

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2022 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, 3 members of the public

1. To accept any apologies

Cllr Kilham – Attendance at family funeral - apologies were 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 3rd February 2022 be accepted.

4. Matters Arising

- Councillor Vacancies – a resident had shown interest, however work commitments will prevent him from making application.
- The Clerk has received dog fouling stickers from the Borough Council. North Wootton Academy have taken this on board as a project and the children will be producing posters to try and encourage dog owners more responsible and clear up after their pets.

5. Law and Order

- Nothing to report since the last meeting.

6. Open Forum

Mr Hanson attended the meeting to ask for clarification as to why the PC had objected to his planning application (21/02056/F). Cllr Cox said the Planning Committee had based its objection on the fact that the neighbours had concerns about the extension. Cllr Simpson felt that the PC should support concerns of parishioners. Cllr Nurse suggested that moving forward Councillors should ensure they look at properties ‘in person’ when an application is considered. The Clerk will in future submit comments to the Borough via an emailed memo, this will avoid her name being attached to the planning comment, which could cause assumptions being made as to who is making the comment when viewed on the Borough Council website. Mr Hanson apologised to the Clerk for the content of the email sent to North Runcion Parish Council which brought the matter to the attention of the Clerk.

7. Correspondence

- A resident wrote to Cllr Marshall-Grint to thank the PC for the ‘round up of 2021’ in the newsletter and for everything the PC does. Councillors gave Mrs Goddard a round of applause for her kind words.

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£51,712.74
002149	A Lamb – Duck Stickers	300.52
002150	Westcotec – Feb 22	250.48
002151	Total Energies – Jan 22	1,349.96
002152	South Wootton PC	935.73
002153	Kings Lynn Signs – W Park	97.44
002154	Jet Reach – Feb 22	50.00
002155	Collective Community Planning	1,740.00
002156	R Curtis – Salary – Mar 22	535.60

002156	R Curtis – Salary – N Plan	117.60
002157	R Curtis – Expenses	112.86
002158	BCKLWN – Autumn 21 Newsletter Printing	84.91
002159	BCKLWN – N Plan Survey Printing	142.15
002160	R Curtis – N Plan & Pay Award 21/22	271.35
002160	R Curtis – Veolia	104.68
		£6,093.28

Income

WPA – Contribution for WP Car Park	£1,000.00
SWPC – Contribution for WP Car Park	£1,500.00
SWPC – W Park Recharge	£4,242.74

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£22,267.40
Lloyds Current A/C	£15,850.12
	£52,362.20

9. Highways

- The Clerk has reported the potholes along Nursery Lane, thought to be left from work done by either BT or British Gas.
- There are potholes on Edward Benefer Way and Ling Common Road, the Clerk to report to the respective Parish Clerks.
- Cllr Cox said that the car park at Tesco Express is due to be re-surfaced soon.
- Cllr Simpson reported again the narrowing of the usable pathway on the corner of Ling Common Road, Clerk to report again to Highways.
- The Clerk reported she is trying to assist a resident in getting some work done to a tree which is growing on what appears to be on an unclaimed piece of land near to his property. The tree has become overgrown and the resident would like reassurance as to who is responsible for its upkeep. This is on the footpath between All Saints Drive and Gregory Close – work on this is ongoing.

10. Wootton Park

- Seven trees have been planted in the Park with a further 3 to be planted with the help of the Rotary Club.
- The car park is now complete and the sign is up to show thanks to the Borough Council for their CIL grant. It is planned to take some photos to publicise further.
- The condition of the cycle restrictors is getting worse; it was agreed for the Clerk to ask Highways to remove them asap.
- Cllr Border has submitted a bid for CIL funding to update the changing rooms at the Pavilion.
- A bid for £3,000 grant funding for Picnic in the Park has been successful.

11. Street Lighting

- Light out, column 89 on All Saints Drive.
- Clerk to email Westcotec to enquire about the following; new lights at Gregory Close and Tynedale not connected. Lighting beam from new lamps at Hayfield Road/Priory Lane not level.

12. Planning

- Applications considered –
21/02056/F - Extension at Nordean Ling Common Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk – Object – see open forum item above.
- Decisions received –

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

The Design Code document has been received and AECOM has begun work on the Housing Needs Assessment. Responses from the survey are good – as of 28th February – 76 responses had been received online and 27 paper copies collected.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors that many non-planning comments were being made on the survey. Councillors agreed that although these will not be relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan, they should be collated and considered at a future meeting as these are important thoughts from residents. The survey will close on 19th March 2022 and the Steering Group will meet on 4th April to discuss the results.

14. Village Hall

- Cllr Harper said that the farmers market was reluctantly cancelled on 19th Feb due to the high winds, but bookings remain consistent, the balance in the bank account currently stands at £36,136.

15. The Village

- The Duck Signs have been put up to warn drivers to be careful and be aware.
- Ideas were discussed as to where 7 trees could be planted for the Queens Jubilee, Cllr Merry suggested at the end of Cranmer Ave. Councillors thought this was a good idea and will be progressed further.
- The Parish Council agreed to employ CGM as its grass cutting contractor for the 2022 season, Cllr Border asked that the contractor is aware of the inclusion in the contract of the piece of grass near Fredrick Close.

16. Open Forum

A resident who attended the meeting said he would be interested in applying for a Councillor position, Clerk to forward details.

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda – Review of policies and procedures

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

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