

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present: Councillors – Crome (Chair), Border, Edwards, Tite, Hughes, Cox, Kilham, Merrey
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

5 members of the public were present

1. **Apologies** – Councillors Pulsford- Harris, Nurse, Malik, Marshall-Grint
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

The Clerk 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 discussed this and agreed to wait until after Christmas to discuss again, as by that time the legal advisor should have been able to move the matter forward.

5. Law and Order

- The notice board on Priory Lane has been vandalised and broken from its post. The Parish Council discussed the options available, bearing in mind this is the third time it has been vandalised. The sign could be put back in the same place with reinforced metal backing plates, or the board could be positioned elsewhere, in a place with more surrounding light. It was suggested to move it closer to the Wootton Surgery, Clerk to make enquires to find out who owns that piece of land.

It is requested that people make the effort to ensure a 'Crime Number' is allocated and given - (so that the matter doesn't get lost)

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

- A resident said she is very pleased with the new gate arrangement at Cranmer Ave entrance to Wootton Park car park and the rota system is working well.
- Cllr Crome thanked Lesley and her team for an enjoyable afternoon at the Christmas fair in the Village Hall on 2nd December 2017.

The meeting was reopened.

7. Correspondence

Cllr Crome had received an item of correspondence from a resident in Buckingham Close. He is unhappy with the work that has been carried out by Highways to resurface the work, and is asking the Parish Council to get the matter resolved. Clerk to write to Highways.

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd.		£60,367.71
Less Expenditure:		
Chq No:		
001685	CGM – Mowing October W Park	452.40
001686	Royal British Legion –Poppy Wreath	25.00
001687	NRPC – 50% training costs	22.50

001688	Westcotec – New Led Lantern Gregory Close	228.00
001688	Westcotec – Maintenance Nov 17	250.48
001689	SWPC – WPA Recharge	638.16
001690	Total Gas and Power – Nov	851.27
001691	Jet Reach – Bin Emptying	40.00
001692	CPRE – Annual Membershio	36.00
001693	R Curtis – Salary Dec (dated 31/12/17)	453.70
001694	R Curtis - Expenses	6.72
		3,004.23

Add Income:

TOTAL **£52,194.38**

Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13,863.00
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	35,812.29
Lloyds current a/c	2,519.09
	52,194.38

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border presented a spreadsheet showing the projection of potential increases in the Precept for 18/19. He read out an extract from the Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation document 2018/19. This advises the PC to demonstrate restraint when setting precept increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities. The Parish Council has enough in reserves to cover the expenditure for at least 12 months. Cllr Border advised the PC to consider an increase in line with what's acceptable in terms of predicted pay increases being low again for next year. The decision as to how much to increase the precept by was deferred to the next meeting, Cllr Border will bring an illustration to show how much increases would affect a Band D property.

9. Highways

The Clerk asked if anyone has an issue that the Rangers are able to attend to, Cllr Border to email some photos.

The Clerk reported that the resident of Flowers on the Green had spoken to her about an issue she has with flooding in her property. The highways engineer suspects that park of the drain could be the responsibility of the PC, Clerk to investigate further.

10. Wootton Park

- £12,000 budget – PC agreed to pay 37%, £4440 during 18/19.
- Project for a footpath from the car park to the Pavilion, cost in the region of £4,837, the PC agreed to pay their split of the cost.
- At the Wootton Park meeting it was suggested that grant funding should be obtained to fund the car park project to scrape the surface and then put down hardcore. This cost has been estimated at £6,700.
- In the Spring when the community payback team are back, Cllr Border said they would clear the area of ground near the Anglian Water fence in the car park to create parking for about another 10-15 cars.

11. Street lighting

The light with the bicycle sign on is now on during the day as well as night. Clerk to report.

12. Planning

Applications Received - None

Decisions

17/01901/F – 16 Cranmer Ave, extension – Application permitted

13. Village Hall

- The committee have requested a 120 litre bin for the front of the building as the existing 60 litre bin is not big enough now with increased use, the Parish Council agreed.
- The Christmas Fair raised over £500, the next event is Carol signing and refreshments on Saturday 16th December 2-5pm.
- The final draft of the trust deed has been received from the solicitors. The Clerk has obtained all signatures of the retiring committee and will now pass to Cllr Pulsford-Harris to send to the solicitor.

14. The Village

- Police have recently stickered cars parked on the pavements around Hayfield Road/Pingles. This is a direct result of the SNAP meeting attended by Keir.

15. Any Other Business

- Cllr Cox and Merrey said there are cars parked on the grass areas in front of no 8 and no 10 All Saints Drive, meaning that visibility for drivers is obstructed. Clerk to write letters to both residents.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm

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