

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint, (Chair), Border, Cox, Merry, Harper, Edwards, Lamb, Kilham

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

**1. To accept any apologies**

Cllr Nurse and Cllr Simpson - holidays - apologies were accepted.

**2. Declarations of Interest – None**

**3. To co-opt a new Councillor** – Jim Blood had written a letter of application to become a Parish Councillor and attended the meeting to say why he wanted to join the PC. He has lived in North and South Wootton for over 30 years and has a career history of the military and logistics. The PC followed its co-option process and unanimously voted him onto the PC.

**4. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 be accepted.

**5. Matters Arising** - Nothing to report.

**6. To review and adopt the Parish Councils policies and procedures for 2022**

These had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting and unanimously agreed to be adopted.

**7. Law and Order**

- A recent attempted break in via a side wooden gate on Station Road. The police were made aware.
- Cllr Simpson attended the recent SNAP meeting and reported the hedge fire on All Saints Drive, there have been some other occurrences of hedge fires in the past few months which is concerning. A reminder to always report incidents to the police.
- Car Parking continues to be an issue on match days at Wootton Park, Cllr Nockolds said she would speak to the enforcement team at the Borough Council about this.

**8. Open Forum**

- Cllr Nockolds said there is now a Welcome Room at Kings Court for refugees coming to Kings Lynn from the Ukraine. An officer has been appointed to inspect any home which has been offered to help house people. Support is also being given by the Ask LILY service and the Hanseatic Union.
- There has been a good response to the 'Caution, Duck Crossing stickers', with many being handed out to residents of both North and South Wootton. Drivers appear to be taking notice.
- The bike restrictors are now a cause for concern as they are corroding badly. Action: Cllr Nockolds will chase up NCC to see if these can be removed as a matter of urgency. There was discussion as to a replacement option. Cllr Border explained that trying to conform to legislation with the space available on the pathway is proving difficult, therefore the space will be left open for a while to see if any problems occur.
- The woods behind Woodland Gardens have been very wet. It was mentioned that Sally Bettinson had agreed to clear the culvert prior to the PC purchasing the triangle of land from NCC, this will be followed up.

**9. Correspondence**

- Cllr Marshall-Grint made the PC aware that there are letters being delivered to NW residents to invite them to join the app 'Next Door'. This seems to be a genuine app, offering community support

and information to those who join.

## 10. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£52,362.20
002161	Westcotec – Mar 22	250.48
002162	Total Energies – Feb 22	1,158.62
002163	BCKLWN – Winter 22 Newsletter	126.62
002164	BCKLWN – Dog Bin Emptying	691.60
002165	CGM – Wootton Park Nov/Dec 21	348.00
002166	Jet Reach – Mar 22	50.00
002167	R Curtis – April Salary	544.70
002168	R Curtis - Veolia	135.06
002169	Groundworks – N Plan Grant Repayment	1,509.66
		<b>£4,814.74</b>

## Income

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£22,267.40
Lloyds Current A/C	£11,035.38
	<b>£47,547.46</b>

The PC unanimously agreed to appoint Liz Manning as the internal auditor for the 21/22 accounts.

## 11. Highways

- There are still holes at the end of Cranmer Ave and the road surface is breaking up at the end of All Saints Drive. The Clerk explained that NCC appear to have altered the intervention criteria, allowing holes to get bigger before they are repaired.

## 12. Wootton Park

- The newly planted trees at the end of Cranmer Ave are healthy and being watered regularly.
- The Community Payback team are now attending the Park on a project basis instead of every week.
- The application for CIL funding for the Pavilion changing rooms was unsuccessful. Cllr Nockolds gave a breakdown of the points awarded for the application.
- SWPC has agreed that the 9 Acre field will be left for wildflowers and wildlife for the time being.
- The green fingered volunteers will start up again in the next month or so to carry out work on the Park.
- The Environment Group at North Wootton Academy have designed posters to try and stop people letting their dogs foul on the pavements.
- The dog waste bins are filling up quickly and require emptying more frequently.

## 13. Street Lighting

- The lamps are being replaced with LED's. Action: Clerk to enquire with Westcotec as to when the project may be completed.

## 14. Planning

- Applications considered – none
- Decisions received – 21/02056/F - Extension at Nordean Ling Common Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk – Application Permitted.

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

Three hundred survey responses were received. The steering group met on 4<sup>th</sup> April to discuss the feedback. It was clear that residents do not want to see any more development and to maintain green

spaces, habitats etc. Further work now needs to be done - initially in the following areas - Green Spaces, Green Corridors, Footpaths and Local Views. The aim is to involve the community in this next step of evidence gathering ready to prepare policies for the plan. It was acknowledged that many comments made about the village are unable to be incorporated into the Plan as they do not relate to planning issues, but these community actions will be taken forward either by the PC or referred to other groups. The PC thanked Nigel at Meadow Stores for collecting the paper copies on behalf of the PC.

#### **16. Village Hall**

There is currently £36,000 in the bank account and bookings are solid. The village market continues to be successful and there is a flea market on 17<sup>th</sup> April. The jubilee beacon lighting planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the party at the Hall for the 4<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **17. The Village**

- **Access onto the Marshes** - There has been a positive response from one of the landowners who is open to discuss the issues the PC and residents have regarding the haulage vehicles travelling through the village. Councillors agree that this should be pursued, however it was noted that this is only one of three parties and it could take some time to try and bring together everyone and find a solution.

#### **18. Open Forum**

The car park at Sandbach Road is still not open. It was agreed to include a monthly update in the minutes on the progress of this.

#### **19. To confirm any items for the future agenda**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting before the Annual Meeting of the PC on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The June meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the eventing of the beacon lighting for the Queens Jubilee.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

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Date 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022