

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026 - held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

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

Bor Cllrs Paul Bland and Richard Coates and Bor and County Cllr Simon Ring.

15 members of the public

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllr Hemeter - holiday, Bor Cllr Paul Bland
- 2. Declarations of Interest of Items within this agenda** - None
- 3. To agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 5th March 2026**
These minutes were agreed and signed by Cllr Marshall-Grint.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes –**
 - 3.1 – AWA – Correspondence received 1st April 2026 - A further section of sewer has been identified on the line near Manor Road that may have collapsed. Teams are currently carrying out investigations to resolve as quickly as possible. *Clerk to follow up and ask for an update after 2 weeks.*
 - 3.2 – Cruso & Wilkin – Correspondence received 6th March acknowledging the summary of matters discussed at the March meeting. Clarification was given that the lorries attending the Farm work as contractors for the purchasers of the Farms produce, therefore the Farm has little direct contact with the haulage contractors. Jonathan Fryer will speak with their client and feedback to the Clerk in due course. *Clerk to follow up and ask for an update.*
- 5. Law and Order –to hear any issues and updates from the PCSO & Police Liaison**
There is a persistent problem with e-bikes being ridden around the Park and surrounding roads in the village. Cllr Border has submitted photos to the police. Continuing reports are being made to the police regarding nitrous oxide canisters which are being found regularly, police are aware of the problem in this area. The next SNAP meeting is 27th April at SWPC Office at 7pm.
- 6. Open Forum**
 - 6.1 - Cllr Coates gave an update on LGR announcement that there will be 3 unitary authorities West, Central and East - with King's Lynn being the biggest town in the west area. There is another update meeting for the Knights Hill development in April.
 - 6.2 - Residents voiced their concern regarding the planning application for an extension to 5 Gregory Close. Neighbours feel they will be adversely impacted by the size of the extension and have already been in touch with Cllr Coates to explain their objections which include overshadowing and not in keeping with the neighbouring properties.
 - 6.3 - Electric bikes have been seen speeding along Ling Common Road.
 - 6.4 - Resident following up on their correspondence with the PC at the last meeting regarding the use of the Park by the Football Club. These matters were addressed at the recent WPA meeting held on 12th March and the Club subsequently made aware. The resident still feels there is more work to be done by the Club to ensure the space is kept tidy after finding ties and tape on the field after match weekends and a shredded drinks can laying in the grass after it had been cut. Parking issues are still

problematic with parents and players parking vehicles on the road and one being parked obscuring access to a fire hydrant. There is still a feeling that the Club is getting too big for the venue. *PC response –see Item 10.*

6.5 - Speeding vehicles are still a problem along Ling Common Road, suggestion that the PC tries to get enforcement officers to come to the area. *Clerk to follow up.*

7. Correspondence

7.1 - 11th March 2026 - Resident of The Green – Concern about the condition of the road adjacent to the Green. *Quotes for the work are being sought by the PC.*

7.2 - 12th March 2026 – Resident requesting a breakdown of the PC services provided for the cost of the precept. *Response sent by Clerk.*

7.3 - 18th March 2026 – Resident request for work to be carried out to a tree outside his property on Manor Road as a branch is interfering with a phone line cable. *Clerk has submitted a request to the Borough Council for permission to carry out the work as the tree is subject to a TPO.*

7.4 - 25th March 2026 – LGR update from the Borough Council. *Circulated to Councillors.*

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

Year End Adjustments 23,834.79

Less:

Voucher 13	Overpaid BCKLWN invoice, refund received	30.00
Voucher 48	R Curtis - correction to entry on cashbook	16.36
Voucher 65	P Witt correction to entry on cashbook	13.98
Voucher 73	Veolia - correction to entry on cashbook	142.65
17/03/2026	March Service Charge	4.25

Add:

P Witt - transaction in cashbook not paid at bank	70.00
NCC BACS Bus Shelter	6,912.00

