

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026 - held at 6.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Blood, Scott, Harper, Lamb, Quick, Thomas, Hemeter and Blackmore Parish Clerk Rachel Curtis

Bor and County Councillor Simon Ring arrived at 6.45pm.

10 members of the public

To accept any apologies – Cllr Edwards

- 1. Declarations of Interest of Items within this agenda – Cllr A Thomas – application 26/00545/F - applicant**

- 2. Open Forum**

Comments from the public on application 26/00521/F

3.1 – *Resident of Julian Road whose property is at the end of the garden of 5 Gregory Close* - Wishes Gregory Close can be preserved as a place for people to downsize.

Their garden faces south west and enjoys the evening sun, the proposed extension will have an impact on the residents lifestyle in terms of entertaining in the summers evening as the late sun will be lost. There is also concern that overshadowing will prevent the natural warmth of the sun to heat up the conservatory, deeming it necessary to turn the heating on to comfortably enjoy sitting in there in the Spring and Autumn.

3.2 – *Applicant* – Willing to compromise and wants to fit in to the surrounding area. Does not wish to fall out with neighbours. Due care and attention has been given to create a plan which allows the most sunlight into neighbouring properties and reduce impact.

3.3 – *Resident of 4 Gregory Close* – concerned that the existing floor space of 67 sqm will increase to 178 sqm and will make the property out of character in the surrounding area, impeding on the neighbours and not appropriate for the setting.

3.4 – *Applicants mother* – her son wants to expand home for growing young family. Saw opportunity to buy property in North Wootton which was within his price range and wants to stay living locally in the village which led to the decision to extend his home.

3.5 – *Resident of 4 Gregory Close* – have considered relevant material planning considerations and included these in their objection namely, there will be a view of roofline from the end of their garden.

- 3. To consider the following applications**

26/00521/F – Single Storey side extension & new porch, 5 Gregory Cl, PE30 3SY

Prior to this meeting, the planning officer at the Borough has been in correspondence with the applicant and their architect. Revised plans have been drawn up with alterations to lower the roofline and the frontage to moved to be in line with the existing porch. This has been done giving consideration to the neighbours to increase the amount of sunlight their properties and gardens will get.

While Councillors looked at the draft revised plans provided by the applicant, their consideration and comments were based on the original plans available on the planning portal at the time of the meeting.

It was noted that the application has been 'called in' by Cllr Ring and Cllr Coates to be determined at planning committee which is likely to be early June.

The following points were raised and discussed:

- Although it is noted that this is a large extension, there have been 2 properties in the immediate area which have been extended, thus concluding there must be no covenants in place to prohibit extensions.
- The proposed plans show no conflicts with the North Wootton Neighbourhood Plan.

After much discussion Cllr Marshall-Grint proposed that the comment submitted to the Borough Council is 'no observations'. This was seconded by Cllr Border and unanimously agreed. The Clerk will include a note to state that the Parish Council is aware that the application has been called in and that residents' concerns have been noted.

26/00545/F – Demolition of conservatory, single storey rear extension at 60 All Saints Drive, PE30 3RY

Cllr Thomas left the room while Councillors discussed this application. There were not issues as the proposed footprint is the same as the existing one. Cllr Border proposed that the PC supports this application, seconded by Cllr Lamb and unanimously agreed.

The meeting finished at 6.50pm

Signed Date: 14th May 2026