

Wootton Park Association Meeting
7.00pm - Tuesday 25th January 2022
held both in the South Wootton Parish Council Office and via Zoom

MINUTES

1. **Present:** **In the Parish Office** - Will Border (Chair), Wendy Border, David Price, Roy Williamson.
Via Zoom - John Marshall-Grint, Bridget Nurse, Simon Wells, Moira Kirby, Neil Gotsell, Anita Howard (from 7.20 onwards). Minute taking: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

2. **Apologies** – Elizabeth Nockolds, John Marrow, Tracey Cornwell, Claire Harper, Diana Gotts

3. **To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 23rd November 2021**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters Arising** - None

5. **Correspondence**

Following on from correspondence received and discussed at the last meeting, a resident had written in to put the idea forward again that owners who wish to exercise their dogs off lead use only the 9 acre field. David Price said that the field is in the ownership of South Wootton PC and at present they do not know what their plans are for its use. The Committee discussed the idea of encouraging dogs to be exercised off lead on this area and their position had not changed since the last meeting. It is believed that owners will continue to use the whole of the Wootton Park area to exercise their dogs both on and off their leads and exclusions cannot be enforced. The amount of dog foul that is not cleared up was noted again and signage will be put up to help combat this. Clerk to respond.

6. **Public Participation** - No members of the public were present

7. **Finance**

The WPA cashbook has a balance of £2,246.98. Current spend to date on the Wootton Park Running Costs account is £8,922.18. The 2022/23 budget of £13,030 has been agreed.

8. **Football Club Report**

Training and games have started again after Christmas. There are some funding opportunities from the Football Foundation which the Club would like to apply for, one of which is Pitch Funding. If received this could pay for some of the grass cutting during the season and also help towards the costs of verti-draining. To proceed with this application the Club would need an assurance from the WPA that their lease will continue for at least 5 years. To show a commitment from both parties of sport being encouraged and continuing on the Park, Bridget proposed that the lease is confirmed for 5 years, this as seconded by Roy and unanimously agreed. On behalf of the Football Club, Neil thanked the WPA and NW and SW Parish Councils for their work and funding to resurface the car park area, this has made a big difference by opening up the area and more people able to use it.

9. **200 Club**

Draw taken
on 116
members.

<i>Winners for December</i>	<i>Winners for January</i>
1 st Prize, £46.40 – S Skipper	1 st Prize, £46.40 – N Day
2 nd Prize, £34.80 – S Higgins	2 nd Prize, £34.80 – D Price
3 rd Prize, £23.20 – Mrs Hayley	3 rd Prize, £23.20 – M Nurse

7.20pm - Anita Howard joined the meeting at this point.

10. **Pavilion and Park**

Feedback on Infant Toddler Play Area Work

Anita confirmed the FCC grant of £48,000 has been awarded and she is awaiting the last of 3 quotes for the work. The Committee confirmed that Anita, Diana and Bridget would choose the equipment to go onto the park depending upon budget. It was discussed whether the Community Payback team could take down the old equipment as this would save on costs. A minimum of £500 will come from the token collection at Tesco, awaiting confirmation of exactly how much will be awarded. Anita has applied for some CIL funding from the Borough Council. It is hoped that the project will be completed by June, in time to incorporate the opening and publicity with the Queens Jubilee weekend celebrations.

Publicity for the Car Park Project

Following completion of the car park project and as part of the conditions of funding, there needs to be some publicity for the completed scheme. Rachel will organise a sign and Moira will organise a photographer to take some photos.

Discuss Any Ideas for a Potential CIL Application Grant in Jan

Following on from discussions with the Football Club, Will said he would try and submit an application for funding to refurbish the changing room area of the Pavilion, introducing separate male and female changing areas and a managers room.

Cycle Inhibitors - John Marshall-Grint has sought some guidance on a replacement for the cycle inhibitors. There is a document for cycle infrastructure design, but the Committee agreed that finding a design that is fit for purpose, fit the space and also allow access for mobility scooters is proving difficult. Further discussion required.

11. Community Payback Work

There are a good number of team members attending the Park each week, with some useful skills.

12. Green Fingered Volunteers

This has been closed off now for the current season, plan to open sessions again at Easter.

13. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

- Discuss any work requirements that have been raised

None received.

- Tree Survey

Survey has been completed and awaiting the report, this may highlight some work to be done.

– Tree Planting

Ten trees have been purchased with the 200 Club funds and awaiting suitable weather to plant. One of the commemoratives events suggested for the Queens Jubilee is planting 7 trees, one for each decade of the Queens reign. It was thought that this would be a nice idea and trees could be planted in a circle – possibly apple trees near the toddler park.

14. Future Events – Platinum Jubilee Weekend

A Picnic in the Park style event will be held on Friday 3rd June. Will has sent emails to groups with little response as yet. He has also applied for Lottery funding. Anita to promote on the Facebook page to engage interest in stall holders/community groups.

15. Any other business

- The Football Club summer tournament will take place 16th/17th July. Parking has been organised with the School.
- Car Park at Sandbach Road – SWPC are still awaiting solicitors to finalise the transfer of land from Hopkins.

16. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 29th March 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

..... Chairman

Date: 29th March 2022