

Wootton Park Association Meeting
7.00pm - Tuesday 28th January 2020, South Wootton Parish Council Office

MINUTES

1. Present: Will Border (Chair), David Price, Diana Gotts, Roy Williamson, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, Moira Kirby, John Marshall-Grint, Wendy Border
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

2. Apologies – Sarah Crome, Bridget Nurse, Tracey Cornwell, Claire Harper, John Marrow

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 26th November 2019

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Correspondence - None

6. Questions from the Public - None

7. Finance

- The balance on the Wootton Park Association Account is £3,419.97.

- Expenditure to date on the Wootton Park Running Costs account is £14,003.60 to the 21st January, 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 some of these have been one off items of expenditure. The budget for 20/21 has been set at the same amount as this year £12,335 and it was noted that this does not give any scope for improvements to be made to the Park. David proposed acceptance of the budget, this was seconded by Roy and all agreed.

8. Football Club Report

The ground has been waterlogged so very few matches have been played. The Clubs annual tournament is arranged for 4th and 5th July, parking provision has been agreed at North Wootton School. The Mini-Kickers has proven popular and a nursery squad has been put together for the start of the 20/21 season.

9. 200 Club

Draw taken on 118 members,

Draw for December;

1st Prize, £47.20 – C Harper

2nd Prize, £35.40 – S Scales

3rd Prize, £23.60 – E Nockolds

For November;

1st Prize, £47.20 – R Porter

2nd Prize, £35.40 – A Goddard

3rd Prize, £23.60 – P Brennan

10. Pavilion and Park

- *Lighting in the Pavilion* – The lighting has been installed and is bright and working well, one light was vandalised on New Years Eve, but this has now been repaired.

- *Drainage Issues on the Park* – The ground has been very waterlogged this winter which has prevented the football club from playing all their matches. CGM are waiting for the weather to dry out enough to carry out the verti drain work without damaging the ground with their machinery. In places close to the Pavilion clear water is bubbling up through the ground, Anglian Water have been called and an initial investigation has been carried out, now awaiting a further visit – SWPC to follow this up.

- *Discuss Progress on the latest Play Area report*- The annual report notes everything at low or very low risk

and CGM have not flagged up anything on their weekly reports. The committee agreed that there is no cause for concern and some routine maintenance will be carried out in the summer.

- *Update on 'Bug Hotel Project'* – After a conversation with the headmaster, North Wootton Academy are keen to get involved, further discussion required as to how much input they wish to have on the design and building of the structure. Little expense will be needed for materials as much can be sourced from donations, the majority of the grant funding will go on an information board to go on the site.

11. Community Pay Back

Work has continued to paint the interior of the Pavilion, more paint is needed for the next phase, David proposed that this is purchased and seconded by Diana and all agreed.

12. Green Gym/Time Credits

The Green Gym will start again in April, and taking place on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of each month during the summer. Will has some time credits in stock although it was noted that there are now limited places where they can be redeemed as venues are stopping accepting the vouchers. It was suggested that high street vouchers could be purchased and given to volunteers instead, further discussion required when Will has met with the Time Credits administrator to find out how the scheme will run in the future.

13. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

None have been requested. There is a willow which needs pollarding near the car park and all remedial work from the tree report is to be tackled in the summer by Will, John and Roy.

14. Any other business

- Awaiting a request from South Wootton in Bloom for contribution to the cost of wildflower seeds.
- It was noted that there have been no further complaints regarding users of the cycle path.
- Will noted an article in the Contact magazine regarding a scheme called West Norfolk Trees of Hope. As part of the Big Plant 2020 it aims to make a positive difference to the environment by planting trees to capture carbon from the atmosphere. It was suggested that the area of 9 acre wood on the edge of Wootton Park could be a potential area to add some trees to and possibly a long term project to create a woodland walk. David will take this back to SWPC and Will the same at NWPC to consider.

15. Date of Next Meeting

31st March 2020 – AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

..... Chairman Date: 31st March 2020