

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present: Councillors Pulsford-Harris, Marshall-Grint, Border, Edwards, Cox, Malik,
Kilham, Nurse, Duval
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk), Cllr Jason Law

1. Apologies - Councillors Crome, Merrey

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th October 2015 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

- i) The light in the bus shelter is still not illuminating as it should, Clerk to contact the Solar Shed again to look into it. Kevin from the Solar Shed responded and changed the battery to lengthen the storage time and power, however it is still not illuminating as it should – Clerk to report again.
- ii) The Clerk is still awaiting a reply from the Post Office regarding the query about their signage which states the premises are in South Wootton.
- iii) The Clerk is still awaiting the outcome of the breach of planning complaint lodged with the Borough Council regarding the use of storage containers at the Rugby Club by Autoglass.

5. Law and Order

- i) Cllr Malik will raise the matter of parking around North Wootton School at the next SNAP meeting.
- ii) A reminder from Cllr Pulsford-Harris that fireworks should not be going off after 11pm and can be reported.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

- i) A resident raised the issue of access to the bus shelter on Priory Lane. Some of the pedestrian route from Woodland Gardens is not paved and this makes access difficult especially in the dark and bad weather. Cllr Pulsford-Harris explained that the land is owned by the Borough Council and several years ago the Parish Council offered to pay for a path but the idea wasn't followed up by the Borough. Cllr Law will look into this and report back.
- ii) The cleanliness of the bus shelter was also discussed, Cllr Border will clear out.
- iii) A resident complained about the length of the grass on The Green, the Council feel that CGM are not fulfilling their contract. The Clerk has spoken to Ian Burton (CGM Area Manager) on a number of occasions this season. The situation will be monitored closely next year, with a co-ordinated approach of Councillors reporting back to the Clerk when cuts have been done. Clerk to ask for The Green to be cut once more this season.
- iv) Some dog owners are not behaving responsibly when throwing balls for their dogs to retrieve on Wootton Park, doing so too close to the cycle path.

The meeting was re-opened.

7. Correspondence

West Norfolk Rugby Club	List of the fixtures for the season and asking for volunteers for running rugby activities.
Southgates & The Woottons Surgery	Letter to confirm work has been done to the pathway outside the surgery.
Jane Kilham	Stating that the schedule of 14 cuts to be completed on The Green by CGM has not been completed, it has only been cut 6 times since April.
Natural England	Improvements to public access along the Norfolk and Lincolnshire coast – Hunstanton to Sutton Bridge. Drop-in sessions to find out more are at Hunstanton library, 10 th Nov 11:00 – 13:30. Dersingham library 12 th Nov 16:00 – 18:00. Gaywood library, 14 th November 14:30 – 16:30.
BCKLWN	The Borough Council are hosting a play entitled ‘No More’ as part of the Norfolk Says No to Domestic Abuse Campaign. 23 rd Nov, Downham Market Town Hall at 7pm.
Norfolk County Council	Consultation on the Single Issue Silica Sand Review of the Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Plan will take place from 6 th November to 21 st December 2015.
Norfolk County Council	Proposals regarding the Norfolk Strategic and financial planning 2016/19 published on Friday 30 th October on the Norfolk County Council website, www.norfolk.gov.uk/reimagining the consultation will close at midnight on Thursday 14 th January 2016.
Cllr Jason Law	<p>Report from Cllr Law detailing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Friday 6th November to receive a report from officers on the final target costs to deliver the Northern Distributor Road and to consider recommendations and agree an option to deal with a budget shortfall for the project. * Libraries are now gathering information about its users electronically. Helping the service to understand the needs of its users. * Re-imagining Norfolk – budget consultation 2016/19. On Monday 26th October, Policy and Resources Committee met to consider all the savings and proposals from the service committees, and to decide which savings proposals go forward for public consultation. * Better Broadband for Norfolk (BbfN) <p>First phase complete and under budget, the programme was developed in partnership with BT and the Dept of Culture for Media and Sports. The number of people with access to superfast broadband (25mps or above) have almost doubled in under 3 years from 43% in 2012 to more than 80% now. The only location on the list close to our area to benefit from the next phase of the project is West Newton. There is a website to look at updates on areas www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk</p>

Hugh Close is now connected to Broadband.

The Parish Council agreed to pay mileage to Cllr Malik if he wishes to claim for attending SNAP meetings.

Cllr Cox reported that in October the website had 315 hits.

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd. £49,850.33

Less:

DD – EON, September	769.81
Chq 001484 - Westcotec – Maintenance – October	250.48
Chq 001485 – BCKLWN – Newsletter printing	67.38
Chq 001486 – CGM – October – Wootton Park	406.70
Chq 001487 – CGM – October – Village Greens	121.16
Chq 001488 – R Curtis – Clerk Salary – Oct (dated 31/10/15)	444.60
Chq 001489 – R Curtis - Expenses	22.36
Chq 001490 – SWPC– Rolling Goalposts	416.67

TOTAL 2,499.16

Add:

TOTAL 47,351.17

Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13,863.00 (maturity date 7.11.15.)
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	29,859.51
Lloyds current a/c	3,628.66
	47,351.17

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border reported that the money in the Saffron Account has matured. There is a 14 day window in which to put the money back in gaining an interest rate of 1.16%. The Parish Council agreed to leave the money in the account earning an interest rate of 0.4%. As they may wish to call on this money to fund the LED street lighting project, as this was only going to equate to a loss of £136 on the amount of interest lost over the year.

9. Highways

- i) The Manor Road sign has been put back on the churchyard wall.
- ii) Heavy lorries and tractors are still passing through the Village, the situation should be monitored.

10. Wootton Park

The Clerk presented the quote to the Parish Council for rolling the football pitch, £320 plus VAT from CGM. The Council agreed that it should be forwarded to the football club to action and pay for if they wish to do so.

11. Street lighting

The Council decided to pursue costs for the conversion of street lamps to LED. Clerk to follow up the costs and finance options that may be available for the purchase and installation over a period of years, once information has been received from CJM Electricians. Cllr Border presented an

illustration of costs and savings to be made.

	Financial Year	2015	2014	2013
Street Lighting - Energy		6,729.60	6,717.94	6,696.37
Maintenance		4,843.46	3,648.03	3,155.41
Total		11,573.06	10,365.97	9,851.78
LED Lighting	Saving of 70% on the lighting	2,018.88	2,015.382	2,008.91
	No Maintenance to be had	0	0	0
Total Saving		9,554.18	8,350.588	7,842.87

12. Planning

Nothing to report.

13. Village Hall

There are more bookings now being made, so the situation is improving.

14. The Village

The Parish Council discussed the results from the tree survey carried out by CGM. It was decided to obtain quotes to carry out work to the three high priority trees. Clerk to contact CGM and Arborcraft, Cllr Nurse has contacted another company.

15. Any Other Business

None.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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