

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Simpson, Merrey, Blood

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Richard Coates, Borough Cllr Paul Bland, County Councillor John Crofts

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Cox, Lamb and Edwards, ill health, Cllr Nurse – prior meeting, Cllrs Lemmon and Blackmore – work commitments. Belated apologies Cllr Harper, family illness - apologies were accepted. Borough Cllr Simon Ring
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising** - None
- 5. Law and Order** –  
Cllr Simpson reported that at the last Police Priority Setting meeting the issue of speeding on Priory Lane was raised by 2 residents. There is concern about the speed and volume of traffic outside North Wootton Academy at school drop off and pick up times and the danger this poses for child safety. Cllr Crofts was also in attendance at the meeting and Cllr Marshall-Grint explained the measures the PC has explored previously to try and tackle this issue. These include trying to gather enough volunteers to start a speedwatch group by way of advertising for 2 years in the parish newsletter and looking at options for traffic calming measures. Both these ideas were previously met with a lack of resident support and therefore not progressed any further. It has been suggested that a zebra crossing could be installed, but the PC feels that the majority of the parking is the school side of the road leading onto St Augustines Way and Hayfield Road and therefore there is little parking and pedestrian movement the opposite side of the road. The PC installed a speed sign close to the school to re-inforce the 30mph speed limit with a flashing alert and have also purchased a portable SAM 2 sign which has a location in its rotation on Priory Lane. The PC discussed again the proposal and initial meetings had with the school and NCC to explore the possibility of an area of school land being made into a school car park/drop off point. Although at the last meeting correspondence was received from the headmaster stating that some focus groups within the school community had discussed this idea and they could see no significant benefit from creating this area which would leave Priory Lane clearer of parked cars, although it had been met with a positive response from trustees. Therefore the PC agreed to continue to pursue this with the school to see if this or any other configuration of land/ideas could be considered again. The double yellow lines in front of the school were also discussed. These were not re-instated when Highways previously carried out some surface dressing work. The Clerk had reported this to NCC in June last year and was told this was on their work programme to be completed. ACTION: Clerk to chase again. Cllr Crofts said that he knew of 3 volunteers who would now make up a speedwatch group.  
The PC agreed that this is an issue which needs to be monitored closely and as much done as possible to make the area safer.
- 6. Open Forum** –
  - Cllr Coates confirmed that the application for 27 Little Carr Road will go to planning committee for consideration on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. He has also visited 24 Ford Ave, re the application for the tattoo parlour and spoken to the neighbours.
  - Cllr Crofts had sent a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting, but mentioned again the depressing state of nhs dentistry in Norfolk. NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB is launching a 4-week period

of public and stakeholder engagement around long-term plans to commission NHS dental services in Norfolk and Waveney. This is a big issue affecting many Norfolk residents.

Cllr Simpson said he attended a meeting re the route of the Walsingham Walk, and it is now at the stage of finalising the projected route and looking at where signage is required. The next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## 7. Correspondence - None

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

Balance Brought Forward		16,950.50	
<b>Less:</b>	<b>Payments</b>		
<u>Chq No:</u>			
Online	P Witt - Bins Jan 24	110.99	
Online	Total Energies – Dec 23	2,922.92	
Online	SWPC Recharge June-Dec 23	1,120.16	
Online	R Curtis	701.22	
			4,855.29
<b>Add:</b>	<b>Income</b>		
	SWPC recharge	2,638.57	
			<u><b>14,733.78</b></u>
	<b>Made up as follows</b>		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	174.00	
	Lloyds Current A/C	482.21	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	14,077.57	
			<u><b>14,733.78</b></u>

The payments above were approved.

## 9. Highways –

- Clerk has reported the 30mph sign on the corner of Ling Common Road, but it has not yet been re-instated.
- Clerk has reported the dangerous tree branch on the corner of Nursery Lane, near Roythornes garage to the Castle Rising Estate.
- Cllr Marshall-Grint has reported some nitrous oxide canisters along the flat mile on the Marshes.

## 10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border said there was nothing to report and the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

## 11. Street Lighting –

The light is still not working outside 32 Hayfield Road despite the head being replaced. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Westcotec.

## 12. Planning

- 23/02147/F – Proposed alterations and extension to detached dwelling at 18 Hugh Close, PE30 3ST – no issues with this application – support.
- 24/00037/F – Extension to the front of the dwelling and minor alterations. Extend existing fence along front boundary at 2 Beckett Close, PE30 3QN – support.

To hear any updates on previously considered applications

23/02202/CU – 24 Ford Ave – change of use of garage to tattoo parlour – this has been called in by Cllr Ring and will be decided at planning committee, possibly March.

Telemast on Wootton Park – following another meeting with Tracey Brooker at the Borough Council and SWPC it was agreed that some items on the Heads of Terms agreement should be changed, notably to negotiate a higher wayleave payment. Details to be finalised and another meeting set up to agree these before going back to Cornerstone. Cllr Marshall-Grint suggested that any wayleave payment should go directly to Wootton Park funds instead of coming back to the PC’s. Cllr Bland said he would take this back to SWPC for their thoughts.

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

The Neighbourhood Planning team have appointed an examiner upon recommendation, Tim Jones. The Clerk has confirmed this with the Borough Council and we await his comments.

**14. Village Hall**

The annual accounts have been completed and are now with the internal auditor. The Hall has been nicely redecorated.

**15. The Village**

*SAM 2 Sign* –Cllr Blood presented the following information -

FYI - the January 2024 stats are as follows:

Position: NW village Hall (facing Manor Rd)

Volume:

Daily average 1,020 vehicles (>30% than Ling Common Rd) in December 2023.

Peak hour: 08:00-09:00

Speed:

85<sup>th</sup> percentile: 28.9mph (3.5mph lower than Ling Common Rd)

Average speed: 24.3mph

The clearance and maintenance of the ditches along Marsh Road are still outstanding, Clerk to follow up.

**16. Open Forum**

Nothing was raised.

**17. To confirm any items for the future agenda**

Nothing to note at present.

**Dates of Next Meetings**

7<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May (a week later than normal due to local elections)

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

..... Chairman                      Date 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024