

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2019 7.15 P.M.
NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors Crome (Chair), Border, Edwards, Cox, Merrey, Kilham,
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)
7 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

Cllr Nurse – prior arranged meeting, Cllr Marshall-Grint – holiday, Cllr Doak – work commitments
Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Border and seconded by Cllr Edwards and
unanimously approved.

Declarations of Interest - None

2. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on Thursday 4th July 2019 be signed as true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. To co-opt new Councillors

- Keith Simpson outlined his reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor; keen interest to
participate in village life, to ensure any expansion is good for the village and he brings skills around
project management and health and safety.

- Michael Goodman outlined his reasons for wanting to become a Parish Councillor; concerns
surrounding vandalism at Wootton Park and the rising crime in the area, interest in working with the
Police in crime prevention bringing knowledge from his background working in the police force.

- Keith Simpson was proposed for the position of Parish Councillor by Cllr Merrey and seconded
by Cllr Edwards – his co-option was unanimously agreed.
- Michael Goodman was proposed for the position of Parish Councillor by Cllr Border and
seconded by Cllr Merrey – his co-option was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk will prepare the necessary paperwork and Mr Simpson and Mr Goodman will attend next
month's meeting and sign the declarations.

5. Law and Order

- Cllr Border reported he had contacted the new sergeant for the area and has not had a response. He sent
photos of the recent vandalism on the park. The PC feels this is disappointing as PCSO support at this
time would be appreciated.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

- A resident said how sad and disheartening it was that the effort being put in to keep the Park nice is
being destroyed. Members of the public say they are feeling intimidated to take their children to the Park.

7. Correspondence

A Resident

18/08/2019 – Metal Detecting

Request to use a metal detector on land in North Wootton
including North Wootton Common.

*Clerk to respond - the PC owns very little land and mostly
village green and will not be giving permission for this
activity, but to suggest contacting Lord Howard regarding
Wootton Common.*

BCKLWN**04/09/19 – Amendments to CIL Regulations**

Notification from BCKLWN regarding amendments to CIL Regulations.

Noted

To Discuss Under Item 14**A Resident****19/08/19 – House on the Green**

Concern about the neglect of the property and damage being caused by vandalism.

A Resident**20/08/19 – House on the Green**

Concern about the vandalism at the property and health and safety issues.

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£70,808.93
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Less -- Chq NoAugust Cheques

001887	CGM - June and July	793.20
001888	Veolia	60.24
001889	Westcotec - July	250.48
001889	Westcotec - Aug	250.48
001890	Jet Reach Cleaning Services	60.00
001891	Total Gas and Power - June	795.48
001891	Total Gas and Power - July	769.86
001891	Total Gas and Power - July	48.52

September Cheques

001892	Norfolk ALC - Annual Fee	428.99
001893	BCKLWN - Election recharge	50.12
001894	SWPC - Wootton Park Recharge	589.74
001895	Jet Reach Cleaning Services	40.00
001896	R Curtis - Expenses	47.25
001897	R Curtis - Salary Sept	496.17

£66,128.40

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£47,888.17
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 4,041.62
	£66,128.40

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

David Goddard had contacted the Clerk to request a contribution for payment of invoices relating to consultancy fees to object to the housing application at Knights Hill. These relate to preparation of representations for the Local Plan Review and attendance at the Committee meeting in March. The amount requested is £639.51. Councillors considered this request and felt that they would like to hear from David in person to understand what work has been done so far and to understand the goals of any further work the consultants may do to fight the appeal process. Clerk to write to Mr Goddard and ask if he can attend the next meeting on 3rd October to give some clarification on future intentions.

9. Highways - The pathway at the top of Ling Common Road opposite York House is still overgrown – Clerk to report again.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported the following;

- There has been an increase in vandalism at the Park over the summer holidays - two benches have been completely burnt, the corner of the wall of the pavilion is being chipped away, graffiti appeared on the skate track and cycle inhibitor and a small tree broken. Contact is trying to be made with the new members of the policing team for the Woottons.
- Clearance of the dyke is ongoing with the help of the Green Gym and Community Payback team.

11. Street lighting - The streetlight outside the House on the Green is due to be connected by UK Power Networks this week.

12. Planning

Applications considered – None

- Decisions received from BCKLWN

Applications Permitted

19/00924/F – Meadow Rise, Nursery Lane – Extension.

19/00957/F – Wynberry, Nursery Lane – Extension.

19/01014/F – 3 Beckett Close, – Extension.

19/00955/F – 13 Old Rectory Close – Integral garage conversion and extension.

19/01122/F – 15 Wheatly Drive – Extension.

Applications Refused - 19/01007/F – Willow Barn – Change of use from holiday let to residential

13. Village Hall - Cllr Border reported on the following;

- There is a quiz night taking place on Friday 13th Sept
- Work is ongoing with some grant applications to submit in the autumn.
- Pre-orders for Christmas trees will begin to be taken in October.

14. The Village - 52 Priory Lane has a new house name – Wisteria Cottage

15. Open Forum was incorporated into agenda item 14

Three residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the state of disrepair of the House on the Green. Two of the residents read out their correspondence previously sent to the Clerk. There are a number of issues to consider which were discussed. Vandalism is increasing in intensity, the building is now unsecure and youths can now easily gain entry. Incidents were happening 3-4 times a week, however during the school holiday period this has decreased. Neighbours in the surrounding properties are being disturbed by the vandalism and feel intimidated. It is feared that someone will be seriously hurt as the building becomes unsafe and trespass continues. The planning applications for this site (residential dwellings and commercial units) were refused and the reports refer to the building as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset, meaning it has quality and importance to the village. It is felt that the building needs to be made secure, and clarification needs to be sought as to what legal obligations the owner has to do this. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Lord Howard to make him aware of the situation worsening and the concerns of the PC and residents. The Clerk will also contact the Borough Council to clarify the status the building has and what this means.

Cllr Crome reassured residents that the PC is sympathetic to their concerns and will do its best to be supportive and take as much action as is within its powers to address the situation.

16. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- New Councillors to attend meeting and sign declaration forms
- Update on the House on the Green

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Date 3rd October 2019