MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 2TH JULY 2020 - held at 7.00pm

This meeting was held virtually by Zoom, due to the Coronavirus lockdown measures.

Those who attended via Zoom; Councillors Crome, Merrey, Simpson, Edwards, Marshal- Grint, Border, Harper, Nurse, Cox, Doak

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis

1. **Apologies**
   Councillor Kilham – work commitments. Acceptance of this apology was unanimously agreed.
   The Clerk informed Councillors she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Goodman prior to the meeting. She advised Mr Goodman that he needed to address a letter to Cllr Crome also. Clerk to inform the Borough Council of the casual vacancy.

Declarations of Interest - None

2. **Minutes of last meeting -** It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2020 be accepted.

3. **Matters Arising**
   None

4. Law and Order
- Cllr Crome has reported a matter to the Police of youths at Wootton Park climbing on the Pavilion roof and a group gathering on motorbikes. There is an increase in rubbish being left in the area since lockdown as the Park is being used by more people.
- Cllr Nurse reported there was an incident this week outside her property on Nursery Lane when two people with guns were seen shooting at muntjacs. When confronted they said they had been asked to do this by the owner of The Priory as the deer are causing damage in his garden. Cllr Nurse reported the matter to the Police and was very distressed at the incident as were her parents who live close by. The Parish Council finds this action unacceptable behaviour in the village. Cllr Marshall-Grint will make the residents of nearby Manor Road aware. Cllr Nurse is awaiting an update from the Police and the Clerk will write to the owner of the Priory to voice the PC's concern over this and request he takes alternative measures to keep the deer out of his garden such as substantial fencing.

5. **Open Forum**
   Nothing to report.

6. Correspondence

A Resident	**June 2020 - Parking on The Green** Concern from a resident of The Green that people are parking on the grass. *Clerk to write to all residents along this roadway to remind them this is not allowed.*
Resident of Clare Road	**June 2020 (telephone) – Grass Cutting, South Wootton Strip** Resident concerned that the contractor is damaging his fence when cutting too close. Also, suggests more grass areas being left uncut to encourage wildlife, the Norfolk

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Wildlife Trust may be interested in this.
Clerk has already contacted CGM to remind them not to cut too close to the fence and will also invite Norfolk Wildlife Trust to contact WPA to discuss leaving areas more natural.

Several Residents **Concern over ducks being run over by speeding vehicles on Priory Lane, near Woodland Gardens**
To discuss in Highways.

7. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£82,677.11	
Less -- Chq No			
001976	Veolia - Bins for May 2020		93.72
001977	CGM – May		266.69
001978	Total Gas and Power – May 2020		905.26
001979	Donation – West Norfolk Carers		200.00
001980	Westcotec – June 2020		250.48
001981	R Curtis – Salary – July		496.17
001982	W Border – Duck Crossing Signs		375.53
001983	R Curtis – Expenses		78.84
001984	Veolia – Bins for June 2020		87.98
		£2,754.67	
Income			
Uk Power – Wayleave		17.96	
SWPC – Recharge Income		692.06	
		80,632.46	
Made Up As Follows;			
Saffron Building Society		£14,198.61	
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)		£61,105.83	
Lloyds Current A/C		£ 5,328.02	
		£80,632.46	

The above expenditure was approved for payment**.**

8. Highways
The Clerk has received several emails from concerned Parishioners regarding ducks being killed by speeding vehicles on Priory Lane near to the Woodland Gardens entrance. The Parish Council has purchased signage and agreed positions with the Highways engineer for mounting on lamp post columns. Further to this the Highways engineer contacted the Road Safety Team to discuss traffic calming measures along Priory Lane. It was suggested that a scheme over 300m or so close to North Wootton Academy would be most suitable to help slow traffic on this long stretch of road. This could be achieved by the PC submitting a bid for Parish Partnership money, with the total project cost estimated at £20k, therefore the PC contribution would be around £10k. Councillors discussed this option and a Councillor thought there may be funding from Government via the School in a bid to make it safer for children to return to School after the coronavirus pandemic. Clerk to write to James Grimsby, the Head of North Wootton Academy to discuss this. It was noted that the possibility of using some of the School field as a car park was previously mentioned, an idea which was met favourably by Mr Grimsby and would help

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with the problem of cars parked around the School, Clerk to follow this up also.
- At the time of the meeting the Clerk had received 2 expressions of interest from volunteers to form a speed watch group.

9. Wootton Park
- As per Government guidance the infant play area can re-open on 4th July. Cllr Border will put up some signage to remind people of social distancing and to adhere to advice to keep hands clean while using the equipment.
- Unfortunately litter is becoming a big problem on the Park, this is being cleared up each morning by volunteers.
- The 200 Club are funding a bench to be put on the North Wootton strip.

10. Street Lighting - no issues to report.

11. Planning
Applications considered
20/00786/F - Single storey rear extension, Manor House, The Green North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PR - support

- Decisions received from BCKLWN
20/00561/F – 1 Julian Road, North Wootton, PE30 3SX – Extension to dwelling – Application Permitted

12. Village Hall
The Parish Council recently dealt with an issue following concerns from residents and reports in the Press regarding a matter at the Hall. The Village Hall committee are now moving forward to review their policies and procedures to ensure compliance with charity commission guidance.

Councillors agreed unanimously for the Clerk to be reimbursed for the additional hours she spent in dealing with this issue. Clerk to total hours and inform Cllr Crome and Cllr Border.

13. The Village
- Cllr Border has received 2 quotes for the resurfacing of the road alongside the Green. The Clerk had researched the grant of easement documents for the properties along the Green which grants permission for residents to access along the Parish Council owned piece of road. Also detailed is reimbursement to the Parish Council a reasonable proportion of costs in maintaining and general upkeep of the road from the Grantees. Clerk to write to residents and request a contribution of £200 per property for the road resurfacing.
- In light of the amount of rubbish being found in the village currently, Cllr Crome suggested putting litter picker grabbers in the phone box and promote a 'Keep North Wootton Tidy' campaign for people to use if they were kind enough to volunteer to pick up rubbish.

14. Open Forum – nothing raised.

15. To confirm any items for the future agenda
- The Clerk will follow up with the Highways Engineer where the Parish Council is at regarding the decision making process of putting a bus shelter at Manor Road.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm.

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