

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30 IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Mrs Ewans (Chair), Mrs Moore, Mr Hardiman, Mr Griffin, Dr Geake, Mrs Jenkins and 7 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Howard, Mr Auchincloss and Mr Guyler.

2. **Public comment:** residents of Warren Lane and Wood Road advised that articulated lorries are using the roads from 4.00 a.m. onwards and causing damage to the road and verges. These appear to be coming from the Lawn Farm business park. Speed along these roads is also an issue.

A resident has asked for caging around the toddler slide in the children's play otherwise it means they have to watch the child all the time. Cllrs feel the equipment complies with all relevant safety laws.

It was agreed that the public would be invited to comment further at the relevant agenda item as the meeting proceeds.

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

4. Planning

a) to consider current applications

21/01132 Re-consultation - Submission of details under Reserved Matters following Outline Approval DC/18/04247 dated 21/08/2020 Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for - Erection of up to 300 dwellings, construction of a new spine road, land for a new primary school, burial ground extension, village car park and associated infrastructure Land Off Bury Road – continue to object.

A further meeting has been held with Hopkins Homes. There will be a footpath/cycle link from the development to Rectory Lane. WPC is hoping that the green space for the burial ground in the Conservation Area will be accessed from this link as residents in Haybarn Meadow do not wish for the main access to be via Haybarn Meadow.

Hopkins Homes have been asked to provide path along the front of the site from White Elm Road end towards the village behind the hedge and this they have agreed to do. This will negate the need for residents to use the current very narrow path in Bury Road. There is the small triangular area next to White Elm Road owned by SCC to be sorted. The three drainage lagoons will have fencing around them. There have been some changes to the buildings for disability access. It is hoped that some of the open spaces will be managed by Woolpit PC and there are still discussing continuing regarding the car park on the development for the use of the village. Hopkins Homes have been having discussions with SCC Education to have an in and out vehicular access to the school site. Although there is not much we can add to the comments previously sent to MSDC. It was felt that we need to state our objection to the development and restate our comments otherwise MSDC will interpret that we are satisfied with the application.

21/05498 Erection of a double garage. The Drey, Borley Green - support

b) to receive MSDC decisions.

There were none.

5. Highways issues

a) **To consider a 20 mph zone in the village and take any necessary action**

There have been recent instances of cars being hit in The Street. When residents were consulted on various issues during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan 81% of respondents were in favour of a 20 mph in the village centre. Advice has been received from SCC regarding the speed management scheme criteria and it is for WPC to define an area which complies with this criteria. It was felt that we should try and include Heath Road and Old Stowmarket Road within the 20 mph area. The cost for surveys, assessing the results, producing a design and TRO consulting

would need to be funded and this would have to be sourced and secured by WPC. The 20 mph has to be self-enforcing and would not stop some people breaking the limit. Residents from Warren Lane and Wood Road would be happy if the current 30 mph was enforced but Police resources do not enable this on a regular basis. Community Speedwatch can have an effect on people's behaviour but it needs to have a co-ordinator.

It was unanimously agreed that WPC take the first steps into investigating a 20 mph area in Woolpit.

b) To consider new road signs and take any necessary action

In September County Cllr Mellen, District Cllrs Geake and Mansell and Mrs Ewans met with SCC Highways Officer and visited various areas of concern within Woolpit. He suggested an additional no entry sign on private land in Mill Road as the highway isn't wide enough to accommodate a sign each side of the lane.

SCC has agreed to replace the faded No HGV's sign in Bury Road. Bacton Transport has advised County Cllr Mellen that every lorry has journey recording equipment and if residents report when lorries are using Wood Road and Warren Lane they will do something about it. This may be pertinent as further heavy transport is to relocate to the Lawn Farm site. A sign advising Warren Lane/Wood Road is unsuitable for articulated lorries has been erected at the Elmswell end of the road. Woolpit PC can fund additional signage but again these would have to be on private land. Borley Green residents will seek permissions from land owners to site these signs. WPC will seek cost information.

Cllr Geake advised that the lorry route review is imminent.

Mrs Moore is talking to the resident in Saffrons Close regarding getting the hedge in Heath Road cut back from Old Stowmarket Road to the Health Centre.

SCC will not take any action with the vegetation/trees on their land beside Ladys Well.

Cllr Geake advised that the petrol station and two drive through restaurants on the A14 by the DVLA testing site is being brought forward again.

6. To consider the preparation of a CIL spending plan and take any necessary action.

CIL payments have been received since 2018-19 financial year and some funds have been spent towards the children's play equipment, the Muga and a bus shelter. CIL funding is to be used by the community for capital projects to deal with the effects of new development. Funding has to be spent within 5 years of receipt. Currently we have £150,000.00 with a further £70,000.00 to come. This does not take into account the Bury Road development.

It was agreed to ask residents for ideas of how to spend CIL with a cut-off date 31 January 2022. These would then be looked at to see which are feasible and costed by WPC. This would be advertised in December/January Diary and the new newsletter.

7. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed.....Mrs J Ewans.....

Dated.....2 November 2021.....