

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 20 JUNE 2018

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill, B Maher

C22 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill and B Maher.

C24 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C25 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters to report.

C26 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council received a report on the policing of Woolston as set out below:

Anti Social Behaviour

19 Reports of ASB mainly related to youth issues, various locations – 4x Parks, 4x Canal, 4x elsewhere; 2x reports relate to environmental/nuisance/suspicious activity; 5x neighbour issues

Burglary

1 Dwelling (no signs forced entry)

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Criminal Damage

2 1x Vehicle, 1x wall

Theft

1 Bicycle (insecure)

Vehicle crime

1 Theft of vehicle (located, taken without permission)

0 Theft from vehicle

OTHER

Warrington BC Youth Services – Team has been working on Woolston Park weekend evenings, engaging with young people regarding broken glass/ASB concerns. Spoken with various different groups, none were causing ASB, all felt same concerns regarding broken glass around park and play areas

Parking advice notices – provided at Monks Sports Club; Greencore
Posters provided stores regarding fines associated with purchasing alcohol for under 18s
Liaised with Greater Manchester Police PCSOs regarding groups off-road motorbikes
<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/>
Schools
Woolston CE Primary – Inter Schools Cross Country
Working with WBC parking enforcement officers
Kings Leadership Academy – liaising with school to arrange input relating to ASB issues
All schools on ward area offered Cheshire Police link to internet/online safety advice for parents/guardians and water advice from Cheshire Fire & Rescue website following reports of young people jumping into Manchester Ship Canal
<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/children-and-young-peoples-safety/internet-safety/>
<http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/public-safety/outdoor-safety/water-safety>
Surgery
Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Neighbourhood Hub – dates to be arranged

C27 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:

- An objection had been made in respect of application 2018/32762 at the proposed change of use of the former abattoir site at New Cut Lane to create one new Showperson's yard consisting of 5 plots and storage area. The site was on land owned by the Borough Council. Objections to the proposed development had been received from residents and businesses in the nearby area. Ward Councillor representation was to be made at the planning committee when the application was being determined.
- Residents of Bridge Road had reported their concern at the creation of a link road from the industrial estate. This related to information they had been made aware of that this matter was under consideration by the Borough Council.
- The Youth Service had been working in the Woolston area following requests from Ward Councillors.
- A resident had made a complaint about overgrowing vegetation from the amenity area. This was to be investigated.

C28 Committee reports and recommendations

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 20 June 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 20 June 2018 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted and

1. the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2017-18 be accepted, including the statement of accounts, and
 - a. the Fixed Asset Register be amended to reflect the amount of VAT that can be reclaimed;
 - b. the guidance regarding the impact of the General Data Protection Regulations be accepted.
2. approval be given to (1) the Annual governance statements and (2) Accounting statements for 2017-18.

C29 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 litter pick held last week. Members reported on litter collected in the Green Core area and it was noted that the group was to contact the Warrington Anglers Association.

- Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade submitted a report on the work of the group:
 - Recent volunteer event on Friday 1 June included litter picking, bulb planting and painting of outside of the cabin after removal of graffiti, as well as preparation for the Young Friends of Woolston Park (YFOWP) launch. Some members attend at other times when available, including a regular Monday morning session.
 - Three FOWP members attended Vol Fest 2018 on the Town Hall lawn on Saturday 2 June. Much interest was shown in the display under the FOWP gazebo. The Mayor of Warrington, Councillor Karen Mundry visited each stall, spoke to the volunteers and presented each group with a certificate, thanking them for their contributions. Deputy Chair of FOWP took part in a live Facebook interview with Gary Skentelbery (Warrington Worldwide). (Now available to view on FOWP Facebook page)
 - As well as meeting members of the public, getting definite interest from adults and youngsters in the work of FOWP, we also met up again with Veronica Hudson, who used to work with Warrington BC Neighbourhood Team, until her contract ended and she moved to Warrington Disability Partnership. She also now works as a Member Pioneer for the Co Op, liaising with the community. She promised her support for future FOWP events and she attended the YFOWP launch providing lots of Co-Op fruit. She also stayed to help run the enquiry table.
 - Inauguration of Young Friends group (YFOWP) took place on Saturday 9 June for age groups 7 – 17yrs, and there was good attendance of young people with their parents. There were activities provided for the youngsters, and tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and fruit were available to buy. At least eight young people completed the registration form on the day, others took forms away to bring back to the next meeting. A programme of activities has been planned up to year end. It was a lovely event with tables set out to enjoy the refreshments outside the cabin under a gazebo, an area for the youngsters to make enquiries and complete their forms, and the activity area, also both under cover. A great deal of effort went in to arranging this launch, and ensuring its success -the FOWP members are to be congratulated on the success of this event. First meeting will be 14 July. They will have their own stall at the Annual Show to promote their activities. £55.60 was raised from the sale of kindly donated refreshments.
 - Unfortunately, a request for funding for YFOWP to the Warrington BC Community Fund has been deferred. Much detail was included in the application, including the support of local police. Funding was requested for materials for the planned

