

**Wootton Park Association Meeting**  
**7.00pm - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019, South Wootton Parish Council Office**

**MINUTES**

**1. Present:** Will Border (Chair), David Price, Diana Gotts, Roy Williamson, John Marrow, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, Tracey Cornwell, Claire Harper, Bridget Nurse, Sarah Crome, John Marshall-Grint  
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk), 1 member of the public

**2. Apologies –** Wendy Border

**3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising –** None

**5. Correspondence**

Will read out an email he had received from a resident relaying an altercation between the resident and a cyclist on the cycle path, due to the cyclist going too fast. Will forwarded the email to the police and Sergeant Green attended the Park to walk round and while there spoke to many residents who all gave feedback that they often feel unsafe walking along the pathway as cyclists ride too quickly and without due care and attention to the pedestrians using the path. Will contacted Sustrans in Peterborough who are a walking and cycling charity and custodian of the National Cycle Network to make them aware of the issues. They said there could be a possible alternative route, but this would go all the way along the old cycle path. Claire Harper explained there is a website called Strava, on which users can register routes and then log their speed at completing it. The path is registered and users have logged their times going through the Park. However if the route is deemed unsafe, then a user can apply to have it removed, the Committee agreed for Claire to apply for the route to be removed.

**6. Questions from the Public -** None

**7. Finance**

- The balance on the Wootton Park Association Account is £3,574.31, it was noted that £1,000 has been transferred into the account from the 200 Club proceeds.

- Expenditure to date on the Wootton Park Running Costs account is £12,734.34 to the 21st November, which is over the budget of £12,335 for the year. However, it was discussed that the committee has been aware of the expenditure which has been agreed during the year and has been necessary, these include emergency work to remove 3 unsafe trees from the Park following the tree survey, hedge maintenance and repairs to the play equipment.

**8. Football Club Report**

To address the drainage issues on the Park, the Football Club have obtained a quote to have the ground 'vertidrain'. This is a more intensive procedure than the slitting which is done at present. To have the Park treated once is £660 and 2 occasions is £950 by CGM. It was decided to try this method for one season and see what the benefits are. Diana proposed to take the slitting out of the contract with CGM and replace with the vertidrain on 2 occasions and request that the Football Club pay a contribution of £450. This was seconded by Roy and all agreed.

**9. 200 Club**

Draw taken on 123 members,

*Draw for October;*

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £49.20 – Z Kentzer

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £36.90 – I Gotts

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, £24.60 – R Porter

For November;

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, £49.20 – W Border

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, £36.90 – A Swales

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, £24.60 – P Rowe

John Marrow said that the Lynn News is interested in running a piece to promote the 200 Club, but need some photos showing projects which have been funded by the proceeds, Will to provide these.

#### 10. Pavilion and Park

- *Lighting in the Pavilion* – The lighting has been installed and is working well, however it was noted that youths are congregating under the lights and drinking.

- *Lighting Project – Infant Play Area* – Work in progress to obtain 2 more quotes.

- *Discuss CCTV Options* – There are some questions to consider if the committee agrees for CCTV to be installed, what are the photos being taken for and why and what will the images be used for. The committee felt that at present there could be more problems caused by having the equipment than not. There is also always the high risk of vandalism. The committee have obtained a Mosquito device as a donation, this unit emits a high pitched ticking noise which only the under 25's can hear. The committee agreed to trial this and see if it reduces the number of youths congregating in that area.

*Re-siting and replacing a dog bin* – The committee agreed to purchase a new bin to replace the one on the South Wootton strip and position it closer to the path.

*Application for Open Space Grant*- Elizabeth said this had been initially agreed by the Council to fund building of a bug house and installation of an interpretation board for children. It was suggested that North Wootton Academy are invited to participate in this project in the form of a competition to design a bug house, John Marrow offered to donate a prize of £20 for the winner. Sarah will contact the school to speak to the Headmaster about this.

#### 11. Community Pay Back

Some of the flooring has been repainted, there is still more to do. The team are available to do some more work on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December. Bridget said she may have some grey floor paint to donate.

#### 12. Green Gym/Time Credits

No updates for this meeting.

#### 13. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

There have been no requests for tree pruning on the Park, however as 3 trees have been removed recently and committee feel it is important to replace them. It was agreed that it is false economy to buy small saplings and larger trees would be more suitable and likely to survive planting. Bridget said she would buy one tree for the Park from Barcham Nurseries and the committee agreed to purchase 2 more from the WPA Account to a value of around £300, Bridget to enquire about suitable trees – suggestions included a weeping willow, hornbeam and alder.

#### 14. Any other business

- Diana said there is a bird box fallen from a tree on the South Wootton strip – Will to take a look.

- Elizabeth reported there are 2 grants available from the Borough which could be of use, one for single use plastic replacements at village halls and the other for VE Day celebrations – Will said the latter could be of interest for the Picnic in the Park.

#### 15. Date of Next Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 – AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

..... Chairman

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020