

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2013 AT 7.15 P.M. AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Present: Councillors. Armiger; Cox; Crome; Edwards; Kilham; Malik; Merrey; Milne; Nurse and Pulsford-Harris
In attendance: Mrs. E. Wymer (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Edwards onto the Parish Council and thanked Lord Howard for his attendance.

1. Apologies – Councillors Marshall-Grint and Towler.

2. Declaration of Interest – None.

3. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2012 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising –

The Chairman reminded all councillors that they should have signed the dispensation form for disclosable personal interest to enable them to take part in discussions regarding the precept.

5. Law and Order –

Councillor Armiger reported that a house burglary had taken place in Wheatley Drive today during daylight hours.

Councillor Pulsford-Harris reported that vandalism had occurred during New Years Eve and the debris removed by residents.

Councillor Milne had informed a person playing golf on Wootton Park that it could be dangerous and he ceased playing.

The Clerk reported that the PCSO had confirmed that horses should not be ridden on pavements and he would approach riders if seen. Any excrement on the pavement should be reported to the Borough Council Clean up Team and they would remove it.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum

6. Open Forum –

Column number 88 on All Saints Drive is out. The Clerk will report to Westcotec.

Water had flooded the corner of All Saints Drive and Manor Road outside Linnymead during recent rainfall. The Clerk will report to Norfolk County Council but anyone wishing to report such incidents may do so via the Norfolk County Council web-site.

The meeting was re-opened.

7. Correspondence

NCC Highways	Funds available for delivering small improvements. NCC will fund half costs, remaining to come from other sources. Will not fund traffic management issues. Will fund improvements to footways, trods, improved crossing facilities and Public Rights of Way. Schemes should be self-contained and not require other schemes to make them effective. If they are off the highway the PC would be responsible for future maintenance.
NCC	Minerals and waste site specific allocations submitted. May be viewed at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nmwdf
Police	Consultation by Police and Crime Commissioner on 2013/14 precept proposals: 17 th January, 6.30 pm at Wymondham. Independent Custody Visitor volunteers needed to check the welfare of detained persons and conditions in which they are held.
Highways	Community Ranger to visit later this month. Any problems?
Country Grounds Maintenance	Tree outside Silvertrees, Manor Road. Original estimate for reducing tree £840 Revised estimate for removing tree £980 + £213 if stump to be grinded. Planting of replacement tree – Flowering cherry £202, Persian ironwood £289.50, Magnolia £227.
Wootton Park B.C.	John Setchell inspection report on roof of changing rooms. Precept form received to be completed and returned by 31 st January.

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd.		32737.32
Add:		
SWPC	224.76	
WPA	<u>700.00</u>	
		<u>924.76</u>
		33662.08
Less:		
E-ON	661.66	
E. Wymer	430.92	
HMRC	3.95	
CPRE (sub.)	29.00	
Westcotec	250.48	
Bidwells (report)	300.00	
E. Wymer (expenses)	39.70	
SWPC (reimbursement)	<u>444.15</u>	
		<u>2159.86</u>
Bal. c/fwd.		<u>£31502.22</u>

Made up as follows:

Saffron Building Society	13325.00 (maturity date 7.11.13.)
Lloyds TSB	<u>18177.22</u>
	<u>31502.22</u>

Above expenditure approved for payment.

Councillor Armiger had prepared a budget for 2013/14 which had been circulated to all councillors together with three options of proposals for next year's precept.

As the proposals to increase capacity for a car park for Wootton Park are in abeyance waiting for an independent survey by Highways, this was not taken into account. Also work has to be done dredging the ditches and quotes to be obtained. In the event that work needs to be carried out in the next financial year it was agreed that any additional investment should be taken from reserves and reclaimed through the precept in future years.

Councillor Milne asked Councillor Armiger whether there were any economies the parish council could make but as the budget is already tight this was not considered possible.

Councillor Armiger proposed that Option C should be agreed raising the precept to £30,000 representing an increase of 17.64%. Seconded by Councillor Pulsford-Harris.

A vote was taken: 9 in favour
1 abstention

Motion carried.

Councillor Milne stressed the need to explain clearly to parishioners why it had been necessary to increase the precept by such a large percentage. Councillor Armiger agreed to prepare an article for the next newsletter.

The Clerk had received a second quote of £980 + £213 from Country Grounds Maintenance Ltd. for removal of the eucalyptus tree outside Silvertrees in Manor Road, the first one of £840 being for just reducing the tree. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a further quote.

The Clerk will ascertain whether permission is needed from the Borough Council for removal of this tree as it stands on parish council land.

Lord Howard may be able to supply a replacement tree if needed.

9.Highways -

The Community Rangers will be visiting the village later this month.

The hole in the road in Nursery Lane reported to Norfolk County Council on 22nd November has still not been filled in. The Clerk will report again.

There is a hole in the road on the junction of Cranmer Avenue with All Saints Drive. The Clerk will report.

Councillor Pulsford-Harris reported that a dead tree in Carlton Drive had been taken down by the Borough Council.

10.Wootton Park Association–

The Clerk will try to ascertain the date of the next meeting.

11.Street lighting –

See Open Forum + the light opposite The Priory is still out. The Clerk will report to Westcotec.

12.Planning – No plans.

13.The Village –

The Bidwells report had been submitted to the Borough Council in October but it was not anticipated that anything will happen until at least March this year.

Councillor Milne had attended a meeting re the carbon footprint concerning the waste incinerator. North Runction Parish Council has been provided with funding to obtain the assessment. It was agreed at this meeting that the parish councils concerned should appoint a representative to speak on their behalf at the inquiry. The Clerk will provide Councillor Milne with copies of comments from North Wootton parish council. All councillors were asked to provide any further points they wish to add to Councillor Milne as soon as possible. Lord Howard declared that Castle Rising Parish Council would wish to support this if required, and Councillor Milne agreed to seek agreement from other group members.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.17 pm

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