

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2017 AT 7.15 P.M
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present: Councillors Pulsford-Harris (Chair), Border, Crome, Marshall-Grint, Edwards, Merrey, Malik, Kilham, Tite
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public present

1. Apologies – Cllrs Cox and Nurse, Cllr Kilham was not present, but did not send apologies

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7th February 2017 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

- The Clerk reported that as no work is planned to be carried out by Highways near the grit bin on Nursery Lane, the barriers have been removed.

5. Law and Order

- There has been some late night activity at the Wootton Park car park, with people in cars congregating and playing loud music. It was suggested that the post previously at the entrance is reinstated and locked at night to prevent access. Cllr Border will take this idea to the next WPA meeting. Cllr Merrey said he would volunteer to lock the gate at night and unlock again in the morning and seek other volunteers to cover the times he could not attend to. Clerk to report activity to PCSO's and ask for patrols of the area as a deterrent.

6. Open Form

- Lesley Cohen of the WI reported that she had met with the Clerk to look at the phone box. It was agreed that the kiosk needs to be repainted and the Clerk and Cllr Border are trying to source paint. The WI would like to put up shelving for a book swap and they have some volunteers to do the work. There was discussion that the kiosk should be a focal point of the village and a community space, and other ideas for its use are a plant swap in the summer months, space for a noticeboard to advertise fundraising and community events and a display with a short history of the village. The Parish Council confirmed that it would be financially liable for all work done to the kiosk and the Clerk would write a letter to the WI to this effect.

- The PC thanked Wendy Border for delivering the February edition of the newsletter. It was agreed that ongoing it would be titled Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter edition instead of months.

7. Correspondence List

Henry Bellingham

13/02/17 – Objection to planning application, Knights Hill, 16/02231/OM

The Clerk read out a letter from Henry Bellingham which supports the Parish Councils objections to the development of 635 houses. He states he will continue to demonstrate opposition to the plans.

A Resident

02/03/17 – Village Hall

A resident has written in response to the item in the newsletter and expressed an interest in being involved in the Village Hall organising committee.

8. Finance

Payments for approval

Bal. b/fwd.		£49,965.66
Less Expenditure:		
DD – EON Charges for December		782.12
Chq 001604 – Glazewing – Annual Rental		35.52
Chq 001605 – Westcotec – February Maintenance		250.48
Chq 001606 – BCKLWN – Newsletter Printing		67.38
Chq 001607 – Jet Reach – Empty Bins – Feb		40.00
Chq 001608 – R Curtis – March Salary		448.93
Chq 001609 – R Curtis – Expenses		49.41
Chq 001610 – Westcotec – March Maintenance		250.48
Chq 001611 – SWPC – Recharge Oct – Dec 16		86.21
Add Income:		
06/02/17 – HMRC – VAT		582.55
07/03/17 – Clerks Salary Overpayment		36.00
	TOTAL	48,573.68
Made up as follows		
Saffron Building Society	13,863.00	
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	28,945.29	
Lloyds current a/c	5,765.39	
	48,573.68	

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border noted that the spend is on budget for the year, of a budget of £33,500, £30,932 has been spent to date.

The Parish Council agreed to appoint Bev Eady to carry out the internal audit of the 16/17 accounts.

9. Highways

- The dip in the road near the millennium memorial is getting worse – Clerk to follow up with Highways.
- There are dips in the WPA car park – Cllr Border to follow up at the next WPA meeting.
- The pot hole near Cllr Malik's house going towards Woodland Gardens has not been repaired – Clerk to follow up.

10. Wootton Park Association

- South Wootton Parish Council have agreed to pay 63% of the total cost of £750 for 400 hours worth of time credits. The Parish Council agreed to pay 37% of the cost.
- The race night held on 3rd March raised £85.
- Picnic in the Park is to take place on 17th June 2017, raffle tickets are printed and a push to sell them early.
- There have been some instances of fly tipping in the Wootton Park car park.

- 200 Club now has 79 members, still trying to sign up more members

11. Street lighting

Nothing to report.

12. Planning

Applications

17/00345/RM – Land opposite the Red Cat, new dwelling

17/00369/F – 53 Priory Lane, extension including stairwell and external insulation/render

17/00079/F – The Laurels, Station Road, single storey extension and garage

17/00395/PAGPD – 2 Hugh Close, single storey extension

Cllr Crome and Merrey were unable to view these applications, so the Clerk will forward the documents in a different format and provide a link to the Borough Council planning portal.

Decisions

16/02197/F – 71 Hayfield Road, extension – Application Permitted

13. Village Hall

- Cllr Border reported that he had met with representatives at the rugby club with Cllr Nurse. The rugby club are keen to extend their premises to include a separate village hall/community amenity and are keen to work together with the Parish Council on this and have proposed that the Parish Council could make a financial contribution to the project. There was some discussion regarding this option and the alternative which would involve the Parish Council taking over the running of the village hall from the present committee. It was agreed that there is not enough information at present for the Parish Council to make a decision. The Clerk will try and get some more information on the accounts and will contact a surveyor to value the land on which the village hall is on. There will be a separate meeting to discuss the Hall following the Annual Residents Meeting on 18th April. It was also noted that there is an excessive amount of rubbish in the village hall bin, this will be monitored.

14. The Village

Nothing to report

16. Any Other Business

There has been an ongoing problem with the litter bin on Manor Road becoming filled up with domestic rubbish, a resident attended the meeting late to report he had identified who has been doing this. Clerk to write a letter to the resident.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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