

Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council meeting
Held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors; Mick Fairless, Mary Greenslade, David Harris, Andy Lord, Roger Southee, Terina Riches

In Attendance: Ashley Rees (Clerk)
1 member of the public

1. To elect the following Officers

Each of the Officers were proposed, seconded, nominations accepted and unanimously voted on in agreement as follows:

Chairman – Mick Fairless

Vice Chairman – Roger Southee

Chairman of the Planning & Development Control Committee – Mary Greenslade

Vice Chairman of the Planning & Development Control Committee – Andy Lord

Footpaths – it was agreed all Councillors would assume responsibility for this role

Cemetery Committee – Mick Fairless, Mary Greenslade, Roger Southee

2. To receive the following:

2.1 Councillors Declarations of Acceptance of Office

These were received.

2.2 Councillors Register of Members Interest

These were received.

3. To receive apologies for absence

There were none.

4. To receive Councillors declarations of interest

There were none.

5. To fill the current Parish Councillor vacancy

It was proposed, seconded, the nomination accepted and unanimously voted in agreement that Martin Rose would be co-opted to the Parish Council.

M Rose joined the table

6. Public open forum

There was none.

7. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019

These were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

8. To consider any other matters arising from the minutes other than on the agenda

There were none.

9. To consider the following matters:

9.1 Policing Issues

a) To further consider CCTV at the Memorial Hall

It was agreed to progress with this and install cameras at the Memorial Hall, given the recent vandalism and anti social behaviour in the area.

- It was reported that the Primary school had sent an email to parents informing them that it had been brought to their attention there was a 'pokestop', on the Pokemon Go App, on the school boundary fence. The school was working with the App developers to rectify this.
- It was requested the clerk contact Highways in regard to the ongoing speeding issues along Netherend

9.2 Highways and Footpaths Issues – Actions of reported/new defects

a) Path between Netherend and Ash Way

It was reported to the meeting that a resident had raised concerns over the level of lighting on the above pathway. It was confirmed that this was an issue for Highways and the person concerned would need to report it to them.

- A question over a gate being locked by the railway bridge and its potential to be blocking a public right of way was raised. The Chairman to inform the Clerk of the footpath number so that the matter can be reported to highways.
Post meeting note, it is has been confirmed that this is not actually a public right of way
- R Southee confirmed he will chase up actions taken as a result of the footpath issues he had previously reported.
- There is a missing three-way sign at the top of Sandtumps and Severn View Road – Clerk to report.
- The pathway on Birchwood as it joins Severn View Road has fallen into disrepair – Clerk to report.

9.3 Maintenance

There were no issues.

9.4 Churchyard and Cemetery

- It was reported that a letter had been received from Ian Watts & Son (Mon) Ltd, the contents of which were noted.
- The Chairman reported that he had purchased a padlock for the cemetery gates.

9.5 Finance

a) Account balance

This was accepted without question.

b) To approve the following payments:

- i. M Fairless – Padlock for cemetery gates - £18.95

- ii. AM Services – Grass cutting April 19 - £1,002.56
 - iii. Merlin Waste – Dog waste bin services - £37.50
 - iv. Alex van der Heijden – Website updates - £15.00
- The above payments were all approved for payment.

It was requested that the gardening contractor quote to cut the grass at the entrance to the village that is only cut by highways twice a year.

c) To note that the following payments have been made since the previous meeting

- i. A Rees – Clerk salary - £481.93
- This was noted.

10. Other matters

10.1 To consider disable parking at the Churchyard and within the village.

It was agreed to reserve disabled parking spaces both at the churchyard and the Memorial Hall – the clerk to progress.

10.2 To agree upon the topic for the Parish Council community interest competition at the school

It was agreed that the topic would be vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The winners would be decided at the meeting in July.

10.3 To agree where to store the items currently being held by Councillor Southee

A Lord offered the use of his barn.

10.4 To consider what, if any, action needs to be taken at the community orchard

It was agreed that this item would be tabled at the next meeting and that all Councillors should take the opportunity to visit the orchard before then.

11. To consider any other matters as deemed by the Chairman as urgent

- It was agreed to get a quote for the plinth for the bench before the next meeting.
- It was reported that the positions on the trust for the Poors Land were up for renewal, it was agreed that this would be tabled at the meeting in July.
- It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to bestow the honorary Freedom of the Parish on David Storrar in recognition of his service to the Parish.

12. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 13th June 2019 in the Memorial Hall

Signed: _____

Date: _____