

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**Present:** Councillors – Pulsford-Harris - (Chair), Border, Crome, Hughes, Malik, Cox, Merrey, Marshall-Grint  
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)  
2 members of the public were present

**1. Apologies** – Councillors Tite, Nurse, Edwards and Kilham

**2. Declaration of Interest** – None

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- She had contacted the Highways department following a resident's concern that there were a lot of loose chipping on Buckingham Close following resurfacing work. There is no further sweeping work to be carried out.
- Awaiting a response from the Woottons Surgery asking for permission to move the noticeboard closer to their property on a grass area believed to belong to them.
- Letters were written to residents at 8 and 10 All Saints Drive asking them to refrain from parking on the grass verges outside their houses, No 10 appears to be parking elsewhere, however No 8 still has cars parked on the verge, but the Parish Council agreed to leave the matter for the time being.
- Following the resident of Flowers on the Green contacting the Clerk regarding a problem she has with flooding around her property, the Clerk has written to Norfolk County Council to ask for clarification on this matter and if any part of the drain is the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Pulsford-Harris reported that there had been some legal correspondence regarding the path behind properties on Woodland Gardens. There is a cost of £5,000 to get the path diverted legally onto Lord Howards land. He has asked residents to contribute towards the cost of this, however some are reluctant. The PC agreed that this was not a PC matter and no further action would be taken, it is now a matter for residents to deal with themselves.

**5. Law and Order**

- Cllr Hughes attended the last SNAP meeting. The PC discussed the ongoing problem of vandalism in North Wootton, a member of the press from the Lynn News attended the meeting and will write a report to highlight the issue.

make the effort to ensure a 'Crime Number' is allocated and given - (so that the matter doesn't

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

**6. Open Forum**

- The streetlight near Lodge Cottage Nursery is faulty – Clerk to report.
- Clerk to include a thank you to residents in the next newsletter for a lovely display of Christmas lights in the village.

The meeting was reopened.

## 7. Correspondence

The Clerk reported there had been no correspondence during December.

## 8. Finance

<b>Bal. b/fwd.</b>		<b>£52,194.38</b>
Less Expenditure:		
Chq		
No:		
001695	Glazewing - Village Hall Bins	45.29
001695	Glazewing - Village Hall Bins	53.28
001696	Westcotec - lighting maintenance Dec 17	250.48
001697	Hayes and Storr - Legal Advice, Village Hall	480.00
001698	SLCC	147.00
001699	Total Gas and Power Ltd	974.30
001700	R Curtis- Clerk Salary	453.70
001701	R Curtis - Expenses	12.04
001702	CGM - Extra Cut November	93.60
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001703	Jet Reach Bins December	40.00
001703	Jet Reach Repair Bus Shelter	47.00
Add Income:		0.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£49,504.09</b>

### Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13,863.00
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	29,812.29
Lloyds current a/c	5,828.80
	<b>49,504.09</b>

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border presented a spreadsheet showing the projection of potential increases in the Precept for 18/19. After some discussion, Cllr Pulsford-Harris proposed that the precept is increased by 3%, Cllr Cox seconded and the vote was 7 in favour and 1 abstention.

## 9. Highways

Cllr Border brought the PC's attention to an issue with deep pot holes in front of the houses behind the Green, which are getting worse. It was agreed that Cllr Border should seek to update the quotes for filling the potholes and bring for discussion to the next meeting.

## 10. Wootton Park

- Cllr Border said there has been flooding on the Park over the Christmas period, the ditches will require dredging which has been discussed by the Wootton Park Association.
- The Clerk said she had received a phone call from a resident of Rill Close reporting that the water level in the rill is rising. As this road is not within the Parish boundary, it was agreed to report to South Wootton Parish Council.

## 11. Street lighting

Nothing to report.

**12. Planning**

Applications Received – 17/02326/O – Construction of new dwelling at Woodside, Ling Common Road - Support

**13. Village Hall**

- There is an EGM planned for 10<sup>th</sup> January, 3 committee members have recently resigned.

**14. The Village**

- The quote for hardwiring the bus shelter light from the nearby lamp post has been received. Cllr Border proposed to go ahead with the work costing £816.63, Cllr Hughes seconded and all agreed as it will improve the asset for the purposes of security.

**15. Any Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

..... Chairman ..... Date