

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON 19 APRIL 2017

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Banner, M Creaghan, A Hill, B Maher, S Rydzkowski

C140 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

C141 Apologies for absence

The Council noted apologies for absence from Councillors Banner, Creaghan and Rydzkowski on holiday, Councillor A Hill on the grounds of attendance at a meeting on Borough Council business and Councillor B Maher because of family illness.

C142 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

C143 Matters of report from previous minutes

There were no matters to report.

C144 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council considered a report from the Police on matters relating to the parish:

Woolston

In the past 28 days there had been:

Six reports of anti-social behaviour in the area which was lower than the month before. A number of these had been traffic related. Parking on Hillock Lane had been highlighted by residents. Police had been to the area to ensure no obstructions and requests had been made to the Borough Council for double yellow lines to be put in place.

There had been three reports of damage, but these were not in a specific area or related. Two of these were ongoing investigations awaiting results.

There had been three burglaries in the month, which was down on last month.

There had been one theft that was motor vehicle related. This had seen a significant drop since patrol times were increased on the Woolston Grange estate and a male had been arrested.

Woolston had seen one traffic collision in the last month which was still being investigated and finalised.

The Police Community Support Officer also reported in response to questions from members that advice was given on security of premises to the operators of businesses on the Grange Employment Area and other areas and that visits had been made to local

schools and Monks Sports and Social Club regarding parking on the highway; enforcement action had been taken where required. An issue relating to the misuse of drugs was also reported and that liaison with officers in the Youth Service was undertaken. Details relating to an alleged incident on a designated public footpath were also reported.

Resolved,
That the report be noted.

C145 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 issued a notice on the introduction of waiting restrictions adjacent to the junction of Hillock Lane and Epping Drive, the junction of Epping Drive and Poulton Crescent and at Hillock Lane at its junction with Ryder Road;
- A request from a resident for speed humps on Edward Gardens. It was noted that a previous request had been made for this provision which did not meet the necessary criteria and that since that time a 20mph speed restriction had been introduced. The offer of assistance in drafting an advisory letter to residents on the control of speed on the road had been accepted;
- Representations had been received from a resident relating to overhanging trees on the unadopted length of Battery Lane;
- Progress had been made on the replacement of the bus shelter on A57 Manchester Road opposite the junction with Greymist Avenue;
- Following representations by residents an Enforcement Officer had visited the premises of Central Van Hire on Bridge Road to ensure that their vehicles were parked in the yard and not on the highway;
- Information was being obtained on the renting or purchase of speed advisory signs;
- Discussions were continuing to address the concern of tenants regarding the new alarm call system being introduced by Golden Gates Housing to properties from April 2017.

C146 Matters of report from the Annual Parish Meeting

The Council noted that there were no matters of report from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2017.

C147 Committee reports and recommendations

- Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 19 April 2017 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the letter from the Borough Council to the person who submitted a late objection to the Martinscroft Village Green traffic calming scheme be noted and that no representations had been received relating to the scheme by the parish council;
2. the report on the development adjacent to the Thelwall Viaduct be noted;
3. it be noted that a site meeting was to be held with officers from the Borough Council on the proposed scheme at the entrance to Woolston Park;

4. it be noted that there was no report on the shared use of the car park at Hillock Lane;
5. the report made by the Public Rights of Way Officer be noted;
6. it be noted that there was no report on the development of the “Old Billy” scheme;
7. it be noted that the Borough Council had agreed to carry out remedial work to the surface of Battery Lane and that the Battery Lane Allotment Association had agreed to provide volunteers to undertake remedial work to the track leading to the site;
8. approval be given to arranging a date for a liaison meeting with the Allotment Association;
9. the report relating to the New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group relating to issues in Woolston be noted.

- **Finance and General Committee**

Councillor McCarthy reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 19 April 2017 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That

1. the Management Accounts for the quarterly period ending 31 March 2017 be accepted;
2. the report on the development of the website be noted and the contents be approved;
3. the proposed style for identity cards to be issued to members be approved.

