

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

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

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

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

1. Apologies - None

Declarations of Interest - None

2. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2020 be accepted.

3. Matters Arising - None

4. Law and Order

- Nothing to report

5. Open Forum

Cllr Nockolds reported Lily will be providing support to people during Lockdown 2.0. The Borough has submitted its Town Investment Plan bid to the Government to provide funding for training and skills initiatives for young people in the form of a Creative Hub in the town. Heritage sites in the town would also be enhanced. Funding has been received for a School of Nursing to run from the College of West Anglia in partnership with the Queen Elizabeth hospital.

6. Correspondence

NALC

Formation of a co-operative

NALC has now become a co-operative and each Parish Council who subscribes has become a shareholder. A representative from each PC needs to be submitted by 20th November, who will be eligible to vote on behalf of the PC.

Councillors to read the information sent by the Clerk and a volunteer is needed by the deadline date.

7. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd £68,593.76

Less -- Chq No

002012	R Curtis – Expenses – Veolia	95.98
002013	Westcotec – Replacement Lamp	258.00
002014	CGM – Sept	360.29
002015	Total Gas and Power Ltd	888.51
002016	Westcotec – Oct	250.48
002017	Jet Reach, Bins - Oct	40.00

002018	R Curtis, Salary, Nov	509.60
002019	R Curtis – Expenses inc Veolia	108.76
002020	BCKLWN – Newsletter Printing	76.72
002021	Westcotec – Nov	250.48

£2,838.82

Income

SWPC Recharge	1,341.90
Wayleave	115.08

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£41,105.83
Lloyds Current A/C	£11,907.48
	£67,211.92

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

8. Highways

- Bad potholes outside Wyndham House – Clerk to report again.
- Overhanging tree branch on the speed sign on Priory Lane, Will to look at.

9. Wootton Park

- There has been flooding again near to the pavilion. The PC wishes to thank a member of the public who has cleared the dyke to help the problem and the rest was done by the Community Payback team.
- Pavilion – SWPC gave the go-ahead for the Pavilion to be painted dark olive green. The guttering work needs to be completed first then painting can start – this will be done by volunteers at the football club.
- Verti-drain work has been completed by CGM.
- Still trying to finalise work on the bug hotel with North Wootton School, it is difficult to organise at present due to so many Covid restrictions.
- 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 matter has been reported to the Police who have said it is not illegal to park on the pathway and drivers are not inclined to use the car park in case they get boxed in.. However, this is now a persistent problem and residents find it inconsiderate and anti-social behaviour by those parking their cars in this way. Will is to draft a letter to the Club bringing this to their attention again.

10. Street Lighting - 2 lights out on All Saints Drive – Clerk to report.

11. Planning

Applications considered - None

- *Decisions received from BCKLWN* – None

- 20/00961/F - 26 Little Carr Road North Wootton KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE30 3RQ - Extensions and alterations to cottage - Application Permitted

- 20/01262/F - School Farm The Green North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RD - Removal of existing triple garage and construction of new single storey side extension - Application Permitted

The enforcement team will look at the overhanging structure on the Green.

12. Village Hall

- Since the announcement of the second lockdown from 5th November, all events have been cancelled including the next Farmers Market and the Christmas Fair. The hire for yoga lessons has also stopped until further notice.

13. The Village

- *Quotes for re-surfacing work to road alongside the Green*

To be revisited in the Spring.

To consider placing a bus shelter at the stop on Manor Road

Councillors had considered the correspondence sent from the public consultation which appeared in the Autumn newsletter. Thirteen replies were in support and 3 replies against. Figures from the bus company showed that although there was a huge decline in the summer due to Lockdown, numbers are increasing showing 80 people used the stop in the month of September and 100 used the stop in October averaging 2/3 people per day. It was agreed that this equates to a small percentage of people in the village. The proposal was considered and Councillors discussed the potential of vandalism, the issue of cost, (estimated at £7-8k) and how this equated to best value for money, in ensuring the precept was used to benefit the most number of people in the village. Some Councillors felt that public feeling is that the Parish Council don't 'do' anything and Councillors should be aware of this. Cllr Edwards proposed that the shelter should be built and this was seconded by Cllr Simpson. There then followed a vote – 4 Councillors were in favour of the shelter and 5 were against. Therefore the PC will not proceed any further with this project.

To consider a traffic calming scheme on Priory Road

The speed of traffic along Priory Lane has been a cause for concern for sometime, it is an issue of road safety which has been raised by many residents. The Clerk made enquiries with the local Highways engineer in the summer to see what measures could be put into place to help with this issue. The NCC road safety engineer suggested a localised traffic calming scheme within a 300m vicinity of North Wootton Academy, creating a 20mph zone and 3 traffic calming features, including a pair of speed cushions on each approach and a central speed table, which would also act as an aid to pedestrian crossing movements. The total cost would be £15-20K, but with a successful Parish Partnership bid submission, the PC would fund around £10k. Several Councillors felt that this would be a positive use of a large sum of the precept reserves as it would benefit the village as a whole and create a safer area around the School. Clerk to obtain some detailed information from Highways and circulate to Councillors so that a vote can take place at the next meeting to make the deadline for a Parish Partnership submission.

The PC thanked Wendy for cleaning the war memorial, and Cllr Nurse volunteered to lay the wreath on 11th November.

14. Open Forum – nothing discussed.

15. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- To confirm the Parish Partnership bid for the traffic calming measures
- To begin considerations for the 21/22 precept budget
- To consider the specification for the grass cutting contract for 2021.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.

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Date 3rd December 2020