

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

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds and 1 member of the public and 2 representatives from the Woottons Football Club.

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Harper and Blood – prior engagements - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 be accepted.

**4. Matters Arising**

*Purchase of land at Priory Lane* – No further update from Hayes and Storr.

*North Wootton Sign Refurbishment* – Councillors had considered the quotes and examples of work from the contractor. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for the fibreglass sign.

*Overhanging Trees at Linnymead* – It is believed that UK Power Networks have attended the site and carried out some work, however the owner of the property at Linnymead has said no work was carried out.

ACTION: Clerk to contact UK Power Networks again for an update.

*SAM2 Unit* – This was delivered just before Christmas. Awaiting posts to be installed by Westcotec and then training can be carried out and the unit put into operation.

*Village Gateway Signs* – Update from the Highways Officer, awaiting delivery and installation by the contractor.

*Defibrillator Grant* – Cllr Border had approached the owner of the Red Cat to enquire about putting one on his building on Station road, but this was met with a negative response. ACTION: Clerk to contact the

Church to ask if they would be willing for it to go there.

*Duck Signs* – these need to be put up in the next month.

- 5. Law and Order** – There is some graffiti on the skate board ramp on the Park, this has been reported to the Police and a crime number allocated.

**6. Open Forum**

- Cllr Nockolds had sent an alert re village hall bookings, a warning message to only accept if you know the person as people are booking for raves.

**7. Correspondence**

- A resident contacted to raise concerns about chemical air pollution in the village which he had reported to the Borough Council over the course of several years. Councillors agreed that this was beyond the remit of the Parish Council, but the Clerk to follow up with the Borough.

**8. Finance**

BALANCE b/fwd	£16,273.35
	222.
002252 R Curtis, Veolia and expenses	62
002253 Total Energies – Jan 23	2,404.07

Online	Westcotec – Feb 23	250.48
Online	Collective Community Planning	1,740.00
002254	R Curtis – Salary – March 23	588.03
002254	R Curtis – N Plan	272.37
		<b>5,477.57</b>
<b>Income</b>		
03/02/20	VAT Refund	14,452.40
		<b>14,452.40</b>

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£0.00
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£174.00
Lloyds Current A/C	£1,768.06
Lloyds New Account	£23,306.12
	<b>£25,248.18</b>

## 9. Highways

- Potholes at Nursery Lane, all Saints Drive junction – *ACTION: Clerk to report.*
- Concern over GPO inspection covers being broken up with continued access from Broadband companies working in the area at the moment. Hole and fencing is still up at the corner of Manor Road. *ACTION: Clerk to follow up.*
- A parent/child sign is due to be positioned outside the pedestrian gate at the Church.

## 10. Wootton Park

- A date has been set for Picnic on the Park – 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- Neil Gotsell and a colleague from the Woottons Football Club attended the meeting to discuss the car parking situation on match days. There are still issues on some weekends with people not using the car park and continuing to park on Cranmer Ave, Bede Close and All Saints Drive grass verges. Neil explained that the club are doing all they can to promote use of the car park, by putting out social media posts, letting the Away managers know of the arrangements for parking, putting cones out on the road sides and volunteers acting as parking marshals. Car sharing/cycling and walking to the Park are also encouraged. Problems occurring include, people moving the cones to park on the side of the road, people not going into the car park to see if there are spaces due to possibly not knowing where to park in there, and marshals being verbally abused. The car parking signage which was put up on the lamp post at Cranmer Ave has been stolen. It is impossible to enforce no parking on the pavements as it is not illegal. In a bid to overcome these difficulties Cllr Border suggested at a recent WPA meeting that that the car park could be marked out with concrete or log edging to create designated spaces to encourage use of the car park. The football club have recently bought more cones and will replace the stolen signage. Volunteers are reluctant to come forward to marshal parking as many are attending the day to watch their children play. The idea of moving matches was briefly discussed but Neil said that if fixtures are not fulfilled they could incur a financial penalty from the League. The PC thanked the club for their work on this and encouraged them to continue in educating parents of where and how to Park. It was noted that there is a big positive impact on the children who play at the Club with over 67% coming from the Woottons area.

## 11. Street Lighting

There is a light out at the corner of Priory Road – Clerk to report again.

## 12. Planning

23/00071/F - Retrospective Erection of a farm building, at Land At E 564666 N 325257 Off Ling Common Road – support.

22/01492/F - Conversion of nursery and flat to dwelling, and construction of 4no. dwellings with garages at Nursery School Lodge Cottage Manor Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk  
- In this revised plan the objection to the building near the tree has been addressed. The PC would like to seek the views of the neighbour and echo their views before making comment. It was noted that Councillors are disappointed that there is now no nursery provision in the village.

- *To discuss the telemast proposal for Priory Lane*  
- The telecommunications provider has asked the Borough Council if a planning application is required for placing an 18m mast on the triangle of land at Priory Lane. This is the area of land which the PC is in the process of purchasing from Norfolk County Council. The PC objects to a mast being placed here, the area is hoped to be a green space for the village to enjoy and the location of the mast is in the sight line of motorists coming in and leaving Woodland Gardens. Clerk to write to the Borough Council to object.
- *To hear an update re access to the Knights Hill development*  
Cllr Marshall-Grint attended a meeting hosted by Kanda the developers at Knights Hill. This was to discuss the temporary access to the development prior to building works commencing. Awaiting confirmation of points raised at the meeting.

- Applications Permitted -

22/02169/F – 24 The Howards, PE30 3RS - VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION  
22/01282/F: Proposed two storey extension on each side of the detached property and front extension single storey

22/02200/F - 31 Carlton Drive, PE30 3QY - First floor rear ext and single storey front ext

22/02237/F - 27 Carlton Drive, PE30 3QY - New pitched roofs to existing flat roof dormers

22/02200/F - 31 Carlton Drive, PE30 3QY - First floor rear extension and single storey front ext

Application Refused - 22/01942/F - Little Haven Ling Common Rd, PE30 3RE - Change of use of agricultural land and erection of a timber framed cart shed suitable for two vehicles adjacent to Little Haven property

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

A public consultation will take place between 13<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> May. Documents will be sent to stakeholders for their consideration and a survey will be open for residents to complete in the form of a hard copy and online. A consultation event will take place in the village hall on 25<sup>th</sup> March where information will be presented in the form of boards, posters and a powerpoint presentation. It was noted that the land east of Nursery Lane has been removed from the plan at the request of the landowner.

### **14. Village Hall**

- Cllr Harper reported that there are a good number of bookings from regular groups and parties/events.
- There is some work to be done to complete the new porch area.
- A survey is required for the roof and also the floor, this will be done in the next few months.

### **15. The Village**

- The Clerk has been unable to obtain a quote from CGM for the grass cutting contract. Cllr Nurse to follow this up.
- Cllr Border thanked everyone who volunteered for the tree planting.

### **16. Open Forum**

- The Clerk confirmed the Borough Council elections will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Councillors will be required to complete nomination papers to be re-elected to their positions on the Parish Council. Clerk to organise distribution of paperwork.

**17. To confirm any items for the future agenda** – Nothing at present  
Dates were set for the next meetings-Changes to the regular dates - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

The meeting finished at 8.55pm

..... Chairman      Date 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023