

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2024 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Blood, Blackmoore, Edwards, Lemmon, Harper.

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Richard Coates. Jordan Cribb from Vertex Architecture, James Grimsby, Head teacher of North Wootton Academy, PC Dave Allcock

1. **To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Cox, Lamb and Simpson, ill health, Cllrs Nurse, Merrey – prior meeting, Borough Cllrs Simon Ring and Paul Bland
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 1st February 2024 be accepted.
4. **Matters Arising** – The Clerk has made contact with the Water Management Alliance re the dykes along Mash 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. The Clerk has asked for an update on the technical work undertaken NALC to clear the website of viruses.
5. **Planning Application 24/00092/F – Extension & Alterations to Public House, The House on the Green – Jordan Cribb from Vertex architecture to attend and answer any queries relating to his application**
Jordan reported that the construction work on the dwellings is progressing well. The current application to the Borough is for the renovation and extension of the public house. If approved, the owner is keen to ensure the longevity of the business and work to get the pub operational as soon as possible. Highways have noted that the planned 21 car parking space allocation does not meet their standard and due to the useable space of the building there should be 35 spaces. Jordan said that the plans would be amended to reduce the useable size upstairs to storage/office space to overcome this issue. The PC thanked Jordan for his time to attend the meeting.

Jordan left the meeting at this point.

6. Law and Order –

The issue of speeding and traffic management in the Woottons and Castle Rising is to be discussed at a meeting hosted by the PC on Thursday 14th March. Mr Grimsby attended the meeting and gave an update regarding the issues facing the School. The project proposal to take some of the school land and create a car park area has not been supported by the Local Authority. However there could be some support from the Trust for a drop off lane, but there is a question as to whether this would be used as the 3 younger year groups still need parents to bring them to the school gate and there would be staffing requirements for that in terms of safeguarding. The Clerk reported that the double yellow lines will be re-instated outside the school, but they only go from the corner of St Augustines Way, along Priory Lane to the North Wootton sign and do not extend along the whole frontage of the School. Application could be made to extend these further, but this is a costly legal process possibly up to £10,000 and it is felt that this would only push the problem of parking further out from the School and leaving the area in front of the School clearer could lead to more problems with speeding. PC Allcock reported that there have been several speed camera visits recently and only 5 tickets issued. There has been good engagement with the community and police observations show that speeding is a larger problem in a wider area and there has been suggestions that the speed limit is reduced to 20 mph near the school, there has been much posted on social media about this, and the SAM2 data which the PC are gathering can be used to support any application. It is known that a speedwatch group is being set up by the community; if this is formed PC Allcock said that the locations would need to be all around the village and not just concentrated outside the School. Cllr Marshall-Grint

said that the HGV traffic is also contributing to the problem, but it is felt that the PC has a good relationship with the farmers and hauliers now and are now much more approachable. It was noted that there has been positive feedback from parents regarding the considerate driving of Roger Warnes lorries travelling along Priory Lane at school time. It was concluded that all these issues and those in South Wootton and Castle Rising will be discussed at the meeting on 14th March.

PC Allcock gave a general update on the village to say that crime is low at the moment including incidents of ASB. This may be due to the Park being flooded, but it is hoped the trend will continue into the summer months.

7. Open Forum –

- Cllr Coates confirmed that the application for the tattoo parlour at 24 Ford Ave (23/02202/CU) has been granted permission from the Borough Council Planning committee for a period of 12 months. The application will be reviewed again after that.

8. Correspondence – the King Charles Coastal Path is now open which runs through North Wootton, although it was slightly unclear as to the exact location of the path from the maps sent through.

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

Balance Brought Forward		14,733.78	
Less:	Payments		
<u>Chq No:</u>			
Online	Collective Community Planning	1,139.53	
Online	Veolia – Jan 24	146.74	
Online	Veolia – Feb 24	117.79	
Online	Total Energies – Jan 24	3,223.60	
Online	BCKLWN Printing - Newsletter	69.35	
Online	P Witt – Village Bins – Feb 24	70.00	
Online	R Curtis – March Salary	690.64	
			5,457.65
Add:	Income		<u>9,276.13</u>
	<u>Made up as follows</u>		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	174.00	
	Lloyds Current A/C	482.21	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	8,619.92	
			<u>9,276.13</u>

The payments above were approved.

It was noted that the dog bin invoice is still to be paid from this financial year and will be processed once received from the Borough.

10. Highways –

- Clerk has reported the dangerous tree branch on the corner of Nursery Lane, near Roythornes garage to the Castle Rising Estate. One bough has been removed.
- Cllr Marshall-Grint has reported some nitrous oxide canisters near to Vinegar Farm on the Marshes.
- The tree overhanging Ling Common Road is becoming worse, Clerk to report again.

11. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported on the recent WPA meeting, the football club have drawn up some preliminary plans with options to refurbish and make alterations to the Pavillion. There is a need for a dedicated referees room as the

club progresses up in the league, so this has been incorporated and also moving the kitchen area to the back of the building to create a seating area at the front. Costings from builders is the next stage and to identify funding opportunities, the football club will report back to the next WPA meeting with an update.

The wild flower strips will be created this year with South Wootton in Bloom and the help from the Rotary. There is a new volunteer group which Will is going to make contact with to see if they can help with jobs on the Park.

The Heads of Terms agreement with Cornerstone for the Telemast is nearing conclusion, but there are still some details to confirm with SWPC as to how the wayleave payments will be paid to the PC's.

12. Street Lighting –

The light is still not working outside 32 Hayfield Road despite the head being replaced. The Clerk has obtained an update from Westcotec and there is a fault with the power source and UK Power Networks have disconnected the supply to the column while they work on the problem.

13. Planning

24/00092/F – Extension & Alterations to Public House, The House n the Green

After hearing from Jordan Cribb at the start of the meeting the PC agreed to support the application.

Application Decisions

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

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

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

15. Village Hall

Cllr Harper reported that finances are healthy and events well attended and successful. Cllr Blackmoore reported that feedback from the floor surveyor has come back positive, no work required and the floor is in sound condition. The surface could benefit from a sand and seal - quotes to be sought for that work to be done.

16. The Village

SAM 2 Sign – Cllr Blood presented the following information for February -

Position: All Saints Drive (capturing vehicles coming from Manor Rd)

The data is only 1-24 February rather than the full month - the battery must have drained quickly.

Volume:

Daily average 639 vehicles

Peak hour: 08:00-09:00 and 15:00-16:00

Speed:

85th percentile: 29.3mph

Average speed: 25.3mph

Cllr Blood also detailed an idea for an online project management system which could be used to record work done on projects which span several years. This would create a digital summary record of the Clerks file for ongoing projects and a timeline which would be easily accessible to new Councillors to view. ACTION: Cllr Blood to create an example file for the PC to look at.

17. Open Forum - Nothing was raised.

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

Dates of Next Meetings - 4th April, 9th May (a week later than normal due to local elections)

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

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Date 4th April 2024