

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Mr Guyler (Chairman), Mrs Moore, Mr Wheatley, Mrs Ewans, Mr Howard, Dr Geake and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mrs Jenkins and Mr Hardiman.

2. **Public comment:** the bottle bank is overflowing and the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor to arrange for it to be emptied. *Action: the Clerk*

3. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.

4. Planning – to consider the following application.

21/01481 Submission of Details (Reserved Matters) Application relating to DC/19/03851. Appearance, Layout and Scale for development comprising of a mixture of B1/B2/B8 uses. Relocation of the vehicle maintenance and service depot, including bodywork, accident and paint repairs, and associated buildings. Provision of landscaping and drainage. Land at Lawn Park – object.

There is no travel plan which is a requirement of the original application consent. A further opportunity should be provided for comment if a travel plan is later submitted.

It is likely that HGVs will use Warren Lane and Wood Road to access the A14 westbound. These roads are narrow country lanes and unsuitable for these vehicles. Large vehicles will have difficulty in passing other vehicles and will damage the side of the roads and verge along Wood Road and cause substantial damage to the grassed triangle at the turning point of Wood Road at Borley Green.

A recent event where an HGV hit a telephone pole in Wood Road left local residents without telephones for 10 days.

HGVs would then travel along Heath Road Woolpit which narrows and passes the primary school and Heath Centre. There is already constant danger of traffic mounting the narrow footways when a lorry and a car have to pass each other.

A weight restriction should be applied to Wood Road and to Warren Lane from its junction with the old A45 to where it joins Wood Road.

There is a dangerous design defect in the road markings for the entrance to Lawn Park on the old A45. Vehicles intending to turn right into Warren Lane, mistakenly move into the right turn lane for Lawn Park thinking this is for Warren Lane. On realising their error, they move back into the nearside lane when there is often a vehicle overtaking in the nearside lane. Several near misses relating to this have been reported to Woolpit Parish Council.

5. **To approve accounts for payment.**

HM Revenue & Customs £643.09 Tax & N/I Jan-March, Mr K Harknett £143.88 litter picking March, Laura Driver £66.00 Millennium Garden March, Mr Balk £ 25.99 refuse sacks, masks, wipes, SALC £786.89 annual subscription 2021/22, Mrs Jenkins £27.00 reimbursement safeguarding course 23 April. All accounts were approved. Payments to Suffolk County Council £100.00 licence fee for bus shelter and Majisign £99.00 no dogs signs for recreation field/play area were unanimously ratified.

6. **Date and time of the next virtual full Parish Council meeting – Monday 26 April 2021 at 7.30 p.m.** Noted.

Mr Guyler advised that he has been contacted regarding a satellite dish being erected on a property in the Conservation Area. It was agreed to talk to the homeowner and give them the opportunity of moving the dish or applying for planning permission.

The Annual Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 17 May 2021. Due to government guidelines this will have to be a face to face meeting as virtual meetings are not allowed after 7 May.

After discussion it was agreed to change the date of the Annual Parish Council meeting to Tuesday 4 May 2021 so that it can be conducted via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Signed.....Approved..... Dated.....26 April 2021.....