

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint, (Chair), Border, Edwards, Lamb, Simpson, Blood, Kilham, Lemmon,

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds

1. The Parish Council held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the death of the Queen. Cllr Marshall-Grint informed Councillors that Mr Malik who had been a Parish Councillor for many years passed away last week and he was in our thoughts during the minute's silence also.
2. **To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Nurse, Merry, Harper, Cox - apologies were accepted.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – None
4. **Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 1st September be accepted.
5. **Matters Arising**
Cleaning of the pyramid, Priory Lane – this is still to be completed.
Purchase of land at Priory Lane – Awaiting an update from the solicitors – Clerk to chase.
Reduced time of illumination of streetlights – Westcotec have provided a quote for altering the streetlights which would enable them to be switched off at midnight and then back on again at 5am, this would cost around £7,000 to update the lamps with this timer. This would give the PC a saving on its electricity costs, it recognised that a change such as this would require public consultation to seek residents views before discussing further: **ACTION: Clerk will include a piece in the next newsletter**
North Wootton Sign Refurbishment – **Cllr Kilham will ask a local firm if they are able to help**
Weedkilling on the Highway – Following on from the announcement that NCC would only carry out weedkilling once a year due to budget cuts, it was suggested last month that the PC could volunteer to undertake this on another occasion during the year. The Highways Engineer said there are many health and safety issues to be considered and would not advise any Councillors to undertake this.
Water Management - An officer from the Water Management Alliance has been in correspondence with the Clerk to give an update on the work they are doing in the village, especially on Marsh Road. Clerk to include a piece in the next newsletter on this matter.
6. **Law and Order** - Nothing to report.
7. **Open Forum** –
Cllr Nockolds said that the Borough Council has opened a public consultation on changes to King's Lynn riverfront and the Southgates and encouraged as many people as possible to take part and give their views.
8. **Correspondence** – None received

9. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd		£50,939.00
002218	Total Energies – Aug 22	912.26
002219	Jet Reach – Aug 22	50.00

7,126.79

12/08/22 Go Fund Me Toddler Park 19.17

Made Up As Follows;

10. Highways

11. Wootton Park

£2,500 – Picnic on the Park

£2,000 – WPA 200 Club

£1,000 – Wootton Park Account

£1,500 – North Wootton PC

£500 – North Wootton Village Hall

At the recent Wootton Park meeting South Wootton PC could not confirm its contribution of £1,500 or the £500 from South Wootton Village Hall. A request had been made to Cllr Duabney to help with their funding, but a response had not been received.

The Clerk has looked at further funding opportunities for the NWPC, but any monies awarded are generally for funding of projects which are yet to be completed. Bor Cllr Middleton has offered £500 and Cllr Blood said that he may be able to obtain £4,000 from his employer which the PC thanked him for. It was agreed that the Clerk pays the Wicksteed invoice and then send out invoices for the contributions already agreed.

- Cllr Border has been investigating an online scheme to enable people to sign up to the 200 Club, further work required.

- The paint for the Pavilion has been purchased and volunteers are completing the work.

- Cllr Border is considering putting in an application for the refurbishment of the changing rooms in the Pavilion, however it is unsure as to how much match funding would be required and if SWPC would be in a position to make a contribution to this – further thought and discussion is needed on this.

- The Woottons Football club lease has been renewed which will help them obtain a grant from the FA to help with the ground maintenance over the five year period, this will be worth about £40,000, which will benefit the Park.

- Car Parking has been an issue again – Cllr Border and Cllr Marshall-Grint have attended a football club meeting and reiterated that management of parking is in the terms of the Football Clubs lease and should be taken seriously and monitored and handled so that residents are not inconvenienced on match days.

12. Street Lighting - Covered in matters arising.

13. Planning

Applications considered –

22/01034/F – Little Haven, Ling Common Road, PE30 3RE, Erection of double car port with gym and study area – This planning application had been submitted to the Borough Council and then subsequently withdrawn as part of the area of application is in agricultural land. The applicant asked the PC to consider the application

in principle and after some discussion it was agreed that the PC would support the application when re-submitted to the Borough Council.

20/01492/F – Lodge Cottage, North Wootton, PE30 3PZ – conversion of flat to dwelling and construction of 4 new dwellings – The PC considered this application and will object on the following points – overdevelopment, detracts from linear development along Manor Road, highways issues, more traffic will be generated and if approved a precedent may be set for future developments in the area.

- Decisions received

22/01282/F – 24 The Howards, North Wootton PE30 3RS – Proposed 2 storey extension on each side of the detached property and front extension single storey – Application Permitted.

22/01126/F – 15 Ford Ave, North Wootton – New dormer window to front and rear – Application Permitted.

22/01196/F – Marsh Farm Cottages – Single storey extension – Application Permitted.

Update on telecom mast on Wootton Park – there has been a non material amendment to the application which did not require PC comment.

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

Cllr Simpson gave an update – the first draft of the plan has been reviewed and the steering group now have some work to do to complete areas relating to local views, local green spaces and non-designated heritage assets within the village. Next meeting – Monday 17th October.

15. Village Hall

As well as the regular events being held there is a curry night on 22nd October and the Christmas Fayre on 3rd December. The finances are healthy and CIL funding of £20,000 has been received to help with the cost of the porch project.

16. The Village

- Village Gateway signs – The Clerk and Cllr Lamb met with the Highways officer on 15th Sept, to discuss suitable placing for these. Suitable locations were suggested -

Ling Common Road, at the boundary with Castle Rising westbound on both sides of the carriageway. Cost £1,722.95 plus £500 installation.

All Saints Drive, just before Bede Close facing northbound traffic on the southbound side of the carriageway. Cost £1,204.13 plus £250 installation.

Priory Lane, near North Wootton Academy, both northbound side of the carriageway and southbound. Cost £1,482.21 plus £500 installation.

Funding has been obtained for £4,000 towards the cost of this scheme and Cllr Border proposed that the PC meets the remaining cost and goes ahead with the purchase and installation at the above locations. This was seconded by Cllr Kilham and unanimously agreed.

- SAM 2 signs – the following positions have been agreed in principle with the Highways officer, Ling Common Road, outside Nordean – 2 positions to face in either direction.

Priory Lane, outside the village hall – facing traffic coming from Ling Common Road.

All Saints Drive, near the noticeboard at the layby at the pedestrian entrance to Wootton Park.

All Saints Drive, opposite the North Wootton sign facing traffic coming from South Wootton.

Funding has been obtained to cover the cost of this project and Cllr Simpson proposed that the PC goes ahead with the purchase of the SAM2 unit and installation of posts at the above locations and Cllr Marshall-Grint seconded this and unanimously agreed. Cllr Blood has volunteered to move the sign and take the reports and feedback to the PC each month.

17. Open Forum - Cllrs Border and Lamb will take down the duck crossing signs later this month and Cllr Blood has offered to store them in his garage over winter.

18. To confirm any items for the future agenda – none at present

The meeting finished at 8.48pm

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