Year End Balances

<u>Made up as follows</u>			
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)		234.98	
Lloyds Current A/C		68.57	
Lloyds Treasurers Account		30,306.00	
			30,609.55

The payments listed for April was agreed as follows

Balance Brought Forward 30,609.55

Veolia - PEB0161556 - 28/02/26 - Bins	135.55
Total Energies - 407976156/26 - 10/03/26	1,983.15
Peter Tree Surgeon - 259 - 23/03/26	1,100.00
Nurture - 1MD380523 - 31/03/26 - Grounds	753.19
P Witt - 086-088 - 31/03/26 - Bins	105.00
R Curtis - April Salary and Expenses	748.26
BCKLWN - BC110356787 - 10/03/26 - Newsletter	99.06
Landles - Valuation of land adjacent village hall	540.00
	5,464.21

25,145.34

Made up as follows

Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	234.98
Lloyds Current A/C	68.57
Lloyds Treasurers Account	24,841.79
	25,145.34

9. Highways –

Nothing to report.

10. Wootton Park Association

- The wildflower strips have been prepared and are ready to be sown in April.
- Thanks to South Wootton In Bloom for helping to move the snowdrops from the telemast area and planted on the South Wootton Strip.
- The planning application for a shed to hold equipment for the Football Club is progressing, the cost of the flood risk assessment and tree report costing £1,100 are to be met by the Club.
- Repairs are needed to the zip wire, Cllr Border proposed acceptance of the quote for £5,348.20 which will be split with SWPC, this was seconded by Cllr Blood and unanimously agreed. This quote is from a specialist company who installed the equipment.
- As stated in Open Forum Cllr Border has passed on the concerns raised by a resident to the Football Club about their use of the Park. He attended a meeting with Cllr Marshall-Grint to discuss matters with the Club, they plan to stagger matches to alleviate the parking situation, the coaches to take bins out at the end of each match to ensure the pitch is clear of debris. The PC will continue to monitor the situation and attend the Football Club meetings and ensure the Club is held to account.
- The dyke near the Pavilion is to be fenced off so that rubbish cannot be thrown into the ditch.
- The Football Club have resigned their agreement with WPA, with rent increasing to £1,250 per annum from 1st September 2026
- Picnic on the Park will take place on 6th June.

11. Street Lighting –

- The bulb in the lantern light near the phone box library has been replaced.
- The lantern at 8 Tyndale needs replacing, contractor to carry this work out.

12. Planning

To consider the following applications

26/00403/F - Construction of proposed porch at 6 Ford Avenue North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3QS – *no comment*

25/01495/F – Planning Appeal | Linnymead, Manor Road, Change of use of domestic garden building to Pilates Studio – *nothing to add to the original comments submitted*

Application Decisions from the Borough Council

26/00237/F Replacement conservatory with new single storey extension 35 All Saints Drive North Wootton, PE30 3RX - Application Permitted

As the application for 5 Gregory Close came in too late to be added to this agenda and given the level of public feeling regarding the application it was agreed to hold an EGM on 16th April at 6.00pm to allow discussion to take place.

13. Village Hall

An update on the village hall will be presented at the AGM – (next meeting)

14. The Village

SAM 2 Report

In March the SAM signage was on All Saints Drive.

VOLUME:

Daily: 747

Peak: 17:00-18:00

SPEED:

85th: 29.3mph

Average: 25.5mph

Top: 45mph at 23:40hrs

The signage has now been relocated to the Nursery Lane junction.

To give an update on the bus shelter project on All Saints Drive

The Clerk has signed the licence with the Borough Council and there are now some legalities for them to process. Able Engineering are ready to go with installation and as soon as confirmation is given to proceed from the Borough, the Clerk will inform the contractor to proceed.

15. Open Forum –

- a) A resident mentioned the ongoing breaches of conditions detriment to neighbours of Luco Wellness at Linnymead, North Wootton – this is now in the hands of the enforcement officers at the Borough Council.

16. To confirm Items for Future Agenda

None at present.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

Signed Date: 14th May 2026