

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint, Border, Edwards, Duvall, Cox, Nurse
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

2 members of the public were present

1. Apologies – Cllrs Pulsford-Harris, Merrey, Kilham, Malik

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 6th September 2016 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported the following;

- The overgrown verges at Gatehouse Lane had been reported to Highways.
- A letter of support for the development of a residential property on Gatehouse Lane had been sent to the Borough Council.
- The grit bins for the corner of Nursery Lane, near Rill Close and the corner of Hayfield Road with Priory Lane had been delivered and put in place. An email has been sent to Highways to request filling.

5. Law and Order

- The Clerk reported that PCSO Mark Taylor had sent an email advising that speed checks will be carried out in the area. Cllr Cox said one check had been done mid September. Clerk to contact the PCSO and ask for some feedback.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

- One of the benches on Wootton Park has been vandalised, it was attempted to set fire to it. Resident asked and Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should send photos to PCSO's and ask for them to visit the Park as a deterrent.

7. Correspondence

Gavin Barwell MP

12/09/16 – Neighbourhood Planning Bill

Letter to state the importance of the role Parish Council's play in the planning process.

A Resident

13/09/16 – Sign at The Howards

No ball games and no dog fouling signs on 2 lamp posts within the Green area have become faded and unable to read. Resident asked that signs are replaced.

Parish Council agreed to replace the signs.

NCC Highways

14/09/16 – Area of green behind the Bus Shelter

In response to the Clerk enquiring about the Parish

Council taking over the cutting of all verges in the Parish, Highways responded and said they would not wish to change the current arrangements, but would make enquiries as to who owns the land behind the bus shelter to ensure it is cut more regularly.

The Parish Council decided to get CGM to cut the area before the season finishes, and pay if required. Cllr Law was asked if he could follow this up at County Hall and pursue the request of the Parish Council to take over its maintenance.

Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

15/09/16 – Council Tax Support Scheme

Consultation open until 23rd October to give views about proposals for 2017/18 scheme.

A Resident

September 2016

Would like the Parish council to discuss what can be done about the overhanging conifer trees along the footpath beside the village hall. **Clerk to write to resident.**

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd.

£61,503.60

Less Expenditure:

DD – EON Charges for August	782.12
Chq 001561 – Came & Company – Insurance Renewal	1,524.08
Chq 001562 – R Curtis – September Salary	488.93
Chq 001563 – M White – Mole Control	280.00
Chq 001564 – Glazewing – Wheelie Bins - August	27.72
Chq 001565 – Westcotec – Maintenance for September	250.48
Chq 001566 – ESE Direct – Grit Bins	232.80
Chq 001567 – Jet Reach – Install Grit Bins	60.00
Chq 001567 – Jet Reach – Empty Bins - Sept	40.00
Chq 001568 – CGM – Village Greens - Sept	121.16
Chq 001568 – CGM – Wootton Park - Sept	429.85
Chq 001569 – R Curtis – Expenses	51.21
Chq 001570 – R Curtis – October Salary	448.93

Add Income:

TOTAL **58,806.32**

Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13,863.00
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	40,861.81
Lloyds current a/c	2,081.51
	56,806.32

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border reported that budgeted expenditure for the year is £33,500 and spend to date for the first

6 months of the year is around £20,000.

9. Highways

- Cllr Marshall-Grint said there was a lot of hay on the side of the road around the village. It is thought that this has fallen off lorries from Wootton Marsh Farms. Clerk to make contact and advise of the debris on the road and also contact the Borough Council to advise of a potential issue with the drains.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported on items discussed at the last Wootton Park meeting on 27th September.

- The park had budgeted a spend of £13,490 for the year so far £4,065 has been spent. This is due to a saving of the wages for the park worker.
- Community Pay Back, clearing of the hedges on the pathway at Little Walsingham Close has been completed and the next project started is cutting back the grass edges of the cycle path.
- NCS have completed 2 session, clearing the dyke and tidying and repainting the infant play area.
- Green Gym – a bulb planting event will take place on Sunday 23rd October, this is being advertised for volunteers to attend and help plant, and 50 hours of time credits are available for this.
- Time Credits - Approval was requested that 1000 hours of time credits are purchased at a cost of for £1,500 (to be split with SWPC so NWPC share of this total £555). It was decided that the success of the time credit uptake on Sunday 23rd Oct would be monitored and then a decision would be made by the Council at next month's meeting. SWPC will be discussing this at their meeting on 11th October.
- 200 Club is up and running - 14 Members so far, this works out at £15.40 a month for the park. The first draw will take place at the next WPA meeting on 29th November.

11. Street lighting

Nothing to report.

12. Planning

Nothing to report.

13. Village Hall

The Village Hall committee met on 22nd September and agreed in principle to hand back the hall to the Parish Council. Despite a vote taking place at last month's meeting at which there was a majority decision to take the Hall over, some Councillors still have reservations about this. Councillors asked that the Parish Council is given a set of accounts to review and it is understood that Cllr Pulsford-Harris is looking into the status of the Hall in terms of the charity commission. There was some discussion about where a new hall could be built and the Clerk is to make enquiries with the rugby club.

14. The Village

- Cllr Border will ask Cllr Kilham to put weedkiller around the war memorial. Clerk has arranged for Rev Nash to take the service on 13th November and will order the wreath.

15. Any Other Business

Cllr Border asked Cllr Law if there are any avenues of funding for Wootton Park, Cllr Law suggested contacting Cllr Nockolds for advice.

The meeting was closed at 8.21pm

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