

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Simon Ring, Borough Cllr Richard Coates, and 4 members of the public.

**1. To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Nurse – prior engagement, Cox, Blackmore – ill health - apologies were accepted. County Cllr John Crofts.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be accepted.

**4. Matters Arising**

*Hedgerows overgrown on Nursery Lane* – the Clerk has been in contact with the landowner who is chasing this with their tenant requesting they are cut back. Cllrs felt that all landowners/farmers should be reminded of the need to keep their hedges cut back so that pathways and roads are clear.

*Station Road, Dykes* – Cllr Marshall-Grint felt that the work done to investigate the drainage of the dykes in this area which was looked at by the Water Authority is picked up again. Clerk to follow up.

*Cars For Sale* – There has been several occurrences where cars are being parked on grass verges in the village and being advertised For Sale, although there are none in situ at present, Councillors thought it would be a good idea to make PC Dave Allcock aware of the situation.

**5. Law and Order** – Nothing to report at present, Cllr Simpson said the next meeting will be after Christmas.

**6. Open Forum** – Cllr Ring reported on the following:

Castle Rising PC have voted to proceed with an application for a 30mph speed limit through the village. He urged North Wootton PC to get together with Castle Rising and South Wootton PC to formulate a joint approach to traffic calming measures, especially with the increase in traffic using Ling Common Road, All Saints Drive/Priory Lane etc as a rat run when the access is being built for the Knights Hill Development. There could be some money available for this from the CIL funding from the Borough.

In his absence – County Cllr Crofts had sent a report which had been circulated to all Councillors.

**7. Correspondence**

- A resident had asked if it would be possible to plant some daffodil bulbs on the Green outside the old post office in memory of his grandfather who was a North Wootton resident and part of the group responsible for planting the trees and original bulbs there many years ago. Councillors agreed to this, Clerk to respond and agree the best place to plant them.

**8. Finance – to agree the payments list presented at the meeting**

Balance Brought Forward	31,203.68
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<b>Less:</b>	<b>Payments</b>
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Chq 002259	CPRE – Annual Subscription	36.00
Online	PKF Littlejohn External Audit	504.00
Online	Veolia – Sept 23	105.17
Online	R Curtis – Nov Salary	652.88
Online	P Witt – Village Bins	70.00
Online	Hayes + Storr	900.00

Online	Hayes = Storr	258.60	
Online	North Wootton Village Hall	16.62	
Online	CGM	678.96	
			3,222.23
	<b>Add Income</b>		
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			<b>27,981.45</b>
	<b>Made up as follows</b>		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	174.00	
	Lloyds Current A/C	883.85	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	26,923.60	
			<b>27,981.45</b>

The payments above were approved.

The external auditor has passed the accounts for 22/23.

- 9. Highways** – Cllr Lemmon reported that recent rain has left flooding in the road and pavements on Meadow Close. Clerk to follow up with Highways.

## **10. Wootton Park**

Cllr Border gave an update on the following-

- The CIL application for funding the flood alleviation works near the Pavilion was successful. Unfortunately it was not approved in time for the work to commence before the ground got too water-logged. It is planned to be done early in the Spring when any damage to the grass etc will

- 11. Street Lighting** – Lamp out – no 49, o/s 32 Hayfield Road.

## **12. Planning**

- *Knights Hill Update*

The Borough Council planning committee will meet on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Reserved Matters. Ben Colson will represent the 3 parish councils. In recent weeks there has been positive communication between the Parishes and the developers. However as disappointing response from NCC regarding the provision of a bus route to service the new development, it is hoped that a private company would pick up this service when completed. Cllr Ring gave a summary of the history of the application moving through the planning process and reiterated that the impact to North Wootton will definitely be the main road running through the village becoming a rat run to and from the A149.

- 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
- This application has been called in and will be determined at planning committee. There is much concern as to the level of work which has been completed on site without consent being granted. Two nearby residents attended and expressed concern over the cutting down of trees apparently without a tree survey being carried out, the movement of the perimeter fence and its proximity to a public right of way, standing water on site, capacity and possible overwhelming of the sewage pipes with 2 new dwellings proposed. The Parish Council is unhappy as to how this matter has progressed without the application being given approval and has objected. Cllr Coates is looking into this matter and will report back at the next meeting.

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

Cllr Harper gave an update - Regulation 16 is now being followed, there are copies of the draft plan on the

Borough Council website and one in the village hall. This consultation will finish on 24<sup>th</sup> November and we await feedback as to how this stage has progressed.

**14.Village Hall**

- The Christmas Fair is being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and plans are well underway for this. There was a recent successful Curry night and the last bingo was well attended with over £300 profit made.

**15. The Village**

*SAM 2 Sign* – Cllr Blood gave some feedback on the data from the sign placed in 5 locations around the village. The average volume per day is 1,100 vehicle movements with the peak volume being between 3.30 and 4.30pm. The average time that vehicles exceed the 30mph limit is between 10pm and 5am. The average speed is around 25.9mph. It was noted that the display is faulty at times and Cllr Blood needs to take the machine to Westcotec at Dereham to be recalibrated.

*Village Sign* – the plaque is being engraved at a cost of £45.

*Jubilee Bench* – this has been oiled and ready to put in its position.

*Purchase of Land at Priory Lane* – The legalities of the purchase are progressing, the Clerk is in receipt of the transfer deed and overage deed which will be signed by the Clerk and Chairman and returned to Hayes and Storr.

*Remembrance Sunday* – Cllr Nurse has volunteered to lay the wreath on behalf of the PC.

**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**

Initial precept calculations

Knights Hill Update

Little Carr Road Update

**Dates of Meetings**

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 followed by a Christmas social

The meeting finished at 8.53pm

..... Chairman                      Date 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023