

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 16 JANUARY 2019**

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

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor M Creaghan

**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**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan.

**C86 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved,  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**C87 Matters of report from previous minutes**

No matters to report.

**C88 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:

**January 2019 - Monthly Parish report**

**Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard**  
**Beat Manager PC Simon Dadswell**  
**PCSO Bethan Roberts**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

6 Reports of ASB – Youth related issues

**Burglary**

4 Dwelling 1x attempt

0 Other

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**Criminal Damage**

3 2x vehicle damage; 1x business

**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.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/bicycle-safety-and-security/cycling-safety-and-training-for-children/>

Speed enforcement Hillock Lane – 60 vehicles, all of which under 35 mph

Young Friends of Woolston Park – met up with them before Christmas

Prior to Christmas lots of engagement amongst community including the various churches, youth club, Brownies. Met Scouts/Cubs at their post-Christmas camp

ASB issues – continuing to follow up CCTV enquiries at various locations to identify key individuals. Continue to work with schools regarding roads safety

### **Schools**

Parking advice letters been distributed for parents, carers and other relatives

Woolston CP – met up with School Council to gauge the children's opinions on dog fouling, littering and road safety and how to address and raise awareness of their concerns

### **Surgery**

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Hub – 25 Jan 18:00, 30 Jan 11:00, 5 Feb 18:00

Members reported their concern at speeding vehicles and noted the action taken on Hillock Lane. The police representative reported that where vehicles were recorded as exceeding 35mph further action may be taken. It was noted that public concern at the speed of vehicles on a highway could be reported to the police through the website. The consideration by the council of using speed monitoring signs to improve road safety was supported:

Resolved,

That the police representatives be thanked for their report and attendance at the meeting and research be continued at the provision of speed monitoring warning signs.

## **C89 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 works to remedy the severe flooding of the footpath alongside St Peters RC School on Hillock Lane.
- The public footpath from Hall Road to Warren Lane had been swept following reports of leaves causing the surface to be slippery. The edges of the steps on the length of the footpath adjacent to the Woolston Mission were to be painted yellow to improve pedestrian safety.
- The Borough Council was to reconfigure the bus only lane leading from A57 Manchester Road to the junction of Cliftonville Road.
- Following issues of access to the Community Recycling Site at New Cut Lane being blocked by parked vehicles consideration was being given to the introduction of no waiting restrictions on a length of the highway.
- 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 surface.
- Reports had been made to the Borough Council regarding pot holes in the highway at various locations.
- Construction works at the Holes Lane Surgery were continuing to cause disruption to traffic through additional parking on the highway in adjacent streets.

## **C90 Committee reports and recommendations**

### **- Environment and Amenities Committee**

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 16 January 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 16 January 2019 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,  
That the recommendations be approved, including the precept of £24,000 for the financial year 2019-20, and the proceedings be noted.

**C91 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 no meeting of the Group had been held since the last council meeting. The Council noted details of work carried out by the Group.

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

Balfour Beatty allocated three days personnel and equipment to Bruche Rovers, who share the Ranger Cabin with Friends of Woolston Park. Work has been carried out on panels outside the Cabin, the changing rooms, the area immediately in front of the Cabin and some groundwork. This complements work recently completed by the Borough Council on a walkway on the road to the Park, and traffic humps along the road and around the Cabin.

Discussion took place at the last meeting about the future of Woolston Show. By a narrow margin, it was agreed to continue with the Show, but on a smaller scale and possibly at a different time of year; also to consider other smaller scale events throughout the year (for example the Easter Eggstravaganza continues to be very popular) More discussions will follow soon.

The second Fox Wood School Santa Dash took place before Christmas, fully supported by FOWP “elves” and was again a great success.

Although the Community Fund grant of £1250 for the Young Friends of Woolston Park (YFOWP) has been agreed both verbally and in writing, and the required agreements completed and returned, no cheque has yet been received. There is a time limit on the spending of this grant, which is intended for equipment for the Young Friends.

The YFOWP continue to meet and their recent construction - a “bug house” - has been completed.

Sadly there are still incidences of broken glass, fly tipping and graffiti – all cleared up by the FOWP volunteers. The fly tipping is both in the Park and in the Brook. Police are aware of these issues and continue to visit the Park.

The roof of the Cabin is still leaking into the ladies / disabled toilet.

Potential sources of funding have been identified and are being pursued, including tea, coffee and cakes events at the Cabin when the Woolston Rovers Tuck Shop is not in use. Liaison with other Friends groups continues, and some FOWP members will be attending a meeting / informal get together on 29 January arranged by Cllr Jean Flaherty, Chair of Building Stronger Communities.

The Council agreed that the report be noted and the thanks of the Council be recorded to the Group on behalf of the parish for the dedication and work undertaken by the FOWP volunteers.

Public Rights of Way Forum – The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 4 January 2019 had been provided for members.

Local transport plan four 'LTP4' due for public consultation March 2019, likely to include a Rights of Way improvement plan, a legal requirement for councils. Failing this a standalone plan will likely be formulated by the Borough Council officer who is currently covering the duties of the now retired Public Rights of Way officer.

The former officer's email was in use for the public until recently and then transferred. For technical reasons this process cannot continue indefinitely and a new contact email will be provided. The former officer's job has still not at the time of writing been advertised. The delay is due to internal reorganisation and budgetary restructuring.

A recent Local access forum, the statutory rights of way body covering Merseyside and Warrington, was called off due to being inquorate. This is not an unusual occurrence and the situation is being reviewed. If the LAF membership is revised, members are entitled to two days training plus expense for meetings. Planned forum meetings are April 4th, August 8th and December 12th 2019. Meeting minutes to follow in due course.

Other reports

The Community Engagement Officer for the Carbon Landscape project had been asked if Woolston Park could be included in the work area.

### **C92 Correspondence – consultation and information** **- Warrington East Phases 2 and 3**

The Council noted receipt from the Borough Council of Issue 9 Project News dated 14 January 2019.

### **- Local Bus Information Strategy**

The Council noted receipt from the Borough Council of the consultation paper on the Local Bus Information Strategy.

### **C93 Planning Applications and decisions**

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

Application reference: 2018/33656

Location: 7, KINGSLAND GRANGE, WOOLSTON, WARRINGTON, WA1 4SR

Description of development: Full Planning - Proposed extension of the existing building using matching materials to form a plant room.

Application reference: 2018/33914

Location: WOOLSTON BROOK SCHOOL, GREEN LANE, POULTON-WITH-FEARNHEAD, WARRINGTON, WA1 4JL

Description of development : Full Planning - Proposed installation of a 2.4m high galvanised steel palisade fencing including a 1.2m wide single leaf access gate to run across corner of existing boundary fence.

Resolved,

That no comments or representations be made in respect of the above applications.

### **C94 Business raised by Members – fencing to Woolston Park**

Councillor J Greenslade reported on the damage or removal of fencing near to the entrance to Woolston Park on either side of the road. Councillor Hill reported that the Borough Council could reinstate the fencing on the playing fields side of the road; the land on the other side was the responsibility of Monks Sports Social Club.

### **C95 Payment of Accounts**

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Date expenditure incurred</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>VAT not recoverable</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>S137</b>
4397	16/01/19	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Butterfly room – weekly community event December 2018	Yes
4398	16/01/19	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire 5 December 2018	
4399	16/01/19	Employee 1	0.00	358.38	M10 January 2019	
DD	16/01/19	British Telecom plc	0.00	47.16	Broadband service January to April 2019	

Chairman.....