C148 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:

- East Warrington Neighbourhood Board – Councillor MH Greenslade reported on the meeting of the Board held on 29 March 2017. The Borough Council had decided following a review that the Neighbourhood Boards should be dissolved because there were too many tiers in the overall structure. Members of the Board had agreed to meet informally and provide their own secretarial support. It was noted that a fund of £120k had been provided by the Borough Council with a budget of £60k for grants available to parished areas in the coming year;
- New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – Councillor J Greenslade reported on the work being carried out and other events supplied by the Group that had been issued to all members. Members noted the minutes of the meeting of held on 27 March 2017.
- Friends of Woolston of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade reported on the work of the Group and the activities planned for the park:
 - A litter pick was held on 19 April 2017 in advance of the Eggstravaganza event on 20 April.
 - Work was progressing on the Woolston Show.

Members recorded their thanks to the volunteers for the work in maintaining and developing the park.

- Public Rights of Way Forum – Councillor Nowell reported on the meeting held on 13 April 2017. The minutes of the meeting were to be circulated to members when received. Matters discussed at the meeting had included:
 - Rights of Way Improvement Plan – no funding available as yet;
 - Definitive Map – no issues relating to Woolston;
 - Access improvement for parished areas;
 - Path 27 from Thelwall Viaduct to Rixton (closed length). The Public Rights of Way Officer was giving consideration to proceeding with a diversion order in the event that other action being taken by the Borough Council was not successful;

- A local access forum meeting was to be held at 1.00pm on 9 June 2017. This was open to the public.
- Police and Crime Commissioner liaison meeting – Councillor J Greenslade reported that the next meeting was to be held on 25 April 2017. On behalf of the Council he was to raise the issue of the provision of speed indicator signs.

C149 – Consultation and information
– parking adjacent to local schools

The Council noted a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner in response to the representations made regarding the parking of vehicles in streets adjacent to local schools. (Minute C121 – 15 February 2017). The Chief Constable had been asked to give consideration to the matters raised as it related to police enforcement.

– New Cut Heritage and Ecology Trail Group – letter of thanks

The Council noted a letter of thanks from the Group for the grant made towards the cost of insurance in carrying out communal work in the parish.

– Friends of Woolston Park – letter of thanks

The Council noted a letter of thanks from the Group for the grant made towards the Woolston Park Improvement Project.

– The Borough of Warrington (Traffic Management) (Civil Enforcement) Consolidation (Amendment No 7) Order 2017

The Council noted that the above order made by the Borough Council was to be effective from 8 May 2017. The order introduced no waiting restrictions on lengths of road in Hillock Lane, Epping Drive, Poulton Crescent and Ryder Road.

– Ageing Well Feeling Great Courses in Woolston

The Council noted details of courses for the over 50's beginning April 2017 promoted by the East Area Team.

– Consultation on Public Space Protection Order

The Council noted that the Borough Council was consulting on a proposed Public Space Protection Order for Warrington. This would allow the Council to introduce a range of measures to address anti-social behaviour issues (which can be linked to the use of alcohol) and help to improve public spaces in the area.

– Warrington Trading Standards – Friends Against Scams initiative

The Council noted an invitation from Warrington Trading Standards to attend a Friends Against Scams event organised in association with the National Trading Standards Scam Team to be held on 25 April 2017 at the Town Hall.

– Adoption of Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans

The Council noted information from the Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council on the approval of Supplementary Planning Guidance in respect of three areas in its area relating to conservation appraisal and management plans.

C150 Planning Applications and decisions

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

2017/30203 – Co-op Supermarket 4 Holes Lane – advertisement – proposed fascia signs, Hanging sign and two wall mounted panels (illuminated and non-illuminated).

2017/30192 – 7 Bowfell Grove – Tree Preservation Order – proposed T1 row of Lime Trees situated in the rear garden, crown lift to 5-6 metres and remove basal shoots to increase light to the garden.

Resolved,

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

C151 Business raised by Members

There was no business raised.

C152 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

Cheque No	Date expenditure incurred	Payee	VAT not recoverable	Amount	Purpose	S137
DD	19/4/17	British Telecom	0.00	44.16	Broadband	
4255	19/4/17	United Utilities plc (Clerk)	0.00	11.63	Allotment meter charge	
4256	19/4/17	Newsquest Media Group	0.00	167.33	Annual Parish Meeting notice	
4257	19/4/17	Office Outlet (Clerk)	0.00	151.48	Printing and stationery	
4258	19/4/17	LiveWire CIC	0.00	33.60	Room hire March 2017	
4259	19/4/17	Employee 1	0.00	358.38	Month 1 April 2017	
4260	19/4/17	Warrington Borough Council	0.00	50.00	Stencil dog fouling signs	

Chairman.....