

Wootton Park Association Meeting
7.00pm - Tuesday 27th November 2018, South Wootton Parish Council Office

MINUTES

1. Present: Will Border, Diana Gotts, David Price, Moira Kirby, Roy Williamson, Wendy Border, John Marshall-Grint, Sarah Crome,
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)
Also in attendance PC Natalie Nunn

2. Apologies –Bridget Nurse, Tracey Cornwell

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 24th July 2018

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Questions from the Public

One

6. Correspondence

- Will read out an email received from a resident who's property backs onto the Park. There is an issue with brambles growing into the back of his garden from the Park side of the fence. The brambles have now been cleared, however the resident stated he has a letter granting permission to cut trees given to him by a previous Chair of Wootton Park Association. Rachel will write and ask to see a copy of this letter. The committee agreed they are happy with the scheme in place for Will to handle requests for tree cutting/hedge pruning from residents. For clarification – Will visits the resident and assesses the need for work and agrees with them if it can wait until the work can be done as part of the Park maintenance rota or the resident can pay for the work themselves after being arranged by Will.

- Will has spoken to a resident of Alban Road who has an oak tree blocking out light on their garden boundary. The committee agreed that each case should be evaluated individually but as much as possible trees should be preserved on the Park.

7. Finance

The WPA account balance is £10,142.68, this includes the easement money from NW and SW PC's which totals £7,333.32. The spend on the Wootton Park Running Costs Account is £7,916.29, items to note are £1,342.31 for new/replacement equipment largely costs due to vandalism. Pavilion Maintenance £620, for the roof repairs/roof lights. Wendy reported that the roof lights at the back had not been done, Moira will take this back to the contractor.

8. Football Club Report

Will attended their last meeting and the new committee are aware that a representative should attend WPA meetings. It was noted that the request from the Club to place another container at the opposite end of the football pitch to the Pavilion was not approved by North Wootton PC. The Committee agreed that placing another container in a different position on the Park would look untidy.

9. 200 Club

The Club currently has 114 members. As the September meeting was cancelled - the draws for August and September took place at SWPC Office on 19th September in the presence of Tracey Cornwell and Rachel Curtis and the winners were as follows;

For August;

1st Prize, £44.00 – Mrs A Brennan

2nd Prize, £33.00 – Mr D Cracknell

3rd Prize, £22.00 – Mrs W Border

For September;

1st Prize, £44.00 – Mrs M Switek

2nd Prize, £33.00 – Mrs M Hayley

3rd Prize, £22.00 – Mrs S Walker

The following draws took place at this meeting

For October;

1st Prize, £45.60 – Mr H Malik

2nd Prize, £34.20 – Mrs W Border

3rd Prize, £22.80 – Mrs P Hughes

For November;

1st Prize, £45.60 – Mrs D Gotts

2nd Prize, £34.20 – Mrs T Cornwell

3rd Prize, £22.80 – Mrs J Latus

10. Pavilion and Park

Vandalism, May – October – Will presented photos of the vandalism which had occurred over the summer/autumn months including graffiti and damage to the basketball hoop, infant train, bike restrictors and bucket swing. Aswell as evidence of substance abuse and anti-social behaviour. PC Natalie Nunn said the incidents are being reported and crime numbers allocated, police are aware and trying to do as much as they can. The issue of the Park not being illuminated was discussed, Natalie said she had been in touch with the Architectural Liaison Officer who will be visiting the Park soon to assess sites with a view to crime prevention. Ideas to look at are lighting the Pavilion and lighting the cycle path areas, Will to speak to CJM. *Dyke Clearance/Bridges Project* – The dyke was flooded at the end of October, but Will managed to clear a blockage and the level went down. He will get quotes for the bridges which have been discussed previously and this will be a project for Spring 2019.

Defibrillator – After much investigation it is now clear that it was taken from the Park on 16th October by an ambulance crew to attend an incident at Wyndham House, staff thought it belonged to the rugby club and returned it there. It is now back in the box with a tag on to tell people to return to SWPC Office. The Committee wished a vote of thanks to be recorded to Tracey who through a friend who works for the ambulance service was able to trace where the unit was. Rachel to write a letter to the ambulance service to clarify what happened and why the unit was not returned.

Signage for the Cycle Path – Will presented an idea for signage for the cycle path which states 'Shared Space'. This would remind cyclists that pedestrians also use the path. Will proposed that 3 signs are purchased; this was seconded by Diana and unanimously agreed.

11. Community Pay Back

The Infant play area has been cleared. The committee agreed for Will to purchase paint for the Pavilion.

12. Green Gym

Not active in Winter, at present there are 20 members and credits are being given to volunteers who are opening and closing the car park gates.

13. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

None received. However the laurel along the footpath at Little Walsingham Close is in need of cutting back, Will to speak to CGM.

14. Fundraising Events

Picnic in the Park is planned for 1st June 2019, however Will said that at present there is a lack of support and enthusiasm in terms of volunteers coming forward to help organise and run the event. The committee agreed this was disappointing – Will to give an update on this at the next meeting.

15. Any other business

West Norfolk Wins – the take up on this is still very low – Will asked everyone to encourage people to join.

New committee members from South Wootton – David said that they have yet to have anyone volunteer.
South Wootton In Bloom – Wootton Park won an award for Biodiversity, the committee wished a note of thanks to be recorded for Diana and her team for their hard work on achieving this. Will confirmed that WPA will fund the wild flower seeds for the NW and SW strips.

16. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Tuesday 26th March 2019, including the AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

..... Chairman Date, 22nd January 2019