

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Councillors Nurse, (Chair), Border, Lamb, Kilham, Simpson, Edwards, Harper, Cox, Merrey

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, 3 members of the public

**1. Apologies** – Cllr Marshall-Grint, family matters, accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest** - None

**3. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be accepted

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Law and Order**

Cllr Harper attended the Zoom SNAP meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. The following matters were raised regarding the Woottons;

- Dirt bikes being ridden on Wootton Park – the culprits and their parents have been spoken to.
- There have been less reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Legal high canisters are still being found around the village, PC Dave Allcock has asked that any sightings of these should be reported.
- E-scooters have been spotted around the village, it is an offence to ride these on the road and Clerk will include some information about government legislation in the next newsletter.
- Speeding continues around the village, although this is not a priority for the neighbourhood team it was suggested that a good way for the village to tackle the issue is to form a speedwatch group. Clerk to try and gain some interest by including a piece in the next newsletter.
- It was highlighted at the meeting to keep reporting incidents as they happen.

**6. Open Forum**

- A resident asked when the car park at Sandbach Road will be opened. And she felt that the wooded area which is currently being partly used as a car park should be returned to its natural state. Cllr Nurse explained that the transfer land to SWPC from the developer is being dealt with by solicitors and is due to be completed imminently. The car park would then be open from dawn till dusk and appropriate signage needed to advise non locals where to access further parking. There followed a discussion about car parking and what measures have been tried by the PC and Wootton Park to minimise disruption to residents close to the Park on days when the Football Club hold their matches. Kings Lynn Soccer School are now using North Wootton Academy so there are less cars at the weekend, however the number of matches being played on some days by the Woottons Football Club is creating a lot of traffic and it was agreed that they need to manage parking more effectively. Clerk to write to the Football Club and remind them that residents are still being inconvenienced by football match parking and patience is running out.
- A resident suggested vinyl stickers could be stuck on wheelie bins to ask motorists to slow down for ducks, similar to those which state 30MPH. The PC agreed and will get some printed.
- Cllr Nockolds asked if the PC could advertise the lily scheme which is helping people who are lonely.
- Norfolk and Norwich festival are holding a cycling event at the Customs House and the light projections are now visible around the town.
- Bids for CIL funding will open again in January 2022.

**7. Correspondence**

- A resident – complaint about care parking – dealt with in item 6.

- Headteacher at NWA – offering to do litter picking work on Wotton Park with the PC
- NALC – Memorial Token to be given to the PC to mark how the community came together during the Pandemic.

## 8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£81,543.15
002098	Westcotec – July 21	250.48
002098	Westcotec – Sept 21	250.48
002098	Westcotec – Oct 21	250.48
002099	CGM – 01/07/21	307.75
002100	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	25.00
002101	CGM – August	802.70
002102	Jet Reach – Sept	50.00
002103	South Wootton PC – Recharge Mar-Sept 21	1,962.51
002104	R Curtis – Oct Salary	509.60
002105	R Curtis – Expenses	161.03
002106	Total Gas & Power Ltd	805.93
		<b>£5,375.96</b>

## Income

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£62,267.40
Lloyds Current A/C	£ -344.89
	<b>£76,167.19</b>

The Audit has been returned with no issues.

## 9. Highways

The pathways along Ling Common Road have been resurfaced.

## 10. Wootton Park

- There have been 3 requests for tree pruning from residents. One of which Will felt he needed a second opinion on. The tree officer at the Boroughs Council came to look at the tree overhanging a garden on the Pingles and said he felt it did not need any work. Will has informed the resident of this decision, and advised that any disagreement with the decision needs to be taken up with Mr Fisher. The other 2 requests can be carried out with a contribution from the residents.
- Mr Fisher advised that a tree survey is carried out every 2 years, the last one was done in 2019, so this will be actioned asap.
- Idea discussed to have a picnic in the park type event for the Queens platinum jubilee celebration either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The idea is to make it a community event and bring together North Wootton and South Wootton Parishes with contributions from groups in the village.
- Toddlers Play Area Project in progressing. Anita Howard has applied for £48,000 WREN grant, if the application is successful there will be a third party payment to be made. This will be met from the WPA (£1,000), SWPC (£2,632.32) and NWPC. Councillors agreed to NWPC share of £1,540.68.

## 11. Street Lighting

- Will has contacted Roy at Westcotec to give the go ahead for the light head replacements to LED.

- There was an accident involving a delivery van reversing into a concrete column outside 48 Tyndale which then fell into the front garden of 44 Tyndale. Westcotec have made the column safe and now await a price for a replacement.

## **12. Planning**

- Applications considered

21/01756/F – Glenn Cottage, 139 Nursery Lane, PE30 3QB- extension - Support

21/01126/F – 44 Woodland Gardens, PE30 3PX- extension - Support

- Decisions received from BCKLWN – None

Correspondence from Sinclair Dalby inviting comments about the application for the telecom mast on Wootton Park. The PC agreed to object in support of local residents and structure comments similar to those submitted for the previous application.

The PC agreed to send a letter to James Wild to comment on how PCs are feeling neglected and ignored in the planning process. Similar letters are to be sent by SWPC and Castle Rising PC.

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

Grant funding of £5,900 has been applied for with Locality – awaiting decision.

## **14. Village Hall**

- There are many bookings being made with several regular clubs booking into next year.
- The recent bingo night was attended by 62 people with £409 being raised for the Hall.
- There are 7 tickets remaining for the Indian Night.
- An event for the Queens Platinum Jubilee is being organised for the 4<sup>th</sup> June, a grant has been applied for and many activities planned including entertainment and a beacon lighting.
- The committee are ready to submit a planning application for the porch. It was agreed that this will be done in the name of the Parish Council as they will benefit from a cheaper fee.
- The PC agreed to buy the Christmas tree for the Hall to put up outside the front - £18.

## **15. The Village**

- An offer of £3,000 has been submitted to Norfolk County Council to buy the triangle of land on Priory Lane, awaiting consideration by the Director of Property.
- Clerk is obtaining quotes for filling the pot holes on the by road at The Green.
- The tree surgeon has quoted £200 to trim some limbs off the tree on The Green which are overhanging School Farm. Clerk to notify resident and ask for a contribution of 50%.
- The HGV sign is missing from the Church wall at the top of Station Road, Cllr Nurse and Cllr Kilham to follow up.

## **16. Open Forum – None.**

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

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

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Date 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021