plant including storage bays, overhead conveyors weighing bins, water storage tank, extension of existing concrete pad and road way, retention and subdivision of existing offices, staff toilets and kitchen and change of use of land to B2 Use Class (general industry) (Application 2019/34251). The business was understood to have been in operation for approximately two years.
- The highway along Epping Drive from the school to No.1 Epping Drive was being inspected following representations at the need for maintenance of the footpath surface.
- Reports had been made to the Borough Council regarding pot holes in the highway at various locations. It was expected that a petition was to be submitted for traffic calming measures adjacent to the Woolston Community Primary school to improve road safety. Works had been requested to the entrance to the school from Barnfield Road to improve pedestrian safety.

C102 Committee reports and recommendations

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 20 February 2019:

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 20 February 2019 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved.

C103 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 through ill health.

Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported on the work of the group and matters under consideration:

- Friends of Woolston Park (FOWP) Annual General Meeting had taken place on Monday 11 February 2019. There were no changes to the positions of Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Income and expenditure accounts for year ending 31 January 2019 approved by the meeting were submitted. The regular meeting had followed the AGM.
- The Community Initiative Fund (CIF) money agreed last year for Young Friends of Woolston Park, (YFOWP) had finally made its way to the bank account and had, of course, been allocated to the YFOWP account. The money was to be carefully spent in accordance with the application for funds, i.e., equipment to assist the project work of the Young Friends. All spending will be recorded and reported back to the CIF committee, as part of their monitoring process. YFOWP now have up to 11 regular attendees each month, and have projects outlined for the rest of the year
- The Chairman reported on a recent, productive meeting with other Friends' groups, where there was a sharing of ideas and an agreement to share equipment, if necessary. There is now a Warrington Friends of Friends Facebook page.
- As well as the monthly volunteer days on 1st of each month, there are other activities planned:
 - Bird watch Monday 8th April at 10am with a FOWP volunteer (butterfly watch later in the year)
 - Bat walk 13th April (evening)
 - Easter Eggstravaganza Thursday 18th April 1.30 -3.30pm
 - Regular contact and various activities with Fox Wood School, Woolston Brook School, Wind in the Willows nursery and local Scouts
- Sadly there are still many incidents of broken glass around the play areas! These are cleaned up by the FOWP volunteers. It was decided to log these incidents and report them regularly to the Borough Council.

- **Woolston Show:**
- After much discussion, it was agreed to keep the traditional first Sunday of September for 2019, and then reconsider for 2020, meanwhile considering other smaller manageable events throughout the year.
 - No hire of large marquee (smaller tents to be hired/borrowed from Scout groups) Fewer arena events this year. No Land train.
 - The overall organisation was under discussion e.g.: booking of attractions; stalls; portaloos; radios; public address system; Fair; ice cream van and so on. Design of and printing and distribution of posters and programmes; organisation of raffle; car parking stewardship; safety/evacuation procedures; First Aid provision; supervision of vehicle-movement on the day; overseeing the layout of stalls; erection of arena; litter picking and collection of a large number of rubbish bags, which have to be moved back to the cabin area for collection. All of this, and more, now done by a small band of volunteers, with no support from the Borough Council, either Ranger Service or Neighbourhood Team.
- A request was to be made to the Borough Council for a period each week for a Ranger presence at Woolston Park.

Public Rights of Way Forum – The next meeting of the Forum was to be held on 14 April 2019. No further information on the appointment of a Public Rights of Way Officer.

Other reports

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Rixton with Glazebrook Parish Council Civic Sunday held on 27 January 2019. A letter of thanks had been sent to the chairman for her invitation to attend.

C104 Correspondence – consultation and information **- proposal for a youth club for Woolston**

The Council noted receipt of details of a proposed youth club for the age group 12+. The support of the council and high schools to help promote the club:

Resolved,
That further details be requested of the proposal.

- Scope

The Council received a request on behalf of the charity Scope for the identification of suitable sites in Woolston for the public to donate clothes to help support and raise funds for the charity:

Resolved,
That details be provided of the sites currently in use.

C105 Planning Applications and decisions

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

Application reference: 2019/34200

Location: Fleet Parts Ltd, New Cut Lane, Woolston, Warrington, WA1 4AG

Description of development : Lawful Development Certificate (LDC). Permitted development by virtue of compliance with the requirements of Part 7 Class H of the GPDO, Application for extension to existing industrial premises

Application reference: 2019/34251

Location: FORWARD WORKS, BRIDGE LANE, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON

Description of development : Full Planning (Major) - Retrospective application for the construction of a concrete mixing plant with ancillary plant including storage bays, overhead conveyors, weighing bins, water storage tank, extension of existing concrete pad and road way; retention and subdivision of existing offices, staff toilet and kitchen and change of use of land to B2 Use Class (general industry).

Resolved,

That

1. an objection be made to Application 2019/34251 on the grounds of the effect on the amenity of residents through noise nuisance and air pollution caused by heavy goods vehicles and other traffic and the hours of operation of the premises;
2. no comments or representations be made in respect of application 2019/34200.

C106 Business raised by Members – presentation to Rainbow group

Councillor MH Greenslade reported that a presentation of the video on the history of Woolston was to be made to the Rainbow group at their meeting next week.

C107 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4400	20/2/19	LiveWire CIC	0.00	50.40	Butterfly room – weekly community event January 2019	Yes
4401	20/2/19	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire 16 January 2019	
4402	20/2/19	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	0.00	45.00	Regional Training Seminar - Clerk	
4403	20/2/19	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M11 February 2019	
4404	20/2/19	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	47.39	Printing and stationery	
4405	20/2/19	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	51.73	Printing and stationery	
4406	VOID					
4407	20/2/19	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	1539.84	Christmas tree 2018	

Chairman.....