**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOLSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

**THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON ON**

**19 JUNE 2019**

**Present:** Councillor J Greenslade (Chairman)

Councillors: M Banner, MH Greenslade, B Maher, A McCarthy, D Nowell, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski

**Apologies for absence**: Councillors M Creaghan, A Hill, D Hill, P Wright

**C22 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest**

**Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

**C23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, through attendance at a Borough Council meeting, A Hill, D Hill, because of a recent bereavement, and

P Wright recovering from illness.

# C24 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved,

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019 be taken as read and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute C1 to read “Councillor J Greenslade completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office”.

**C25 Matters of report from the previous meeting**

There were no matters to report.

# C26 Policing of Woolston – community liaison report

The Council heard representations from two members of the public in respect of anti-social behaviour by youths in parts of the parish including the Dam Lane shopping precinct and Woolston Park. The Council was asked to support a request to the police for more effective action.

Members reported on the action taken by the Council including ongoing liaison with the police and the Borough Council. A report was also given on the recent visit to the parish at the invitation of the Council by the Police and Crime Commissioner as part of his initiative to be engaged with local communities. This was an issue that had been raised in seeking additional support for officers.

PCSO Roberts had given apologies for her absence from the meeting. Additional remarks had been made to the monthly report in the knowledge that members of the public may attend the meeting to raise this issue.

*I understand residents are upset about the youth issues on Woolston Park.*

*We continue to work regarding the youth issues across our area but especially the park/shops which involves us working with various agencies, shops and schools.*

*I would caution against any resident challenging/confronting the youths about their behaviour, but if they experience issues with groups of youths to report it to police on 101 when it happens.*

*We continue to appeal for information on those supplying alcohol and other substances to teenagers, this can be done anonymously through crime stoppers. I have provided a link to the FRANK website which offers information/advice on various drugs and substances.*

*I have been making enquiries to see if Pathways to Recovery are able to attend Woolston Show again this year with their display on alcohol and substances to raise awareness of what to look for and where to seek advice/help*

The Council also received the following motion from the Friends of Woolston Park group:

*FOWP call upon Warrington Borough Council to work with Warrington Police and stop the escalating anti-social behaviour in the Park.*

The Council received a report on the policing of Woolston as set out below:

**June 2019 - Monthly Parish report**

**Beat Sergeant PS Stuart Gibbard**

**Beat Manager PC Alison Edwards**

**PCSO Bethan Roberts**

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**14** Relate to Youths (7), environmental (6), personal (1)

Youths issues in a variety of locations including park, shops; Some relate to incidents regarding recent traveller encampment

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**Burglary**

**1** Dwelling

**1** Other

**Criminal Damage**

**2** Vehicle damage

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**Vehicle crime**

**1** Theft of vehicle (subsequently location and reclassified as not stolen)

**1** Theft from vehicle

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**OTHER**

* 2x arrested by our Burglary Investigation Team in relation to the recent spate of Burglaries across Warrington East including Woolston, enquiries ongoing
* 1x arrested recently in relation to business burglaries in Cheshire including a business on Woolston
* Speed enforcement Hillock Lane 7/6/19 – 178 vehicles passed through during period of observation. 5 of these vehicles were above 30mph (the speed limit on this road). Max 35mph
* Woolston Park – Liaised with WBC Youth Services regarding the issues for them to consider what services they might be able to offer to engage and/or provide diversionary activities. Patrols continue – various days/times. Working with schools (liaised with Kings, our School Liaison Officer speaking with other high schools about the issues on our parks). Younger members of community are doing a lot of good work on the park – involved in litter picks, gardening & wildlife.
* Parking around Woolston Park – Event dates passed to WBC Parking Enforcement Teams. Social media posts made regarding the shared pedestrian/vehicle access to the park to raise awareness and encourage more vehicles to show consideration for others. Clubs have shared these messages; will continue to talk to them about this. We patrol when commitments permit
* Shops – Patrols continue Dam Lane shops, following up CCTV lines of enquiry. We work with the various premises across our area selling alcohol etc. regarding underage sales, also with licensing & trading standards
* Woolston Eyes – Aware of reports regarding off-road motorbikes here and along the path and have been patrolling the areas
* Young children contacting 999 operators from telephone box Manchester Rd (Parksway area), schools contacted and social media posts (left on arrival of patrols)

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/home-safety-and-security/looking-after-your-home-and-neighbourhood/>

https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/bicycle-safety-and-security/how-to-prevent-bicycle-theft/

5Cs guide to staying safe online:-

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/advice-and-support/internet-safety-and-security/our-5cs-guide-to-staying-safe-online/>

