

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 15 JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillor J Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, MH Greenslade, A McCarthy, D Nowell, S Rydzkowski

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, M Pearce, B Maher, P Wright

C84 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest

Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C85 Apologies for absence

The Council noted the apologies for absence from Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, M Pearce, B Maher and P Wright. The Chairman reported that the condolences of the Council had been sent to Councillor Pearce following her recent family bereavement. Members welcomed Councillor Banner following her recent illness.

C86 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C87 Woolston Weir Hydro scheme

The Council received a presentation from Ewan Campbell-Lendrum, Director H2O Power Ltd on the Woolston Weir Hydropower scheme. The timeline for the scheme was:

Detailed design and procurement	October 2019 – January 2020
Site preparation (including cable)	January – March 2020
Main construction	March – September 2020
Commissioning	October 2020

In total it was expected to take around 12 months to build the scheme, plus several months of minor works:

Months 1-3	Piling and use of heavy plant for excavation
Months 4-12	Turbine/fish pass installation, assembling turbine housing
Months 12-16	Tree planting, commissioning tests and other minor works

The scheme was on a smaller scale to that previously reported to the Council. The main changes were an upgraded fish pass, reduced reserve flow, screw turbines “in line”, H2O Power (Violet) Ltd and slight traffic reduction.

Members requested that consultation be carried out with residents affected by the scheme and the general public. Reference was made to the consultation process implemented by the Environment Agency with their recent flood defence scheme. Mr Campbell-Lendrum reported

that some consultation had been held with residents most affected by the scheme and there would be a wider consultation and information exercise about the works. In answer to points raised he reported that heavy goods vehicle traffic (HGV) would involve most disruption when the three turbine screws were delivered to the site. At other times the average HGV movements would be about three a week. The use of St Peters RC Church for an information event would be considered. No works were planned involving public rights of way but there may be some delays to users during works. Plans were in place to reduce any effect on local wildlife eg pruning/removal of trees. Planned working hours were 0800-1800 hours Monday to Friday. Operational noise from machinery at the completed weir was designed to be minimal. Visits to the completed weir scheme, eg by schools, would be available.

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr Campbell-Lendrum for his presentation and the proposed ongoing consultation and information to residents and the public.

C88 Matters of report from the previous meeting

There were no matters to report.

C89 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council gave consideration to the reports provided by the Police since the last meeting for November and December 2019:

Woolston

November 2019 - Monthly Parish report

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

Anti Social Behaviour

8 Youths (4), environmental (2), personal (2)

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

Burglary

1 Dwelling

2 Other

Criminal Damage

5

Vehicle crime

2 Theft of vehicle

1 Theft from vehicle (Attempt)

OTHER

- Shops – Patrols continue Dam Lane shops. We have met with the new Management Agents along with Health & Safety and Security advisors to discuss the parade layout, issues being experiences particularly with youth ASB.
- Shops – Working in partnership with WBC, leaflets and training information delivered to shops in area to tackle knife crime
- Halloween/Bonfire – we have extra staff on duty to deal with and respond to demand
- Woolston Park – continue to patrol, various times/days – we continue to liaise with County Fire. There was a high police presence last week on the park in relation to an incident which occurred on 18/11/19. This incident is being investigated by our detectives who urge anyone with information regarding the incident to contact them – call Cheshire Police in 101 quoting IML568236, or Crimestoppers 0800 555111 to pass information to them anonymously.

Please advise people reporting an incident/crime to ring Cheshire Police on 101 (999 in case of emergency) so it can be recorded correctly - not via facebook/twitter/email

5Cs guide to staying safe online:-

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/internet-safety-and-security/our-5cs-guide-to-staying-safe-online/>

Action Fraud

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Advice & information regarding risks of substance abuse available on FRANK:-

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Home safety and security information

