

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 10 March 2026

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), T Dix & S Hall & G Pinney.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk). 2 representatives from Knebworth Care Home for part of the meeting.

12.1 To receive apologies for absence: Cllr P Corke.

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

12.3 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public: Knebworth Care Home enquired if they could hire 6 parking spaces during weekdays for staff as parking at the care home is limited.

12.4 To approve minutes of Council Meeting 10 February & Extra Meeting 20 February: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 10 February & Extra Meeting 20 February were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: None.

12.6 To receive The Clerk's Report: The Clerk's Report was noted.

12.7 Planning (*Cllr Dix*)

- a) 6/2026/0127/COND Land off London Road: Submission of details pursuant to Condition 2 (LEMP) and 8 (refuse and recycling) on planning permission 6/2025/1501/RM: No comment.
- b) 6/2026/0171/HOUSE 67 London Road, Erection of two single storey rear extensions: No objection.
- c) 6/2025/2513/COND Land off London Road: No decision to report.
- d) 6/2025/1060/COND Land off London Road, archaeology: No decision to report.
- e) 6/2025/0603/MAJ 61 London Road: No decision to report.
- f) 6/2025/0847/OUTLINE Land adjacent to 52 London Road: No decision to report.
- g) To consider responding to Draft Local Plan consultation: A site adjacent to Paynes Farm has been assessed in the Draft Local Plan process as unsuitable for development. The Council agreed to support its non-inclusion.

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

- a) To discuss showers: The water test result was negative. A second test has been taken and the result will take up to 14 days. The boiler temperature is set at 70° as a precaution. It was agreed to change to a different water management company. Resolved: To accept quote for water risk assessment of £385+VAT from uRisk Safety Services. **Action: Clerk.**
- b) To consider Knebworth Care Home's request for use of the car park: Resolved: To let 6 spaces during weekdays for use of Knebworth Care Home staff.
- c) To discuss caretaker vacancy: This has been advertised in the newsletter. It will be further advertised on Facebook, the noticeboard and Knebworth post office. **Action: Clerk.**
- d) To receive report on weekly playground inspection: All is satisfactory apart from damaged fencing in the hall playground.

12.9 Finance: (*Cllr Hall*)

- a) To receive and approve the payments for February: Resolved: To approve payments for February.
- b) To note receipt of income for February: £6,149.06.
- c) To review accounts performance against budget for February: Hall lets and payroll are a little below budget. The £1,000 grant due from the UK Prosperity Fund is outstanding. Accounts are currently just under £8,000 in surplus.
- d) To receive bank reconciliation for February: Resolved: To approve the bank reconciliation for February.
- e) To consider grant application: Resolved: To award £750 to the church. **Action: Clerk.**
- f) To discuss issue with Whitespace Publishing/UK Bride: The Council discussed the mediation meeting arranged for 17th April.
- g) To receive update on the Judith Watson memorial bench: The bench has been pre-ordered. Once received a commemorative plaque will be arranged. Approximately £300 surplus could be used to upgrade benches in the hall grounds.

12.10 Environment (*Cllr Corke*) & **Transport:** (*Cllr Gribble*)

- a) To receive update on puffin crossing: Deferred.
- b) To discuss other highways matters: The Council noted the raised road at the Carvers Croft junction in Mardleybury Road will be installed during the summer.

12.11 Community: *(Cllrs Corke & Pinney)*

- a) To discuss arrangements for Village Day: Deferred.
- b) To discuss a charity to support at the car show: It was agreed to support a local hospice.
- c) To consider arranging a litter pick: Sunday 26th April.

12.12 To consider responding to consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire: The Council will respond to support the creation of two unitary authorities rather than three or four. **Action: Clerk.**

12.13 To consider adopting Data Protection Policy: Resolved: To adopt Data Protection Policy.

12.14 To receive announcements. (for information only): None.

12.15 To agree date of next Council meeting: APM Tuesday 14 April at 7.30pm.
Council Meeting Tuesday 12 May at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 21.30.

JRP 11.03.26

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____