



## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council  
Thursday 9th March 2023 7.30pm Berners Hall

**1. Apologies:** Kathryn Deaton, Simon Kent, Matthew March, Phil Mayhew, Colin Hampson-Jones and Councillor Jane Gould. Colin Hampson-Jones has stood down from the role.

**2. Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Allison Glading, Sarah Harris (SJH), Jamie Mayhew and Simon Harley (SH). Minutes – Sarah Harris SJH

**3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest** – None.

**4. Minutes** -8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were agreed– proposed – Jamie Mayhew, seconded – Allison Glading.

### **5. Matters Arising**

- Display boards for Berner's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event – SH to support Friends of Woolverstone Heritage Lottery Fund application.

### **6. Reports from District and County Councillors**

Councillor Gould - This was circulated in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Harley - This was circulated in advance of the meeting.

- Newsletter to include information about local residents hosting Ukrainian families in their homes and £350 per month sum available.
- SP to send SH a prompt about addressing the problem with pot holes in the villages roads, especially the large one as you enter the village from the Ipswich direction

### **7. Finance (AG)**

During February we have not made any payments. Allison received £66.50 as a VAT refund. Therefore, the balances are:-

Parish Council £3429

CIL £814

Warm Thursday £961

Any queries, - please let Allison know.

### **8. Coronation of King Charles III – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- Newsletter to ask residents for ideas of how they would like the community to celebrate the coronation such as a village social.
- PC thoughts were to enhance the village with commemorative planting of trees and daffodils.  
SJH to investigate what might be available through an application to the Woodland Trust.
- Public areas for planting include Horse Ponds and community land included on the Mayhew housing development adjacent to Berners Hall.
- Other suggestions included three or four cherry trees on the verge between Widows Cottages and Berners Hall.

### **9. Verge conservation Marina Road - update**

Planting was successfully completed on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Many members of the village contributed their time and got involved.

SJH to confirm names of those who took part so SP could congratulate and thank them.

### **10. Spring Clean 23**

10 people were involved in the clean up covering various areas of the village. Woolverstone Parish Councillors observed that Woolverstone to Chelmondiston, and Woolverstone to Freston need litter picking but this is in national speed limit areas and the traffic passes too fast to be done safely.

### **11. Application for SCC Speed Survey B1456 at eastern end of village**

Simon Harley SH has chased Highways department after request for a speed survey in 2022 but there is no update yet. This delay was deemed unacceptable by Woolverstone Parish Council having taken 2 years to date already. SH to chase Justin. SP to chase Paul West, SCC portfolio holder for Highways, to say the process is taking too long.

As yet, there has been no consultation with Woolverstone Parish Council about traffic calming measures as detailed in the Section 106 agreement associated with the development of 285 houses and other facilities at the former HMS Ganges, Shotley. SP to ask Paul West about this.

### **12. Warm Thursdays**

Continue to be successful and supported, with some regulars. Generally felt to be a healthy level of support and worth doing. There will be an art talk by Nick Carter next Thursday. Sarah to be paid £735 for the hire of the Hall from the Warm Homes Grant.

### **13. Quiet Lane application**

SH reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> wave of applications is full. And that Woolverstone quiet lane application for Glebe Lane could be submitted ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> wave.

Woolverstone Parish Councillors to keep an eye on the green triangle at the top of Bylam Lane following sudden tarmacking of the green triangle at the top of Glebe Lane.

### **14. Correspondence**

- Spring Lodge high levels of outside lighting after hours causing light pollution
- ANPR – camera still not located in the right place. In addition, figures have again been requested. Woolverstone Parish Councillors would like to have access to the data and reporting.
- James Cartlidge – positive response
- Jane Gould – supportive letter for application to National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Laura Butters Babergh DC – no response
- SP has written to James Cartlidge about sewage issue at Elspeth Iskander's house. Sewage has backed up into her garden. Anglian Water know what the problem is but will not repair broken pipe unless this overflow occurs 3 times in a 12 month period.
- Anthony Ward – Police council tax contributions are more than Babergh's increase, Woolverstone Parish Council feel that it is a high cost for low police presence.
- RHYC – would they fund trees to be planted on the Main Road?

**15. Planning** - Deer Park Lodge – PC agreed trees were poor specimens and did not seek to contest their removal. However, no replacement trees or plans have been submitted in the application.

**16. Berners Hall** - management committee needs more assistance. SP to ask villagers for support in the next village newsletter.

### **17. Friends of Woolverstone**

Meeting to be arranged.

SJH put forward to be Treasurer

### **18. AOB:**

- Main Road pinch point identified. Recent works showed how narrow and dangerous this is as it was necessary for vehicles to be convoyed through at 10 mph. Therefore, it was questioned why pedestrians in the village were placed in danger so close to speeding traffic.  
AG to take photos to illustrate and to write to SH so he can carry this forward with SCC
- SJH reported that the Jasmine on the boundary of The Old School House is growing laterally on to the pavement space, reducing the width of the already path, making it hard for walkers to use the footpath. SP to ask the residents to cut the overhang back to the boundary.

Meeting Closed 20.30

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.

Date of the next meeting: 13 April

Dates of future meetings '23: 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 July, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec.