

# **WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of meeting held 10 June 2025**

**Present:** Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), P Corke (Vice Chairman), T Dix, S Hall & R Horton.

**In attendance:** Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

**2.1 To receive apologies for absence:** County Cllr T Kingsbury. Borough Cllrs J Cragg, T Mitchinson & R Trigg.

**2.2 To consider requests for dispensation and pecuniary & other interests on items on the agenda:** None.

**2.3 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public:** None.

**2.4 To approve minutes Council Meeting:** Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 13 May were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors:** Cllrs Corke, Dix, Gribble, Hall & Horton attended the May Market. Cllrs Corke, Dix, Hall & Horton attended Village Day.

**2.6 To receive The Clerk's Report:** The Clerk's Report was noted.

**2.7 Planning** (*Cllr Dix & Horton*)

a) 6/2025/0847/OUTLINE Land adjacent to 52 London Road, Outline application for residential development of 25 dwellings and open space with all matters reserved except access: The Council will object to the application as it is Green Belt and would join Woolmer Green with Knebworth.

b) 6/2025/0763/TPO White Cross Drive, TPO 515 - T9 - Repollard Lime tree removing around 2-3 meters back to previous pollard points. This is for general maintenance for the tree: No objection The Council informed planning that the application should be amended to state it is an oak tree. This has been corrected.

**2.8 Hall** (*Cllr Corke & Pinney*) & **Grounds:** (*Cllr Dix*)

a) To consider quote to replace floodlights: It was agreed that the cost would take a long time to be recouped by energy saving. It was decided to replace them when they failed.

b) To receive a report on installing a dosing pot: Further information is being sought but as this is not a safety issue installation is not necessary.

c) To discuss findings of the annual playground inspection: The Council discussed the findings and compiled a list of issues that need addressing. **Action: Clerk.**

d) To discuss the Red Lion's use of the car park: It was agreed the Red Lion could use the car park for its community outings which are two or three times per year and charged at the usual rate.

e) To discuss CCTV: It had been suggested by a resident that installing CCTV at the hall could deter fly tipping and unsocial behaviour. Further information will be obtained. **Action: Cllr Corke.**

**2.9 Finance:** (*Cllr Hall*)

a) To receive and approve the payments for May: Resolved: To approve payments for May.

b) To note receipt of income for May: £11,406.34 noted.

c) To review accounts performance against budget for May: Hall takings are above budget. The Council is in credit with HMRC making payroll costs lower than budget. Lease payment owed by HCC is still outstanding.

d) To receive bank reconciliation for May: Resolved: To approve the bank reconciliation for May.

e) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25: Resolved: To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25.

f) To approve the Accounting Statement 2024/25: Deferred.

g) To approve the date of the Period of for the Exercise of Public Rights: Deferred.

h) To approve the date the Notice is to be published on the Councils website: Deferred.

i) To approve letter to close Entertainment Fund: It was agreed to complete and post the Barclays closure form. **Action: Clerk.**

j) To consider donating to the Village Day singer's collection for Dementia UK: The singer provided his service free of charge but collected donations for Dementia UK. Resolved: To donate £25 to Dementia UK

**Action: Clerk.**

**2.10 Environment** (*Cllr Dix & Horton*) & **Transport:** (*Cllr Gribble*)

a) To receive update on puffin crossing: No update to report on the outcome of a meeting by HCC, WHBC & the site owner during May.

b) To discuss other highways matters: Cllr Corke has reported some potholes to Highways.

**2.11 Community:** *(Cllrs Corke & Pinney)*

a) To receive a report on Village Day from Cllr Corke: The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Council thanked Cllr Corke for organising the event.

**2.12** To receive announcements. *(for information only):*

Agenda item for July – Consider moving to a specialist Parish Council website provider and gov.uk address.

**2.13** To agree date of next Council meeting – Council Meeting Tuesday 8 July at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 21.15.

JRP 11.06.25

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_