

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020 7.00 P.M.
NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Cox, Merrey, Simpson, Edwards, Nurse
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)
1 member of the public was present, Bor Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, PC Lee Anderton and PC Dave Allcock, Mr James Grimsby, Head teacher at North Wootton Academy, Mr Jason Harper

1. Apologies

Cllr Goodman, ill health, Cllr Doak, work meeting, Cllr Kilham, prior engagement
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 9th January 2020 be signed as true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

- Work is still ongoing to get ticketing information from West Norfolk Community Transport on the number of people using the bus stop on the Green, Manor Road.
- The Clerk sent a letter asking the resident of 1 Ling Common road not to park his car on the Green.
- The Borough Council refused permission to put the dog bin on All Saints Drive near to the noticeboard. The close proximity to the litter bin was given as the reason. Cllr Border proposed the bin is located on Wootton Park instead near to the sign, but visible from the pavement, this was seconded by Cllr Cox and all agreed.
- The Clerk followed up last month's correspondence from a resident complaining about the parking of a van outside his property, the resident will be dealing with the matter himself.

4. To co-opt a new Councillor

The Parish Council followed its co-option procedure and invited Mr Jason Harper to address the meeting to explain why he wanted to join the PC. He said he had lived in the village for 11 years and wanted to be involved in making a difference. The skills he can bring relevant to a Parish Councillor role are those he has through being a teacher and sitting on a governing body. After leaving the room to enable Councillors to discuss his application Mr Harper's appointment was proposed by Cllr Marshall-Grint, seconded by Cllr Merrey and unanimously agreed.

5. Law and Order

- PC Lee Anderton and PC Dave Allcock, attended the meeting following the Clerks request for clarification on parking issues especially outside North Wootton Academy. PC Anderton explained that there is little the Police can do when people are parked irresponsibly and illegal parking is taken on a case by case basis. Much good practice guidance in the Highway code is advisory and not backed up by a road traffic act. Double yellow lines are the most common way to stop people parking in a certain place and it was suggested that these could be requested to be put along the front of the school, however this would push the problem of parking further out from the school and could impact more on neighbouring residential areas. Mr James Grimsby said he would continue to educate parents to park responsibly. PC Anderton also took questions on the issues at Wootton Park and urged anyone seeing anything suspicious to report to the Police. PC Dave Allcock who will take up his role at beat manager on 13th Feb will meet with Cllr Border to walk the Park to get to know the area.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

There were no matters raised.

7. Correspondence

A Resident

Request for Volunteers

The Ad Meliora Academy Trust are looking for community leaders to join their Board of Directors, Clerk to forward the letter to all Councillors.

Beaver Scout Leader

Beaver Scouts Activity

Requesting permission to put up plastic bottles on lamp posts to act as dispensers for dog poo bags.

The Council discussed this idea and decided they would like to see one and then trial some around Wootton Park for a few months initially.

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£53,678.84
<u>Less -- Chq No</u>	
001935 Veolia – Dec	78.90
001936 Total Gas & Power Ltd – Dec 19	1,183.97
001937 CGM – Flail Park Perimeter	234.00
001938 Jet Reach – Bins Jan 20	40.00
001939 R Curtis Salary – Jan 2020	501.31
	£2,038.18
Income	
SWPC Recharge	2,895.17
NRPC	24.00
	£54,559.83
Made Up As Follows;	
Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£29,888.17
Lloyds Current A/C	£10,473.05
	£54,559.83

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

To consider quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2020 season

The Clerk had only been able to obtain one quote for the contract, so defer a decision to next meeting.

9. Highways

Two residents from the Green access road had contacted the Clerk to complain that there are potholes appearing in the new surfaced roadway. Cllr Border had been to look at the road surface and said the work the PC had done was in good condition, however the rest of the road especially on the edges is showing signs of crumbling. Cllr Border will obtain quotes to get the whole road resurfaced, to be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported the following;

- Verti draining work has been completed on the park and benefits are already being seen.

- The excessive flooding in front of the Pavilion is subsiding.
- The 200 Club is losing members, people are not renewing their subscription if they have paid by cheque.
- The Bug Hotel project will go ahead with North Wootton Academy in June.
- The Green Gym will start again on 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month in April.

11. Street lighting - none

12. Planning

Applications considered - 20/00071/F - To install a downstairs bathroom/shower room at the front of the property, adjoining existing bedroom. To assist with /the future mobility of the owners (to be able to live downstairs) at 18 Carlton Drive North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3QX - Support

Decisions received from BCKLWN – 19/01888/F – Four Winds, 6 Fredrick Close, Garage alterations with new pitch roof - Approved

Cllr Marshall-Grint gave feedback on the Knights Hill Inquiry – it was felt the inspector conducted the inquiry in a fair manner and gave everyone the opportunity to speak. She has come to the site before the inquiry began and familiarised herself with the area and roads. The Just Giving page and donations raised in excess on £3,000 which will go towards the cost of the lawyer representing the Parish Councils case.

13. Village Hall

Cllr Border reported on the following;

- £115.08 for a wayleave for a telephone pole has been received, chq payable to North Wootton Parish Council – Clerk to cash and pay money to the village hall.
- The PC agreed for the Clerk to obtain records from the Land Registry for the Village Hall as there are no documents in the files to show ownership of the boundaries.

14. The Village

- The condition of the surface of the pyramid monument was discussed, Cllr Border will arrange for it to be jet washed.

15. Open Forum

No matters were raised.

16. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- Grass cutting contract
- Bus Shelter, update on numbers using the stop
- Quotes for resurfacing the access road at The Green
- Law and Order update
- To agree an internal auditor

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

..... Chairman

Date 5th March 2020