

MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2023 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Edwards, Harper, Blackmore, Lamb, Simpson

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Paul Bland, Borough Cllr Richard Coates, County Cllr John Crofts, and 1 member of the public.

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Merrey, Blood, Nurse, Cox, Lemmon - 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 7th September 2023 be accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising**
Parish Council Meeting with Leader of the Borough Council – Terry Parish – Leader of the Brough Council invited the Chairs of the Parish Councils to a meeting to see how communication and working together can be improved. Cllr Marshal-Grint attended and said it was a useful forum and hoped that actions will be taken from the issues that were discussed. He recognised that each Parish in the Borough will have different needs, but contact with the Borough in this way can only be of benefit. It is hoped that there will be another meeting in 6 months.
Priory Lane Land Purchase – No further update at present.
Hedgerows on Nursery Lane – these have not been cut, Clerk to chase up landowners.
- 5. Law and Order** – Cllr Simpson attended the last SNAP meeting and had no issues locally to report. However, speeding is an issue in both West and North Norfolk. The best way to report anything to the Police is via email unless it is an urgent matter then call 999. It was noted that motorcycles have been ridden across the Park again recently, this will be monitored.
- 6. Open Forum** – Cllr Crofts reported that he has received correspondence regarding flooding in the area. He has a Locality Members Fund, which can offer support for Highways projects. At a recent Full Council Meeting at NCC a question was raised regarding the data breach by Norfolk & Suffolk Police after mishandling sensitive information on victims, suspects and witnesses, some of which related to domestic abuse. The Leader of the Council informed me this was merely ‘a blip’!
- 7. Correspondence**
 - Cllr Coates has had a response from the Borough regarding the tree in Hugh Close, which has been accepted as belonging to the Borough, however, the land that it grows in is not. The tree will be placed on the Boroughs annual inspection list to monitor.
- 8. Finance – to agree the payments list presented at the meeting**

Balance Brought Forward		36,819.05
Less:	Payments	
Online	P Witt – Sept 23	75.99
Online	Total Energies – Aug 23	1,905.60
Online	CGM – Sept 23	814.20
Online	Gallagher – Insurance Premium	2,132.45
Online	R Curtis – Salary – Oct incl N Plan	687.13
		5,615.37

Add Income

Made up as follows

Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	174.00	
Lloyds Current A/C	883.85	
Lloyds Treasurers Account	30,145.83	
		31,203.68

The payments above were approved.

9. Highways

- There is a car parked on the grass verge on All Saints Drive which has a For Sale sign in the window. Cllrs are not happy that the car is there and asked the Clerk to contact the owner who lives at 2 Kebble Close.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border gave an update on the following-

- A charity event was held on the Park on 23rd September, organised by a third party. Although assurances were sought about there being an event plan there were issues with car parking on the day and some litter being left behind. There is now some feedback to take to Wootton Park Association to discuss and possibly create a procedure for 3rd Party events – further feedback to be given to the PC on this.
- The monkey bars have been taken down after being flagged up as an issue on recent safety inspections.
- No decision has been given from the Borough Council regarding the application for CIL funding for the drainage works. The decision may come later this month and therefore possibly too late to give the go ahead for the week to be scheduled in and done by the contractor before the bad weather sets in.
- There is some more tree surgery to be done.
- Cllr Marshall-Grint gave an update on the Telemast agreement. There has been another meeting with NW and SW PC's and the Borough. The following points in the agreement with Cornerstone were discussed;
 - There is enough money to fund payment of solicitors to act on behalf of the PC's
 - Discussions were had regarding the site rent for the compound, suggested £250 per week.
 - The location of the compound was looked at.
 - Tree pruning will need to be done, but only in agreement with the PC's and in conjunction with the tree survey for the Park.
 - Access onto the Park would have to be agreed and the times at which work is done to be arranged by the PC's.
 - The orientation of the base on the mast was discussed as it seems to protrude on one corner onto the pathway to the Anglian Water compound. It was suggested that it could be rotated to be parallel to the pathway.

Cllr Border wished to thank SWPC for their help with this.

- The Football Club have approached the WPA with an idea for rebuilding the pavilion. This was discussed at the last WPA meeting and it was agreed that there is much discussion to be had over the legalities of this including the fact that NW and SW PC's lease the land from the Borough Council and if the building project went ahead who would then take ownership and maintenance of it. Funding/grants and financial aspects would also need to be considered. As the idea is in its early stages, further discussion is required.

11. Street Lighting - none

12. Planning

- Applications to Consider
23/01485/F – Re-modelling of existing dwelling together with new porch and erection of 2 no. dwellings at 27 Little Carr Road, PE30 3RQ

Cllr Coates confirmed he has called this application in so it will be considered at a planning committee meeting. The PC has only submitted comments and concerns so far, but Cllrs unanimously agreed to send a letter of objection and siting reasons linked to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Knights Hill Application Update

A meeting was held with NWPC, SWPC, CRPC and Kanda on Monday 18th Sept to look at some of the Conditions on the Knights Hill application regarding access and Reserved Matters. Kanda were receptive to ideas which the PC's presented to them which made for a positive meeting. The Public Transport remains a big issue which will be discussed at a separate meeting on 17th October.

Cllr Marshall-Grint proposed that Ben Colson speaks on behalf of NWPC at the planning committee meeting in November regarding Reserved Matters on the Knights Hill application – this was unanimously agreed by all Councillors.

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

Following the Regulation 15 documents being sent to the Borough Council for their review, the PC has been informed that the process can now proceed to Regulation 16 where copies of the draft will be placed in public places – local libraries and the village hall for inspection by the public and then subsequent examination.

14. Village Hall

- The AGM has been held and the officers remain in their positions. The roof work is underway and quotes are being considered for an internal repaint. Finances are healthy, the framers markets continue to be successful and planning is well underway for the Christmas Fair.

15. The Village

SAM 2 Sign - As Cllr Blood was not at this meeting, so there was no update for this month.

Village Sign – this is now complete and in place and some positive feedback has been received. The commemorative plaques need to go back on and one to be created for 2023. It was thought that some sort of opening ceremony/ribbon cutting would be nice .

The PC's website has been hacked and several indecent messages posted on it. Maintenance of the site has now been taken on by NALC who are working to resolve the issue.

16. Open Forum

Cllr Coates has been notified on the issue of flooding on Manor Road, this is being looked in to.

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda

None at present

Dates of Meetings

Thursday 2nd November 2023, 7th December 2023.

The meeting finished at 8.17pm

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Date 2nd November 2023