

**Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 on the rising of the Planning and Development Control Committee**  
**by virtual attendance**

**Present:** Councilors'; Mick Fairless, Hannah Greenslade, Mary Greenslade, David Harris, Andy Lord, Terina Riches, Martin Rose

**In Attendance:** Ashley Rees (Clerk)

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

There were none

**2. To receive Councilor's declarations of interest**

There were none.

**3. Public open forum**

There was none.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

These were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

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

There were none.

**6. To consider the following matters:**

**6.1 Policing Issues**

There were none.

**6.2 Highways and Footpaths Issues – Actions of reported defects/new defects**

- Concerns were raised over the state of communal areas in the village following the recent Gigaclear works. At an online public meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March, it was confirmed that all areas would be returned to their original state within 6 months.

**Action – A list will be compiled of areas of specific concern and these areas monitored over the next 6 months.**

- It was again reported that the dangerous bench at the entrance to Reddings Close had not yet been removed.

**Action – Clerk to contact Two Rivers to again request that the bench be removed and ask for bollards be placed on the grass to stop cars parking there.**

**a) To consider the Public Rights of Way notice received**

It was agreed that the Clerk would advertise this on Facebook and the Website and request parishioners comment with any footpaths not on the map.

**6.3 Maintenance**

There was nothing to raise.

**6.4 Churchyard and cemetery**

**a) To acknowledge the works carried out by S Hamblyn at the cemetery**

It was noted that S Hamblyn had worked very hard at the cemetery and had made a huge positive impact on it's appearance. It was agreed that the clerk would write to S Hamblyn to express the Parish Council's thanks to him.

- It was reported that there was a wobbly memorial at the Cemetery

**Action – Clerk to write to owner and inform them.**

#### 6.5 Finance

##### a) Account balance

This was accepted without question

##### b) To approve the following accounts for payment:

- i) Steve Hamblyn – Litter Picking - £130.00
- ii) GAPTC – VAT Course - £30.00
- iii) GAPTC – Subscription - £338.00
- iv) Merlin Waste – Dog waste services - £124.80
- v) Mick Fairless – Zoom - £14.39

The above accounts were approved for payment

##### c) To note that the following payments have been made since the last meeting:

- i) A Rees – salary - £507.32

This was noted.

#### 7. Other matters

##### a) To receive correspondence from GAPTC & NALC concerning Parish meetings

It was reported to the meeting that the legislation allowing Parish Councils to meet remotely was due to expire on 7<sup>th</sup> May. There were no plans to extend this.

**Action – Clerk to write to Mark Harper (local MP) and Patrick Molyneux (District Councillor) to request their support in extending the legislation.**

##### b) To agree the date for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to discuss this in the April meeting, when more advice concerning Local Government meetings would hopefully be available.

##### c) To receive a complaint about the refuse collection service

It was reported that often there was an increase in rubbish on the verges in the village on refuse collection days and that bins were being damaged when they are thrown, rather than placed back on the pavement.

**Action – Clerk to write to FODDC and cc Biffa**

#### 8. To receive correspondence

An email had been received requesting a dog waste be placed at the top of Station Road. This was declined.

**Clerk to contact the Street Warden**

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

- It was requested that the clerk put the recent minutes on the website
- It was reported that 120 trees had been planted in the Common Wood, with thanks to D Harris and H Greenslade.
- A query was raised over the position of any footpath at the end of Station Road, this will be looked at and added to the Public Rights of Way notice discussed under item 6.2

**9. Closure and date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8pm by remote attendance

**Signed:**

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**(Chair of the Parish Council.**

**Date:**

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