

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint, (Chair), Border, Kilham, Merry, Harper, Lamb, Simpson, Nurse,

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

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Edwards – holiday, Cllr Cox - illness –apologies 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 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 be accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising**
  - There are still 2 vacancies on the PC, Councillors to encourage anyone interested to find out more.
  - Positive comments have been received from the letters sent to landowners re the haulage access. Clerk to re-send letters to engage further.
  - Hayes and Storr have been appointed as the PC's solicitors to handle the purchase of the Priory Lane triangle of land.
  - An application for funding has been submitted for speed gates, await further news from Cty Cllr Daubney. Cllrs liked the suggested wording – 'Conserve Nature, Drive Carefully'.
- 5. Law and Order**
  - Nothing to report at this meeting. The next SNAP meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> Jan via Zoom, Cllr Simpson agreed to attend.
- 6. Open Forum**
  - Road traffic police have recently carried out some speed gun sessions within North and South Wootton.
  - There is survey to complete to choose artwork for the Boal Quay, Clerk to circulate to Cllrs.
  - Bor. Cllr Nockolds said how positive it is to see so many people attending the village markets and Christmas market at the village hall. She was impressed by the community spirit being shown in the village. Cllr Marshall-Grint thanked her for her kind words.
- 7. Correspondence**
  - None received.

**8. Finance**

BALANCE b/fwd		£67,780.63
002128	Veolia	83.30
002129	FCC Recycling -0 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payment	1,538.68
002130	NRPC – FOI Clerk Training	24.00
002131	Harris Road Contractors	1,800.00
002132	Westcotec – Dec 21	250.48
002133	Total Energies – Nov 21	1,236.19
002134	Jet Reach – Dec 21	50.00
002135	MC Nurse – Shingle Work, WP car park	1,680.00
002136	MC Nurse – Resurface WP car park	17,836.80
002137	Collective Comm Planning - NPlan	1,440.00

002138	R Curtis – Clerk Salary – Dec 21	535.60
002138	R Curtis - Clerk Salary – N Plan	23.52
002138	R Curtis – Expenses	10.20
		<b>£26,508.77</b>

#### Income

Neighbourhood Plan Grant	£5,300.00
Made Up As Follows;	
Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£22,267.40
Lloyds Current A/C	£10,059.78
	<b>£46,571.86</b>

#### To agree the Precept for 2022/23

Councillors considered the budget reports prepared by Cllr Border and considered the expenditure which the PC will incur in the next financial year. These include, the difference in cost of replacing the streetlights to LEDs after grant funding, purchase of the Priory Lane triangle of land and increase in ongoing costs such as grounds maintenance and general village upkeep. Cllr Simpson proposed that the precept should be increased by 5% to £42,899.14 and this was seconded by Cllr Nurse. This will increase a Band D property from £47.20 to £49.56 per year. The majority of Councillors agreed, with one objection.

#### 9. Highways

- There is flooding occurring on the Church corner near Station Road, Clerk to follow up and report.
- The caravan is still parked in the drive of 10 All Saints Drive, the tow bar causing an obstruction, Clerk to follow up with Highways.

#### 10. Wootton Park

- The funding request for Wootton Park play area has been awarded, just under £48k.
- Trees have been ordered for planting, funded by the 200 Club – now awaiting suitable weather to plant with the help of the Rotary.
- The Community Payback team have completed building a new bridge on Wootton Park over the dyke near the Pavilion. They have done a great job and the Clerk will write to them on behalf of the PC to say how pleased they are with the work.

#### 11. Street Lighting

- Nothing to report

#### 12. Planning

- Applications considered - None

**House on the Green** – the architect from Vertex Architecture has approached the PC to ask to speak to Councillors regarding a new application for 5 houses on the site. It was agreed to invite him to come to the February PC meeting.

**Knights Hill** – A positive meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> December with Borough Council and NCC officers where David Goddard, Ben Colson and NW and SW representatives put forward their concerns regarding the traffic issues that will occur from the Knights Hill development. Mitigation discussed included bus routes, cycle paths and traffic light configuration.

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

The first steering group meeting was held via zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Evidence Base document was discussed and a timeline plan for the project. The next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, face to face in the village

hall to discuss the resident's survey and plans for consultation.

#### **14. Village Hall**

- The Christmas Fair made £1,200 and village markets continue to be successful.
- The bingo nights continue to be popular.
- £3,250 grant has been obtained for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. A beacon will be lit on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a party/social event is planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- The wheelie bin which is emptied by Veolia is now not big enough for all the rubbish from the Hall when it is busy and the contents of the village bins. Cllr Border proposed to replace the bin with a bigger one and this was agreed.

#### **15. The Village**

- Cllr Border presented some examples of new notice boards to replace the wooden ones in the village. These are becoming beyond repair and rotten. Three replacement boards at like for like size at a total cost of £4,755 were agreed.
- There has been persistent parking on the Green again, Wendy will let the Clerk know the residents address to send a letter.

#### **16. Open Forum – None.**

#### **17. To confirm any items for the future agenda – nothing at present.**

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

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Date 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022