

WOOLMER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 9 June 2026

Present: Cllrs A Gribble (Chairman), P Corke (Vice Chairman), J Castle-Ridpath, T Dix & S Hall & G Pinney.

In attendance: Mrs J. Pearce (Clerk).

2.1 To receive apologies for absence: County Cllr T Kingsbury, Borough Cllr J Cragg.

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 of Council Meeting 12 May: Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting of 12 May were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2.5 To receive reports on meetings & events attended by Councillors: All attended Village Day.

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

2.7 Planning (Cllrs Castle-Ridpath & Dix)

a) 6/2026/0127/COND Land off London Road: Condition 2 (LEMP) and 8 (refuse and recycling): No decision to report.

b) 6/2026/0171/HOUSE 67 London Road: Application granted.

c) 6/2025/2513/COND Land off London Road: No decision to report.

d) 6/2025/1060/COND Land off London Road, archaeology: Application granted.

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.

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

a) To discuss water testing. The Council discussed the core routine required and will consult further with the heating engineer. **Action: Clerk.**

b) To consider quote to install detector in rear boiler room: Subject to it being appropriate for the location. Resolved: To accept quote for £526.69 from TJ Fire.

c) To receive report on annual playground inspection:

Standing Orders were suspended while Cllrs inspected the hall playground.

Remedial actions were identified including removing the swing seats in the Garden Road playground as advised due to the manufacturer unable to guarantee its stability of the equipment because of its age.

Action: Clerk.

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: £7,857.95.

c) To review accounts performance against budget for May: Hall lettings and payroll were noted as below budget, however, it is too early in the financial year to draw firm conclusions. The invoice for the former Family Centre lease will be paid in June.

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

e) To approve Financial Regulations: Resolved: To approve Financial Regulations.

2.10 Environment (Cllr Castle-Ridpath) & **Transport:** (Cllr Gribble)

a) To receive update on puffin crossing: No further update. Clerk to consult Cllr Kingsbury.

Action: Clerk.

b) To discuss other highways matters: A manhole cover on London Road, near the Bridge Road junction, is loose and has been reported.

c) To receive update on the allotments lease: Awaiting reply from landowner.

d) To discuss Wild Remedies proposals: The proposed activities are unclear. The Council is satisfied with the current management of the wildflower orchard. Brambles in the Jolly Garden require pruning, but this would be heavy work the group could not undertake. If cultivating herbs forms part of the proposal, neither location would be suitable. Both areas are public open spaces and may be accessed but must not be cultivated or otherwise altered.

The further request is for a change to the allotment lease when it is due for renewal, to allow community apothecary sessions to take place on the allotments.

2.11 Community: *(Cllrs Corke & Pinney)*

a) To receive a report on Village Day: There were fewer stalls and public than last year but the activities in the central arena were well received. The Council thanked Cllr Corke for organising the event.

Income was £970. Expenses £330. Resolved: To pay the musician £120.

2.12 To approve Accessibility Statement: Resolved: To approve the Accessibility Statement.

2.13 To receive announcements. (for information only):

a) The Freshwater Habitats Trust took an eDNA sample from the pond to test for Great Crested Newts. They said the pond was one of the best ponds for wildlife in an urban setting they had seen.

b) It was agreed to ask our new Borough Cllrs if they would like to introduce themselves via the village newsletter. Also to say they are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and the monthly market.

c) Cllr Gribble submitted a revised Register of Interests form.

2.14 To agree date of next Council meeting: Council Meeting Tuesday 14 July at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 21.00.

JRP 11.06.26

Signed: _____
Chairman.

Date: _____