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

Information on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

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

Schools & other events

St Peters Primary – Wellbeing Week

Kings Leadership – i/c PC White – Indecent Imagery input

WASPS Link Club – Bonfire/firework input

Woolston CE Primary – Meeting with Junior Safety Officers

Surgery

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub

**Woolston
December 2019 - Monthly Parish report**

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

Anti Social Behaviour

4 Youths (2), environmental (1), personal ()

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

Burglary

2 Dwelling

0 Other

Criminal Damage

2

Vehicle crime

2 Theft of vehicle

0 Theft from vehicle

OTHER

- Shops – Patrols continue Dam Lane shops.
- Woolston Park – Met with Friends of Woolston Park, continue to liaise with County Fire
- Damage of bus stops along A57, between M6 roundabout and Helsby St (near cemetery) approx. 3 miles of road, at least 12 bus stops damaged on evening of 14/12/19 (believed to have occurred between 18:15 – 22:30). If anyone has dash cam footage or information regarding this criminal damage they should contact Cheshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting IML 588775

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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

Surgery

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub

8 Jan 18:00, 17 Jan 18:00, 23 Jan 11:00

8:00, 11 Dec 11:00, 17 Dec 18:00, 23 Dec 11:00, 31 Dec 11:00

Resolved,

That

1. the reports submitted for November and December 2019 be noted;
2. the issue regarding police attendance at meetings and reports be raised by the Chairman at the Police Crime and Commissioner’s liaison meeting to be held on 21 January 2020.

C90 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

Borough Councillor 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:

- Maintenance to the grass verge on the south side of Manchester Road from Dam Lane to Riversdale to clear the growth from the fencing and the adjacent informal pathway.
- Representations to continue the street lighting on Weir Lane for its full length to the New Cut Canal.
- Noted the intention to provide sub-post office facilities at the AJ Convenience store, 534 Manchester Road from 24 February 2020. This followed notice of the closure of the present Paddington Sub Post Office at Holes Lane in December 2019.

The Council heard representations from a resident at the poor state of the surface of the access road from Somerset Way to Woolston Park. It was known from previous consideration of matters relating to the road that there were issues relating to ownership and maintenance responsibility. Councillor McCarthy reported that he would raise this matter with the Borough Council.

Concern was also expressed by the resident, who was a volunteer for Woolston Rovers sports teams, at the flooding of a large area of Woolston Playing Fields. The Council was also asked for details of plans by the Borough Council that had been reported for a floodlit 4G sports area. Members responded that that the issue of flooding and the future development of the playing fields had been raised with the Borough Council earlier in the year. It was agreed that the Borough Council be asked to provide an update on plans for the playing fields, including remedying the flooding of the pitches.

C91 Committee reports and recommendations **- Environment and Amenities Committee**

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 15 January 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 15 January 2020 and the Council considered the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved, including a precept of £25,000 for the financial year 2020-21, and the proceedings be noted.

C92 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 on the work of the group, including a litter pick in Woolston.

Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported the minutes of the last meeting of the Group:

Review of 2019 Show

It was agreed that the Show, the last annual Show to be held, had been very successful. Points were noted to help in the organisation of future events in the park.

Future Events

Another Santa Dash would be held in December

The 2020 Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Thursday. 16th April and an Egg Hunt will also be organized then. The event will run from 1.30 – 4 pm.

A Teddy Bears Picnic will be held on Saturday, May 30th. Further discussion will take place early in next year regarding the organisation of this.

A Fungal Identification Walk would be arranged around the park and a date would be requested, possibly in the Spring, with another in the Autumn.

Talks were also planned on Nettles with two further bat walks.

A Picnic on the Park event was to be held.

A Musical Evening will be arranged for Saturday, 4th July, with local schools invited to provide choirs.

A Talent Contest was suggested possibly to be held at Monks Social Club, with September being the preferred time.

A "What's On" leaflet was suggested to help promote the Group's activities, including Cafe Day dates.

A Bird Box Making Day would be arranged to take place in January or February, also involving the Young Friends Group. The boxes would then be sold to the general public.