Advice & information regarding risks of substance abuse available on FRANK:-

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

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**Schools**

Woolston WASPS Link Club – Roads Safety Input – view artful from children

St Peters RC Primary – Science project conducted on park, involved looking at the various plants & trees on the park

Woolston CE Primary – Inter-schools cross country attended

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**Surgery**

Rixton & Woolston PCSO Surgery at Woolston Hub – 27 Jun 11:00, 2 Jul 18:00, 12 Jul 18:00, 18 Jul 11:00, 23 Jul 18:00

Resolved,

That

1. the residents be thanked for their representations and further action be taken to address these concerns;
2. the Council record their thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioner for holding the recent walk around event which allowed members to make him aware of the current situation and to have the opportunity to raise matters relating to the parish;
3. the Police and Crime Commissioner, whilst appreciating that he is not able to act on operational matters, be requested to give consideration to what additional measures the Police could be asked to deploy;
4. support be given to the following motion from the Friends of Woolston Park group:

*FOWP call upon Warrington Borough Council to work with Warrington Police and stop the escalating anti-social behaviour in the Park.*

1. the monthly report be noted.

# C27 Borough Council business

Borough Councillor McCarthy 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 agreed to cut the hedging on both sides of the footpath between Hall Road and Warren Lane;
* Hedge overhanging footpath at Dam Lane/Warren Lane. Borough Council to contact owner and cut back the hedge action if no action is taken;
* Planning application 2019/34923 – Forward Works, Bridge Lane. Objection being maintained by Borough Ward members to the retrospective application and representations to be made to the Development Management Committee. The representations made regarding the operation of premises at Centre 21 accessed via the unadopted Bridge Road in terms of nuisance to residents through noise and traffic including heavy goods vehicles had not received a satisfactory response.

# C28 Committee reports and recommendations

# - Environment and Amenities Committee

Councillor MH Greenslade reported on matters considered at the meeting held on 19 June 2019 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

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 19 June 2019 and the Council gave consideration to the recommendations made:

Resolved,

That the recommendations be approved and the proceedings be noted and

1. the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2018-19 be accepted, including the statement of accounts, and
   1. the amendments to the draft accounts be accepted;
   2. the guidance regarding the changes introduced by the new internal control objective (Objective L) be implemented;
2. approval be given to (1) the Annual Governance statements and (2) the Accounting statements for 2018-19.

# C29 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 on events and the work of the group. The group had decided to hold an event on 16 July 2019 to mark the completion of the flood defence scheme in Woolston and to celebrate the plaque sited at the Weir Lane viewing area to “Old Billy”. In view of this and the delay in a response from the Borough Council the event being planned by the Council be reviewed at the September meetings.

Friends of Woolston Park – Councillor MH Greenslade submitted a report on the work of the group:

* Motion from Friends of Woolston Park:

*FOWP call upon Warrington Borough Council to work with Warrington Police and stop the escalating anti-social behaviour in the Park*

* Alcohol free area signs also suggested.
* The disabled toilet roof has not been repaired and continues to deteriorate. It is now a serious safety issue.
* Eggstravaganza raised £85 including matched funding from ASDA.
* Recent cafe day raised £90
* Plans for the Woolston Show continue.

Public Rights of Way Forum – request made for a meeting to be held before the deadline for comments for the Local Transport Plan; unable to convene because Chairman not available.

**C30 Correspondence – consultation and information**

No matters to report.

# C31 Planning Applications and decisions

No relevant planning applications to consider.

# C32 Business raised by Members – support for local voluntary groups

The Chairman reported that he was to celebrate and support the work of local voluntary groups during his term of office. An approach had been made to local media to help promote this initiative.

# C33 Payment of Accounts

Resolved,

That approval be given to the following payments:

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| **Cheque No** | **Date expenditure incurred** | **Payee** | **VAT not**  **recoverable** | **Amount** | **Purpose** | **S137** |
| 4431 | VOID |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4432 | 19/06/19 | LiveWire CIC | 0.00 | 67.20 | Room hire 1 and 22 May 2019 |  |
| 4433 | 19/06/19 | HM Revenue and Customs (Clerk) | 0.00 | 268.60 | PAYE M1 to 3 2019 |  |
| 4434 | 19/06/19 | British Telecom plc (Clerk) | 0.00 | 118.68 | Phone service 9481June 2019 |  |
| 4435 | 19/06/19 | Employee 1 | 0.00 | 358.18 | M3 June 2019 |  |
| 4436 | 19/06/19 | Costco (Clerk) | 0.00 | 19.78 | Stationery |  |
| 4437 | 19/06/19 | Amazon (Clerk) | 0.00 | 72.90 | Printing toner |  |

Chairman........................................................