

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 18 APRIL 2018

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

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

C115 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, B Maher, M Pearce and P Wright.

**C116 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C117 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C118 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters to report.

**C119 Policing of Woolston
– community liaison report**

The Council noted the following report from the Police Beat Sergeant for April 2018:
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

9 reports of ASB, 3 related to youth issues at various locations. The other reports related to traveller/environmental/nuisance/suspicious activity (including letters).

Burglary dwelling

1 shed/garage – tools/fishing equipment.

Burglary/others

1 Ranger Cabin – no further lines of enquiry

Criminal damage – no reports

Theft

2 Dog, tyres.

Vehicle crime

2 Theft of vehicle – 1 stolen with keys, industrial area; 1 vehicle subsequently located, arrests made with ongoing enquiries.

2 Theft from vehicle – vehicle parts, separate dates/locations.

Other

Schools – Corporate communications emailed to all schools across Warrington with guidance and reassurance following receipt of nuisance letters.

Other – PCSO Surgery held at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub on 20 April at 6pm and 25 April 2018 at 11am.

The Council noted details of the changes made in the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) structure across Cheshire constabulary from 1 April 2018. In summary each Borough Ward had been allocated a PCSO by the force meaning in some cases a reduction in the number allocated for a particular ward. The Cheshire Police website was to be updated with details for Warrington East and it was confirmed that PCSO Bethan Roberts had been allocated to the Rixton and Woolston Ward. The PCSO would be dedicated to the area and would not be deviated from the ward unless there was an urgent operational need. This would also mean that other PCSO's would not cover meetings/events off their ward area. In the event that a meeting was held when the PCSO was off duty the Beat Sergeant or Beat Manager would endeavour to attend to give police reports verbally. There were no plans at this time to increase the number of PCSOs allocated to Warrington East.

The Beat Sergeant reported on the annual statistics for Woolston. A change in the method of recording crime had been made. Woolston remained a low crime area with a minimal increase except for burglary. Anti-Social Behaviour was now classed as a public order offence. During the year attention had been given to reports of ASB relating to Dam Lane shopping precinct and other locations and action taken. Visits had been made to schools and Dam Lane was visited daily.

Resolved,
That the Beat Sergeant be thanked for his report.

action relating to anti-social behaviour by youths

No incidents had been reported to the Council.

C120 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:

- East Warrington transportation scheme – the scheme to improve the access from Gig Lane to the Grange Employment Area for non-vehicular traffic was proceeding.
- The scheme to provide chevron parking adjacent to the shops at Parksway had been delayed because of work to be carried out by the public utilities to underground services.
- The Woolston Household Waste recycling centre was to be upgraded and the scheme was currently at the planning stage. It was noted that the scheme was to be considered by the Executive Board on 22 May 2018.
- Consideration was being given to changes to the bus only lane on old Manchester Road.
- Woolston Grange Avenue had been litter picked.
- An outside play area had been proposed adjacent to the Sensory Centre. Residents of Dam Lane had been assisted in maintaining access to the rear of their properties.
- Tree pruning was to be carried out on Redwood Close to a number of mature trees.

C121 Committee reports and recommendations **- Environment and Amenities Committee**

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 18 April 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,
That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

- Finance and General Committee

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 18 April 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted.

C122 Matters of report from the Annual Parish Meeting

The Council noted that there were no matters to consider from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 April 2018.

C123 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. It was noted that the Environment Agency had been contacted to request support for the provision of seating adjacent to the canal towpath.
- Friends of Woolston Park – The Council noted a report circulated from Councillor Pearce on the work of the group. The Eggstravaganza event had been very successful. Foxwood School had attended in the morning for an egg hunt that they had arranged. The main event was in the afternoon with many local children and parents attending. All had a fun time doing a variety of crafts. ASDA had staffed and provided a table full of games and goodies and had also donated prizes for the raffle.

The Ranger Cabin had been broken into and suffered vandalism and the loss of property from the FoWP group and local clubs. Donations had been made by the public and fund raising events held to help replace items stolen.

A bat survey had been held on 7 April 2018 and a community grant application had been made to assist the Young Friends Group.

- Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell reported on the meeting held on 12 April 2018:

General or Woolston issues:

- Updates to the Borough Council definitive map would require new local extracts to be produced in the near future.
 - The impending implementation of the Deregulation Act 2015 would remove the need for newspaper adverts for path diversion proposals making these considerably cheaper and perhaps more appealing to private landowners.
 - Details were provided of path improvements in the Woolston area including steps at path 26 at the river end of the old Statham Lane track; a new boardwalk bridge off Brook Lane path 16 and a new crushed stone path from Edward Gardens to Battery Lane along part of path 25. Part of the remainder of this path as it continues towards the Thelwall viaduct would be stoned up in the near future.
 - Other discussions included details expected in the near future of footpath/cycleway improvements across Warrington including by the Western link road and near the site of the new crossing of the River Mersey near Gainsborough Road, along with Warrington's involvement in managing the Bridgewater way towpath.
 - Next meeting 9th August 2018.
- Other bodies– no matters to report.

**C124 Correspondence – consultation and information
– Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

The Council noted information from the Borough Council on a revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. Comments on the draft policy were requested by 30 April 2018.

C125 Planning applications and decisions

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

2018/32541 – Land adjacent to Crystal Rubber, 22 Kingsland Grange, Woolston – Discharge of conditions – proposed discharge of conditions 4 (Detailed scheme for the management of construction activity) and 7 (Details indicating the proposed use of the land to be enclosed) following Planning Application 2017/31187:

Resolved,

That no objections or comments be made in respect of the above application.

C126 Business raised by Members

There were no matters raised.

C127 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That

1. approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4319	18/04/18	Costco (Clerk)	0.00	773.07	HP Notebook 15 and software £614.37. Stationery and equipment (Toshiba 1TB HDD) £158.70	
4320	18/04/17	Employee 1	0.00	358.38	Month 1 April 2018	
DD	18/04/18	British Telecom plc	0.00	45.00	Broadband Service	

2. approval be given to the update of the Asset Management register to record the purchase and disposal of computer equipment.

Chairman.....