Finance

Report submitted on the Show Account details of Income and Expenditure. £3,217.91 would be carried forward. Understood that a £400 bond paid to the Borough Council was to be reimbursed. It was agreed that the financial contribution from Woolston P C. would be used towards the hosting of smaller events on the park. Scout Group still had to be reimbursed for the hire of their marquee.

Next meeting to be held sometime in the New Year, details to be advised.

Public Rights of Way Forum – the meeting of the Forum scheduled for 12 December 2019 had been postponed until 13 February 2020.

C93 Correspondence – consultation and information – meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner

The Council noted a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding details of the liaison meeting to be held with Town and Parish Councils on 21 January 2020 at Warrington Police Station.

– Cheshire Fire Authority – draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-24

The Council noted the receipt of the draft plan for 2020-24 that provided information on the risks facing the Authority and detailed how the organisation is structured and operates to mitigate these risks. It also detailed how the Authority is funded and outlined key prevention, protection and emergency response plans over the next four years. The draft plan was open to public consultation until 20 March 2020.

– key civic events for 2020

The Council noted the details of key civic events for 2020 provided by the Borough Council:

Sunday 26 April – Anzac Day – Soldiers' Corner – Warrington Cemetery at 12.15pm

Sunday 14 June – Civic Sunday, St Elphin's Parish Church at 11.00am

Friday 3 July – Warrington Walking Day – first church leaves Town Hall Lawn at 10.30am

Sunday 4 October – Regimental Sunday – War Memorial, Bridge Foot, at 10.45am

C94 Planning Applications, appeals and decisions

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

Application reference: 2019/34391

Location: 11, MANCHESTER ROAD, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4AE

Description of development : Full Planning - Change of use of existing building from car sales and repairs (Sui-Generis Use Class) to retail (A1 Use Class) alongside facilitating building works to include; demolition of part of the existing building at rear and rebuilding of the rear section of the building, elevational changes including to shop front, installation of ATM, external plant compound, boundary treatment and changes to car park layout.

Notice of planning appeal to be dealt with by written representations.

Application reference: 2019/35731

Location: OMEGA ACCESS NORTH, NEW CUT LANE, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4AG

Description of development: Full Planning - Demolition of existing modular office buildings and canopies. Erection of new 2 storey office buildings and canopies and 2.4m Palisade Fencing

Resolved,

That

1. notice of appeal in respect of application 2019/34391 be noted and the objections made be sustained;
2. the objections submitted by Borough Ward Councillors in respect of application 2019/35731 be supported.

(Councillor McCarthy took no part in the consideration of the above item).

C95 Business raised by Members

- Pipe Lane to Grosvenor Courts

Councillor Nowell reported that concern had been expressed following the resurfacing of the highway. The location of waiting restrictions had been changed and “H” markings painted on the highway. It was considered that this may result in double parking and restriction of access to heavy goods vehicles:

Resolved,

That the situation be monitored.

- overhanging trees – Redwood Close footpath leading to St Peters RC church

Councillor J Greenslade reported on the hazard to pedestrians using the footpath because of overhanging trees from residential properties. Councillor McCarthy undertook to report this matter to the Borough Council.

C96 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4466	17/12/19	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	M9 December 2019	
4467	17/12/19	HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk)	0.00	268.80	PAYE months 7 to 9 2019/20	
4468	17/12/19	Woolston Church of the Ascension	0.00	50.00	Grant – Remembrance Sunday	Yes

4469	17/12/19	Water Plus Ltd (Clerk)	0.00	30.29	Allotments 13/8/19 to 27/11/19	
4470	17/12/19	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	800.59	Rechargeable works Remembranc e Sunday 2019	
4471	15/01/20	Employee 1	0.00	358.38	M10 January 2020	
4472	15/01/20	Battery Lane Allotment Association	0.00	169.79	Grant communal insurance allotment site 2020/21	Yes
4473	15/01/20	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	312.00	Christmas tree lighting 2019	
4474	15/01/20	Live Wire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire 27/11/19	
4475	15/01/20	British Telecom	0.00	146.16	Phone and Broadband service 1 Jan to 31 Mar 2020	

Chairman.....