

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.15 P.M. AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Present: Councillors Border, Cox, Crome, Edwards, Kilham, Malik, Marshall-Grint, Merrey, Milne and Pulsford-Harris
In attendance: Mrs. E. Wymer (Clerk)

1. Apologies – Councillor Nurse.

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2013 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising –

Councillor Marshall-Grint has replaced the sign on the church wall at the junction with Station Road and Nursery Lane.

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been sent to the haulage contractor whose vehicles had been using Nursery Lane to access farms down Station Road. No reply had been received. The situation has not been resolved and the Clerk will write to them and include comments on the discourtesy and rudeness of their drivers.

5. Law and Order –

Councillor Edwards reported that crime has been relatively low in the village. There had been a high profile by the police over Halloween and 5th November and some incidents taken place but lower than in previous years.

Youngsters dressing up as clowns to scare people has been reported in some areas of Kings Lynn and outlying areas and the police advice is to ignore them but still report to the police.

Loud fireworks had been let off after 5th November causing a nuisance. This will be included in the next newsletter but is not illegal as they were not after 11 pm.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum

6. Open Forum

The Chairman invited Mr. B. Smith, a potential new councillor, to address the meeting. His application will be discussed in private at the close of the meeting.

Mr. L. Tite, chairman of The Woottons Football Club, addressed the meeting. He is aware that parking for football matches is causing a problem for residents but communication is being sent out to all visiting teams and via the website asking them to park considerately.

The goalposts are being left up due to damage to the locking caps caused by the grasscutters. The football club is looking into the purchase of 'rolling' goalposts which can be easily removed after each match. Due to the cost of two pairs they would need to obtain grant funding.

The meeting was re-opened.

7. Correspondence

NCC Consultation of the introduction of charging for pre-application advice. At present no charge but intend to make charges in future. To view see [www.norfolk.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Pre-application advice/index.htm](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/Pre-application%20advice/index.htm). Comments to be in by 27 January.

SWPC B.C. Sustainability appraisal consultation on LDF. Councillor Milne to give update.

Highways Community Ranger visit week commencing 30December to carry out work identified. Any items to bring to their attention?

Wootton Park Minutes
Mr. B. Smith Trees outside Silvertrees belong to Highways and they will arrange pruning.

Highways Information on SAM signs – circulated to all councillors
SWPC Metal posts , signs and rails and clips for Wootton Park would cost £78.50 each ready to concrete in.
Joint meeting with representatives for proposed development at Knights Hill, Thursday 12th December at South Wootton Village Hall at 7 pm. Councillors already notified.

B.C. Blocked drain on footpath from Cuthbert Close to All Saints Drive responsibility of B.C. They will arrange to have it unblocked.

Councillors Kilham and Malik will attend the joint meeting on 12th December with regard to the proposed development at Knights Hill.

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd. 35630.26

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| SWPC | 224.76 | |
| Interest on Saffron account | <u>333.13</u> | |
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Less:

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| E-ON | 684.77 | |
| SWPC | 1308.77 | |
| Westcotec (lighting) | 250.48 | |
| SLCC | 101.00 | |
| E. Wymer (expenses) | 13.50 | |
| E. Wymer – salary cheque 1338 dated 31/12/13 | <u>446.33</u> | |
| | | <u>2804.85</u> |

Bal. c/fwd. £33383.30

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| Made up as follows | |
| Saffron Building Society | 13658.13 (maturity date 7.11.14.) |
| Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver) | 17791.98 |
| Lloyds current a/c | <u>1933.19</u> |
| | <u>33383.30</u> |

Above expenditure approved for payment.

Councillor Milne will attend a meeting at the Borough Council on 9th December with regard to the setting of the precept for next year.

9. Highways -

Councillor Malik reported that the potholes on the slip road from Priory Lane to Woodland Gardens have now been satisfactorily repaired after complaint from the clerk.

The Community Rangers will visit the village week commencing 30th December. Two items to raise with them are the pothole outside 7 All Saints Drive and the highway is sinking in Woodland Gardens where previously repaired.

The clerk had provided all councillors with information on the three different options for SAM signs.

After discussion, it was agreed that the permanent SAM (VAS) was not viable due to cost involved (between £6,000-8,000 per unit) even though it may be possible to obtain 50% grant funding from Norfolk County Council.

The waiting list for semi-mobile SAMs is very long and are only in location for 4 weeks at a time.

The mobile SAM was considered the best option and cost approx. £1,800 but would need supervision by the Parish Council. The Casualty Reduction Team would provide a risk assessment of sites and help with any training needs. It was agreed that the chairman should contact Norfolk County Council showing interest in these monitors and approach South Wootton Parish Council with a view to sharing the cost and usage.

10. Wootton Park –

Councillors discussed Mr. Twite's input and agreed that a letter should be sent from Wootton Park Association to the football club insisting that either 'rolling' goalposts or new locking caps should be installed immediately at the end of the season so the old goalposts can be removed during the summer months. It should be impressed that Wootton Park is a recreational area for all residents and not just a football pitch as at other clubs.

Councillor Cox reported that youngsters had been seen balancing on the goalposts. The Clerk will contact the insurers to ask whether it would be the Parish Council or the football club who would be responsible for any accidents caused by their equipment.

It was agreed that an item should be placed in the next newsletter asking parents to take responsibility for their children on the park.

Lights have been occasionally left on in the pavilion at night-times.

South Wootton Parish Council had obtained a quote for metal posts, signs, rails and clips. Two of the original signs still exist in the Bede Close area and it was agreed that these should suffice. Metal signs should not be purchased.

11. Street lighting –

The new column in All Saints Drive is still not working. The Clerk will contact Westcotec.

12. Planning – No plans.

Councillor Pulsford-Harris reported that the Borough Council is consulting on the Sustainability Appraisal for the LDF. Objections have already been submitted and in her opinion these should be reaffirmed and taken into

consideration so there should be no need for any further contribution. All agreed. Councillor Pulsford-Harris will draft a reply to South Wootton Parish Council and Mr. Alfatt from Bidwells which the clerk will send on behalf of North Wootton Parish Council.

13.The Village

Councillor Milne reported that the appeal is still pending on the Meadow Close issue and the planning application for Setchey has been resubmitted.

Councillor Milne had had a site meeting with Mr. H. Bellingham and Mr. Jones concerning the locking of the gates to open access land, The Gongs, due to animals grazings. Following this, Councillor Milne had contacted the Castle Rising Estate who are still not prepared to unlock the gates or consider alternative options due to their cost.

Remembrance Sunday had been very well attended at the war memorial and the church service.

Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed, the meeting was closed to members of the public.

Councillors discussed Mr. Smith's application to become a Parish Councillor. Councillor Milne proposed, seconded by Councillor Malik, that this should be accepted. A vote was taken: 8 in favour; 1 against; 1 abstention. Motion carried. The Clerk will therefore contact Mr. Smith to invite him to take up the vacancy.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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