

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, County Cllr Nick Daubney,  
1 member of the public

**1. Apologies** – Cllr Lamb, unwell –apologies accepted. Late apologies received from Cllr Simpson.

**2. Declarations of Interest** - None

**3. To co-opt a Parish Councillor**

It was thought that there may have been an applicant, but they did not come forward. It was noted that there are 2 vacancies and Councillors should actively encourage anyone who shows an interest in a Councillor position.

**4. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be accepted

**5. Matters Arising**

- The Memorial token will be presented at the next PC meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- Awaiting a quote from Westcotec for the replacement light column for Tyndale.

**6. Law and Order**

- PC Dave Allcock will be holding a Street Surgery at the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 5-6pm.
- There have been reports of a nuisance motor cyclist in the area, Clerk to forward residents email to the Police.

**7. Open Forum**

- Bor Cllr Nockolds reported that the Borough Council have been carrying out initiatives and work relating to environmental improvements in line with COP26. These include installing ground source or air source heat pumps and solar panels to its leisure buildings.. One electric vehicle has been purchased and all Borough buildings will have their light bulbs changed to more energy efficient ones.
- County Cllr Daubney reported that there are some grant opportunities for road improvements and road safety. There was some discussion about which funding might be the most suitable to apply for if the PC agrees to purchase a SAM 2 sign, (item 16). Cllr Daubney to follow up.
- A member of the public said that lorries are speeding past the School at more than 30mph and asked if it would be possible to ask for some speed checks to be done in the area. Clerk to follow up.

**8. Correspondence**

- Two items of correspondence from a resident highlighted the problem with HGV's in the village and the difficulties of them manoeuvring through a residential area. There have been 2 recent incidents where vehicles have caused damage to walls at the top of Station Road. Residents are reporting health problems associated with the noise especially late at night. It was agreed that the size/frequency and timing of the vehicles and their routes needs to be addressed. It was suggested and discussed that there could be an alternative route to and from the farmland via Kilhams Way, although it was recognised that the tracks currently may not be suitable for such large vehicles. The Parish Council agreed to make contact with the 3 land owners whose land the existing track goes through to open discussions for this idea. Cllr Marshall-Grint to take this further. Cllr Daubney said he had not appreciated the extent

of the problem and would take this up with Highways and the road authority at County.

- Cllr Cox and Merrey were concerned at recent news reports that MPs had voted in favour of sewage to be released into the country's rivers. There was some debate over the exact details of the vote and how our local MP James Wild had voted. Clerk to write a letter of concern over this and to highlight the issue.

## 9. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£76,167.19
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002107	Came & Company Insurance	1,676.42
002108	PKF Littlejohn	240.00
002109	CGM – Cutting Greens and WP	175.75
002110	TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd – Sept	778.02
002111	Jet Reach – Oct	50.00
002112	R Curtis – Expenses	277.79
002113	R Curtis – November Salary	535.60

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**£3,733.58**

## Income

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£52,267.40
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 5,921.53
	<b>£72,433.61</b>

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The Audit has been returned with no issues.

## 10. Highways

- A previously discussed a caravan tow bar is encroaching onto the pavement from a property on Cranmer Ave, Clerk to follow up.
- There are 3 potholes to report, past Scout Hut on Station Road, Cranmer Ave junction and Nursery Lane near Roythornes – Clerk to follow up.

## 11. Wootton Park

- The car park area will be resurfaced at the end of November which means that a total of 28 cars can be accommodated in any weather.
- The transfer plan has been agreed between South Wootton Parish Council and Hopkins Homes for the sale of land at Sandbach Road. Now awaiting solicitors to complete the sale and then the area will be open for parking.
- The infant play area refurbishment scheme is ongoing and now awaiting decisions from grant applications before proceeding further. The project is being supported by the Tesco blue token fundraising scheme in store.
- CCTV system is due to be installed at the end of November.
- Drainage issue on the Park especially around the Pavilion is becoming more evident as the weather is getting wetter. Cllr Border is in touch with a specialist drainage company as the work needed to be done is more complex and technical than originally thought.
- Tree Planting will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December on the new path edge of 9 Acre Field with the kind assistance of the Rotary Club.

## 12. Street Lighting

- A replacement unit has been installed outside Holly House. It was noted that this lamp will be the same as the new ones to be used all round the village.
- Awaiting quote for new column to replace one damaged at Tyndale, it was agreed that this is essential work which will need to be completed and agreement of the quotation can be done via email.

## 13. Planning

- Applications considered
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21/01899/F - 18 Wheatley Drive - Demolition of existing garage/conservatory, proposed single storey front/side extensions, detached single carport and widening of existing access - Support

21/01937/F - 17 The Howards - Extensions and Alterations to dwelling with ground works made good where incidental to the development proposals - Support

21/01993/F - 7 Wheatley Drive - Demolition of existing side extensions. Construction of 2 storey side extension and single storey front - Support

21/02056/F – Nordean, Ling Common Road – Extension - Support

- Decisions received –  
21/01756/F – Glenn Cottage, 1398 Nursery Lane – Extension – Application Permitted

### **- To review the situation with the planning application for the House on the Green**

After the application was refused in the summer, the building and land still stands empty. It is not known if the applicant will appeal the decision. It was suggested by a resident that the PC could contact the developer to try and arrange a meeting and find out what their intentions are, however Councillors felt that given previous experiences the suggestion would not be met favourably. There are concerns about the Health and Safety aspect of the building and Cllr Nockolds will make enquires at the Borough.

### **- Planning Briefing Sessions at the Borough Council**

Briefing sessions will run on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Councillors to contact the Clerk if they are able to attend.

### **- Update on the Telecom mast Application on Wootton Park**

The Parish Council has submitted an objection in support of local residents who do not wish the mast to be placed on Wootton Park. It was noted that South Wootton PC have supported the application.

## 14. Neighbourhood Plan – to hear an update on work relating to this

A diagnostic call with AECOM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October and a follow up call for technical support for design will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Following this, the Clerk will contact the Consultant for guidance on the next step in the process.

## 15. Village Hall

- Bookings remain consistent with regular hirers and also parties and functions.
- The Christmas Market will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- An external socket has been fitted to the Hall, which will prove useful.

## 16. The Village

- The Parish Council agreed to the purchase of the land at Priory Lane for £3,000 with the removal of the condition that NCC carries out works to the culverts and ditches. Clerk to confirm agreement with Norfolk County Council and contact Hayes and Storr to act on the PC's behalf for the purchase. Thanks goes to Simon Landles for his valuation and input.
- The Parish Council considered 3 quotes for the resurfacing of pothole areas on the road beside the Green. It was agreed to go with Harris Contractors at a cost of £1,500.
- Parish Partnership Funding – In response to the issue of speeding in the village, the Parish Council

agreed to bid for a SAM2 speed sign from this grant unless Cllr Daubney suggests another fund may be more suitable.

- Clerk will collect the new 'HGV Turn Left' sign tomorrow and Cllr Kilham will put up.

**17. Open Forum** – None.

**18. To confirm any items for the future agenda** – none at present

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

..... Chairman

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021