- activities and for some tables (currently borrowed from the Scouts) and chairs. Three quotes have been requested for these and matched funding from the Parish Council also queried. This information has now been provided to Ruth Whitworth (Warrington BC Neighbourhood Team) to take back to the next committee meeting, including details of Parish Council funding recently provided (Woolston Show, £1000 project funding, donation towards replacement of stolen equipment, Poulton with Fearnhead PC donation towards Annual Show)
- Warrington Road Runners' Frazer Wealth Management 10k run, is due to take place on Thursday, 21 June in the park. As the cabin is opened by a FOWP member every year for this event allowing access to toilets, this year a donation has been requested and agreed.
- There has been increased police presence in the Park, following a number of incidents

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

- Other bodies – Councillor Banner reported on her attendance as Vice Chairman at the Mayor's Civic Sunday held on 17 June 2018. Concern had been raised with the Borough Council at the late notice given to parish councils and others of this year's event.

C30 Correspondence – consultation and information

- Padgate and Woolston Walking Day

The Council noted details received of arrangements for walking day to be held on 23 June 2018.

- Cheshire Constabulary – Designing Out Crime Officer

The Council noted details of an event to be held to publicise the role of the Designing Out Crime Officer. This was to support the council's role as a consultee on planning applications.

C31 Planning Applications and decisions

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

2018/32951 – Woolston Weir, Weir Lane, Woolston, Warrington Full planning – proposed Hydroelectric scheme on the River Mersey at Woolston Weir

The Clerk reported that the applicant's offer to make a presentation to the Council on the scheme had been accepted but no further information had been received to date.

Councillor Nowell reported his concern on issues relating to the application and subject to the views of members would raise these matters with the Borough Council. Comment was also made by members on some of the current procedures adopted by the Borough Council relating to consultation and decision making on planning applications:

Resolved,

That

1. no objections or representations be made at this time in respect of application 2018/32951;
2. the intention of Councillor Nowell to submit comments related to the application be noted;
3. the issues raised relating to current planning procedures be reported to the Borough Council.

C32 Calendar of Council and Committee meetings 2018-19

Further to Minute C13 – 23 May 2018 the Council gave consideration to the calendar of meetings. It was noted that further consideration may be required during the year to avoid a clash with meetings of the Borough Council’s planning committee:

Resolved,
That the calendar of meetings be approved.

C33 Business raised by Members

- **applications to WREN**

Councillor McCarthy reported and the Council noted that from September 2018 applications would no longer be considered from this area by WREN. This not-for-profit business awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

- **Bus shelter at Dam Lane**

Councillor Nowell reported on damage to the bus shelter adjacent to the Church of the Ascension at Dam Lane. Councillor McCarthy agreed to report this matter to the Borough Council.

C34 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,
That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
4337	24/05/18	Timpsons (Clerk)	0.00	12.00	Allotment keys	
4338	24/05/18	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	34.49	Printing and stationery	
4339	24/05/18	St Peters RC Church	0.00	300.00	Grant youth visit to Lourdes 2018	Yes
4340	24/05/18	Councillor Nowell	0.00	500.00	Chairman’s allowance 2018-19	
4341	20/6/18	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	335.97	Election charges May 2016 instalment – replaces 4279	
4342	20/6/18	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	115.96	Printing and stationery	
4343	20/6/18	Cheshire Fencing and Landscaping	0.00	356.81	Hillock Lane amenity area	

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4344	20/6/18	Cheshire Fencing and Landscaping	0.00	475.00	Hillock Lane amenity area barrier 5380	
4345	20/6/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire 23 May 2018	
4346	20/6/18	LiveWire CIC	0.00	84.00	Butterfly Room hire – tea room May 2018	YES
4347	20/6/18	British Telecom plc(Clerk)	0.00	150.16	9481 phone service June 2018	
4348	20/6/18	Information Commissioner’s Office (Clerk)	0.00	40.00	Registration 2018-19	
4349	20/6/18	JDH Business Services Ltd	0.00	1194.00	Internal audit 2017/18 & management accounts	
4350	20/6/18	Employee 1	0.00	358.18	Month 3 June 2018	
4351	20/6/18	HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk)	0.00	268.60	PAYE Months 1 to 3 2018-19	
4352	20/6/18	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	57.98	Stationery and printing supplies	

Chairman.....