

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT NORTH WOOTTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Present: Councillors – Pulsford-Harris - (Chair), Border, Hughes, Malik, Cox, Merrey, Kilham, Edwards
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

3 members of the public were present

1. Apologies – Councillors Nurse, Marshall-Grint

2. Declaration of Interest – None

Cllr Pulsford-Harris wished it to be minuted that today marks the 100 year anniversary of women having the right to vote.

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

The following was noted;

- There had been no response from County Council regarding the flooding at Flowers on the Green.
- Cars are still parking outside number 8 All Saints Drive, but this is thought to be visitors and not residents.
- There is still an ongoing issue with parking on the pavements at Cranmer Ave, where mobility scooters or pushchairs are unable to pass by. Cllr Border will pass onto the football club.
- Following on from the email received by the Clerk the new venture in the area for Age Concern is planned to be a shop in the town.
- The Clerk has contacted the Solar Shed to request that the solar panels are taken down, as they will no longer be needed when the light is hard wired in from the streetlamp.
- Following agreement from Highways and the doctors surgery, the noticeboard has been relocated outside Woottons Surgery.

5. Law and Order

- Cllr Malik presented a report following the last SNAP meeting on 10th January which was attended by Inspector John Bane. Following the recent vandalism the Wootton's is now designated a Priority Policing Area which means it will be a focus of attention for response officers. The Borough Council is also aware of the residents' concerns and is prepared to deploy the mobile CCTV van if required. Offenders have been identified in connection with the bench fire.

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

- A resident asked if there would be any compensation following the incidents on the Park. Cllr Pulsford-Harris reiterated that the PC wants the offenders to be prosecuted and compensation sought, a new bench for the Park is £600.

The meeting was reopened.

7. Correspondence

The Clerk reported there had been no correspondence during January.

8. Finance

Bal. b/fwd. **£49,504.09**

Less Expenditure:

Chq No:

001704	Village Hall Cleaner	150.00
001705	Glazewing - Village Hall Bins - Dec	60.77
001705	Glazewing - Village Hall Bins - Jan	72.00
001706	CGM - Flail perimeter of Wootton Park	234.00
001706	CGM - Flail South Wootton Strip	588.00
001706	CGM - Remove Green waste - Wootton Park	312.00
001707	Westcotec - Maintenance Jan 18	250.48
001708	Total Gas and Power Ltd - Dec 17	1,068.34
001709	Jet Reach - Empty Bins Jan 18	60.00
001709	Jet Reach - Clean Village Hall	150.00
001710	R Curtis - Expenses	20.87
001711	R Curtis - Feb Salary	453.70
001712	L Cohen - Village Hall – Electricity Bill	238.47
001713	Jet Reach	214.96
001714	Rachel Curtis - Expenses	9.80
001715	Village Hall Xmas Tree	40.00

Add Income: 0.00

TOTAL £45,580.70

Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13,863.00
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	29,812.29
Lloyds current a/c	1,905.41
	45,580.70

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

9. Highways

The Clerk had received an email from the Highways engineer to advise that the County Councillor Simon Eyre has an amount of grant money to Parishes to help fund highways work. There is an issue with deep pot holes in front of the houses behind the Green, which are getting worse, the PC agreed that work needs to be done to repair the road which is un-adopted and belongs to the Parish Council. Cllr Border obtained 3 quotes for the work, 2 from contractors and one from Highways. It had been suggested that this work could be funded 50/50 with the grant money and the PC. The Clerk to confirm if only work carried out by Highways would benefit from any funding. There was some discussion as to whether the roadway could be over the top of any drains which are affected by the flooding issue at Flowers on the Green, but the potholes requiring attention are further to the North.

10. Wootton Park

- South Wootton PC have agreed their portion of funding for the gate at Bede Close, the 3 way split being between the SWPC, NWPC and Wootton Park.

- Signs will be going up to try and stop people parking just outside the car park on the culvert at Bede Close. This will be monitored by the football club.
- Users of the car park are being encouraged to park on the newly laid chippings.
- Police have one suspect for the vandalism on the football pitch caused by motorbikes being driven around in circles. Cllr Border received a call from a company called Sibilco in Devon who support football clubs, offering help with reinstating the pitch. This will be discussed with the football club, and quotes sought to repair the damage. Cllr Border noted that these will be looked at closely, as there may be a difference in cost between repairing to the standard of a Park and repairing to the standard of a football pitch.

11. Street lighting

Nothing to report.

12. Planning

- Cllr Cox said he thought there was an application near Roythornes garage, Clerk had not been notified and will investigate.
- Cllr Pulsford-Harris said that David Goddard had reported there were revised plans imminent for the Camland development on Knights Hill.

13. Village Hall

- Mrs Cohen asked Councillors if they would consider making a third party contribution to the WREN grant application if successful, this amount would be £3,360. The PC agreed in principle, but Mrs Cohen will check with WREN that the PC could act in this capacity as it is a trustee and Cllr Pulsford-Harris will check with the solicitor.
- There has been a complaint regarding the cutting back of the conifers, a resident now feels the area is unsafe as it is more open.
- The Clerk asked that the Village Hall Committee consider the publication of their minutes on the PC website and Cllr Pulsford-Harris noted that the PC should be presented with accounts regularly.

14. The Village

- The Clerk had received quotes for the grass cutting contract for the 2018 season. Cllr Border proposed to continue with NORSE being the cheapest quote, this was seconded by Cllr Hughes and all agreed.

15. Any Other Business

The date of the Annual Residents Meeting was set for 17th April 2018 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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