

MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2024 - held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton
This meeting followed the Annual Parish (Residents) Meeting

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Richard Coates, Borough Cllr Simon Ring and 1 member of the public.

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllr Cox, ill health, Cllr Lemmon, prior meeting. Apologies accepted.
Cllr Marshall-Grint reported he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Keith Simpson. The PC wished thanks to be recorded for the work Keith has done while on the Council and wishes him well in the future.
- 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 March 2024 be accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising** – The Clerk has made contact with the Water Management Alliance re the dykes along Marsh Road as they are becoming blocked again. Philippa who previously worked on this is happy to come out for another site visit and Cllr Border will take some photos to update her of the current situation.
- Before his resignation Cllr Simpson attended a meeting on the Walsingham Way – a detailed map has been produced with all suggested stops. In terms of finance they are looking to budget £120 k for 2 years and they have the support of Highways and also West Norfolk tourism services. It was agreed that another volunteer needs to be assigned to attend these meetings, this will be decided at the May meeting.
- 5. Law and Order** –
A meeting was hosted by NWPC on 14th March to discuss the speed and traffic management issues in the area with SWPC, CRPC and the Police. There was much common ground between the parties and 2 local residents who attended were very keen to set up a speedwatch group. It was agreed to arrange to meet again with the Highways Engineer to discuss possible solutions.
- 6. Open Forum** –
- After hearing Cllr Borders RFO report at the previous meeting Cllr Ring confirmed that the PC are not bound by any referendum rules or limits as to how much it can increase its precept by. As costs are rising and look to continue to do so, this will be taken into consideration when setting the precept next year.
- The Clerk had circulated Cllr Crofts report prior to the meeting and there were no questions on his updates.
- 7. Correspondence** – there was no correspondence for this meeting.

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

Balance Brought Forward		9,276.13
Year End		
Adjustment	Less - Poppy Wreaths – R Curtis	49.99
	Add - Interest on Deposit	55.06
		9,281.20

Less: Payments

Chq No:

Online	P Witt – Bins	76.99
Online	BCKLWN – Dog Bin Emptying	799.34

Online	NALC Annual Subs	502.02
Online	NALC – Website Fee	70.00
Online	Veolia – March 24	117.98
Online	R Curtis – Microsoft Subs	84.99
Online	R Curtis – April 24 Salary	631.37
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		2,282.69

Add:	Income		
	Precept Payment	46,474.00	
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			53,417.45
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Made up as follows

Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	229.06	
Lloyds Current A/C	482.21	
Lloyds Treasurers Account	52,761.24	
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The payments above were approved.

9. Highways – Nothing to report

10. Wootton Park

Snowdrops have been moved from the telemast site and re-positioned so they are not lost when the work starts.

The Men's Shed has indicated they are interested in helping out with jobs on the Park. Cllr Border will follow this up.

Cllr Merrey said he has some white paint which he would like to donate to the Park to be used in the Pavilion.

CGM has been unable to complete their first cut on the Park as the ground is still too wet. Cllr Border will request they use a smaller mower and just cut the football pitch only.

Preliminary work has been done to look at replacing the monkey bars with a trim trail, it is a good idea to obtain as much information as possible so that when funding becomes available it can be bid for.

11. Street Lighting –

Clerk to chase Westcotec re the light not working outside 32 Hayfield Road, as the fault is with UK Power networks to resolve.

12. Planning

No applications to consider

Application Decisions

23/02147/F – 18 Hugh close, PE30 3ST – alterations and extension to detached dwelling, including widening of driveway to provide additional parking

23/01485/F – 27 Little Carr Road – this application was refused at planning committee on the issue of Public Rights of Way – this application is now going to appeal.

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

Nothing to report at present. Awaiting comments from the examiner.

14. Village Hall

The floor needs some remedial work in the corners and the committee are awaiting quotes.

15. The Village

SAM 2 Sign –Cllr Blood presented the following information for March -
Position: All Saints Drive meets Nursery Lane (capturing vehicles coming from South Wootton)
Volume:
Daily average 1,153 vehicles
Peak hour: 17:00-18:00
Speed:
85th percentile: 30.3mph
Average speed: 25.8mph

The bench will soon be put into position under the Queens canopy.

16. Open Forum – Cllr Ring said there may be some funding available for the work on the Park to fund the trim trail. An expression of interest needs to be submitted soon. Details to be forwarded to the Clerk.

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda - Nothing to note at present.

Dates of Next Meetings - 9th May (a week later than normal due to local elections), 6th June

The meeting finished at 8.12pm

..... Chairman Date 9th May 2024