MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 P.M. 
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Present: Councillors – Pulsford-Harris (Chair), Crome, Border, Edwards, Tite, Hughes, Cox, Kilham, Marshall-Grint  
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk), Borough Councillor Lord Howard.  
8 members of the public were present  

1. Apologies – Councillors Nurse, Merrey, Malik  

2. Declaration of Interest – None  

3. Minutes of last meeting  
It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October were signed as a true record of the meeting.  

4. Matters Arising  
Cllr Pulsford-Harris said that the representative from a group (Pub at the Hub) that advises people on setting up a community pub could not attend the meeting tonight, but would be happy to reschedule if required.  

5. Law and Order  
- There has been an incident of arson on Wootton Park, one of the picnic benches was set light to. The police are investigating the matter and the Parish Council would like to see the culprits prosecuted – causing £600 worth of damage. Cllr Kilham reported that one of his vehicles was stolen from Wootton Farm in the last week.  
- Cllr Hughes reported on a briefing he had attended which outlined the Police Authority spending cuts meaning 150 PCSO officers being lost to be replaced with 81 PC’s. Four beat managers will be in place and a neighbourhood policing team in the Hunstanton sub division which North Wootton currently comes under. These changes are due to come into effect in April 2018.  

The chair moved agenda item 13 in order for BC, Lord Howard to give an update on the following;  

13. Planning  
Lord Howard is planning to represent North Wootton PC at the forthcoming planning committee at which the development at Knights Hill will be discussed. David Goddard will attend to represent Castle Rising and it was suggested that Cllr Pulsford-Harris should attend also. The suggested approach which was agreed by the PC is to recognise that more housing is needed but to be done on a proportionate scale. Traffic problems would be acute, drainage is an issue and also historic views should be considered. He will suggest that a new application is put in for around 250 houses.  

6. B.C., Lord G. Howard  
Lord Howard reported that the House on the Green and the Black Horse pubs remain closed and there is much speculation surrounding their future. Both appear to be on the market for purchase. He said there is the ability to declare a village pub a ‘trophy asset’ with the local authority giving a grace period of 6 months, finances could then be built up to enable a community group to take over the running. Councillor Pulsford-Harris commented that rumours were circulating that an offer had been put in for the House on the Green. She is trying to find out more information.  

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.  

7. Open Forum  
- A resident said her daughter is currently a PCSO and she is appalled at the cuts being made as outlined by Cllr Hughes.
- The same resident said that the current parking arrangements in the woods near Wootton Park are unacceptable, as children play in there and parents and children walk through. She suggested that 8 new parking spaces are created on the grass area which would alleviate this problem. Cllr Border said that this matter would be discussed again at the next Wootton Park Association meeting and will report back at the December PC meeting.
- A resident of Woodland Gardens mentioned footpath 16 which runs along the back of his property and those of his neighbours. The PC has already brought this matter to the attention of NCC stating that the path has not been used for 40 years and therefore obsolete. This had also been previously looked at by Lord Howard. The resident also found that the path is not on any ordnance survey maps. Cllr Pulsford-Harris will look into this matter again and contact NCC.
- The issue of parking around North Wootton School was raised by a resident at the meeting and the Clerk had also received a phone call from another resident on the matter. The problem now extends to Hayfield Road and the Pingles. Clerk to follow up with the police.
- A resident thanked Wendy and Will for delivering the newsletters. This was endorsed by the council who also expressed their thanks to Wendy and Will.

The meeting was reopened.

8. Correspondence
There was no separate correspondence which had not been covered/included in other agenda items.

9. Finance

Bal. b/fwrd. £60,367.71

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The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border noted that the Clerk was entitled to a 1% pay rise from April 2017, which has been backdated, the PC agreed this payment and increase.

10. Highways
- The Clerk has written to the street naming dept. at the Borough Council and requested an additional Manor Road sign at the Manor Road/All Saints Drive junction. This has been reviewed
and the Clerk told it will be ‘potentially implemented’.
- A resident has complained about the overhanging and overgrown hedges along the footpath alongside the village hall, Clerk has reported to Highways.
- The Rangers have cleared the path at Cranmer Ave/Bede Close and cleared the TROD near the bus stop

11. Wootton Park
- In addition to the picnic bench being set light to there was a fire in a waste bin on 6th Nov.
- The rota for locking and unlocking the gate at Wootton Park car park is working.
- The pavilion floor has been painted.
- At the next meeting quotes will be considered for the creation of a footpath from the car park to the pavilion.

12. Street lighting
The Clerk said that Westcotec had put in a temporary lamp in the light at Gregory Close while they wait for their supplier to provide the LED fitting requested by the PC.

13. Planning
Applications Received
17/01901/F – 16 Cranmer Ave, extension – supported
17/01942/F – 17 Hayfield Rd extension – supported
17/01966/F – Variation of Condition 2 at development of land at Priory Road – supported
17/01848/LDE – 2 Estuary Farm Cottages – Cat Pens - supported

Decisions
17/01848/LDE – 2 Estuary Farm Cottages – Cat Pens was lawful
17/01579/RM – 26 Little Carr Road, construct one dwelling – Application Permitted

14. Village Hall
- The final draft of the trust deed has been received from the solicitors. This will now be engrossed and signed by the retiring committee and sealed.
- The committee would like to put up a Christmas tree at the front of the Hall, the PC agreed expenditure of up to £40.
- The PC agreed for a Village Hall newsletter to be included in the quarterly Parish Council newsletter.
- The position of the dog bin has now been agreed by nearby residents.
- The new noticeboard will be put up at the front of the Hall shortly.
Cllr Pulsford-Harris thanked Lesley and the committee for their hard work and urged people to go onto the Aviva website to vote for the Hall to receive some grant funding.

15. The Village
- The battery in the bus shelter to power the light has been stolen. As this method of solar lighting is not entirely successful in the winter months, the PC agreed for the Clerk to seek a quote to have the light hard wired into the nearby lamp post.

15. Any Other Business
None
The meeting closed at 8.20pm
After the meeting closed the PC discussed a letter received from the retiring Village Hall committee which has been answered by the Chairman.

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