

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 - held at 7.00pm**

**This meeting was held virtually by Zoom, due to Coronavirus restrictions.**

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Nurse, Simpson, Edwards, Harper, Cox, Merrey, Kilham

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nocklods

**1. Apologies - None**

**Declarations of Interest - None**

**2. To note a Councillor resignation**

Sarah Crome has resigned from the Parish Council. The PC acknowledged and wishes to thank Sarah for the many years she gave to the PC and she will be greatly missed. It was agreed to send a bouquet of flowers and a thank you card. Cllr Nurse will organise flowers and Cllr Marshall-Grint the card and he will visit Sarah to deliver. As per the PC's standing orders, as Vice Chair, Cllr Marshall-Grint will Chair the meetings until the annual meeting in May where a Chair will be voted in. The Clerk noted that with Sarah's resignation, the Parish Council now has 3 vacancies.

**3. Minutes of last meeting -** It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted.

**4. Matters Arising - None**

**5. Law and Order**

- Nothing to report

**6. Open Forum**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**7. Correspondence**

**Resident**

**Complaint regarding heavy haulage vehicles driving through the village**

A resident has sent several emails to the Clerk with evidence of heavy haulage vehicles coming off the agricultural fields, up Station Road and then along Manor Road to exit the village. These vehicles have been using the road during the night and have caused much anxiety and upset for the nearby residents. The road surface is also being damaged and there is concern that an accident could happen when the vehicles try and negotiate the small roads. The Clerk has already made some enquires; Highways have said they would not consider weight and time restrictions on the road.

*Councillors discussed this issue and it is accepted that this happens at harvest time, but lorries have increased in size and weight over the years. Exiting the farmland onto Edward Bennifer Way is not possible due to the area not being suitable. Cllr Kilham felt that this year's potato harvest was a one off and size and frequency of vehicles*

would not be repeated. However, the PC feels this is a matter to be monitored and await a petition organised by the resident and will support any ways in which disruption could be minimised to village – to be discussed further at the next meeting.

## 8. Finance

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|---------------|--|------------------|
| BALANCE b/fwd |  | £67,211.92       |
| 002022        | CGM - Sept/Oct   | 360.29           |
| 002023        | PKF Littlejohn - Annual Audit                                | 240.00           |
| 002024        | Total Gas & Power - Oct                                      | 980.85           |
| 002025        | CPRE Annual Membership                                       | 36.00            |
| 002026        | Jet Reach - Village Bins Nov                                 | 40.00            |
| 002027        | SLCC - Annual Membership                                     | 166.00           |
| 002028        | R Curtis - Dec Salary  | 509.60           |
| 002029        | R Curtis - Expenses  | 9.12             |
| 002030        | R Curtis - Expenses - Veolia, Nov                            | 59.71            |
| 002031        | R Curtis - Broadband contribution - back dated to 01/04/2020 | 234.00           |
|               |  | <b>£2,635.57</b> |

Made Up As Follows;

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Saffron Building Society             | £14,198.61        |
| Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver) | £41,105.83        |
| Lloyds Current A/C                   | £ 9,271.91        |
|                                      | <b>£64,576.35</b> |

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Councillors were given finance sheets to begin considering the precept. Awaiting tax base information from the Borough Council and a decision will be made at the January meeting. Initial thoughts are that given the financial difficulties many people have experienced this year, a rise if any should be kept to the absolute minimum.

Cllr Border explained that the Clerk is entitled to claim for Broadband and telephone line expenses as per her contract. Cllrs unanimously agreed that £6 should be paid weekly and this should be back dated to April 2020.

## 9. Highways

Thanks to the Rangers for promptly dealing with many issues around the village.

## 10. Wootton Park

- Parking on match days is still a cause for concern amongst residents close to the Park. Cars are being parked by owners giving little consideration to access and road safety. The football club are aware of this and are trying to get matches altered to lessen the amount of people on the Park at a time. It was thought another sign to point to the car park would be a good idea, Clerk to liaise with Highways.
- Still trying to get a meeting with Sustrans to look at the cycle path and restrictors.
- Cllr Nockolds is trying to find out about lighting on the cycle path.

**11. Street Lighting** - Nothing to report

**12. Planning**

*Applications considered –*

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20/01725/F - 41 Carlton Drive North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3QY - Support

20/01646/F - Proposed alterations to dwelling and construction of detached garage and store at 5 Meadow Close North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PU - Support

- *Decisions received from BCKLWN – None*

**13. Village Hall**

- The Hall committee have put a Christmas tree up outside the Hall to add some festive cheer despite all events being cancelled at the moment. They are looking forward to restrictions easing next year and event planning once more!

**14. The Village**

- Thanks to Cllr Nurse for attending the Remembrance Day wreath laying on 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- Since the last meeting Councillors have reviewed examples of speed cushions and considered their impact on the speeding/parking issue outside North Wootton Academy. Councillors feel that money would be better spent on putting towards a car park scheme within the Academy grounds to get cars off the road and make it safer. This has been previously discussed with the Headmaster and Cllr Marshall-Grint suggested that representatives from the Parish Council speak to Mr Grimsby to discuss further and meet with the trustees in person. Councillors agreed to move forward with this course of action and submit a parish partnership bid next year to help fund this. To be discussed further.
- Two rubbish bins need replacing near the bus shelter on Priory Lane.
- It has been noted that some people are still putting their household rubbish in the litter bins.
- The Rotary Club are looking to engage with the PC in the Spring on some projects around keeping the village tidy – litter picking etc.

**15. Open Forum** – nothing discussed.

**15. To confirm any items for the future agenda**

- To set the 21/22 precept
- Consider the road haulage issue and receive petition from resident
- To consider the specification for the grass cutting contract for 2021

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

..... Chairman

Date 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021