

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 5th MARCH 2026 - held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

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

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

Fourteen members of the public

Jonathan Fryer and Caitlin Steadman from Cruso & Wilkin

1. To accept any apologies - none

2. Declarations of Interest of Items within this agenda - None

3. To agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 5th February 2026

These minutes were agreed and signed by Cllr Marshall-Grint.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes –

4a) – The Clerk presented the policies to be adopted to ensure compliance with Assertion 10, IT Policy, Data Audit and Accessibility Statements. These were agreed by Councillors and the Clerk can now post to the website.

4b) – There is a late item of correspondence relating to matters arising, but will be dealt with in item 8.

5. To discuss matters regarding HGV vehicle movements along Manor Road with Jonathan Fryer and Caitlin Steadman from Cruso & Wilkin

Jonathan introduced the discussion by giving some background information detailing the ownership and farming tenancies of the land. Cruso & Wilkin represent the largest farming tenant being Eubrink Farms. Crops being farmed are wheat, sugar beet, rape, beans and peas, he explained that these are grown in rotation in 'block farming' which then leads to block lifting which creates a large volume of vehicles on the road to get all the crops out to the factories on time. But with the rotation, and depending on the crops HGV movements could differ from year to year.

Cllrs made the following comments - it was suggested that the farmers could work to improve the relationship between themselves and the village and offer better lines of communication. It would be useful to have details in advance wherever possible of vehicle movements so that residents are aware if a large volume of traffic will be on the roads for a set period. It was noted that as potatoes are now out of the crop rotation there are less vehicles on the road than in previous years, but the point was made that these vehicles are much larger in size and heavier, but are needed for economies of scale. The point was made that it is unfair to expect one farmer to have a competitive disadvantage by using smaller vehicles. Jonathan suggested that maybe there could be a farm open day so that residents could see for themselves what happens.

6. Open Forum

This item was moved to allow members of the public to comment on the HGV discussion:

6a) A resident asked when Manor Road is closed where the lorries enter and exit the farmland? Jonathan did not know and thought that the farmers would be taking crops from their other farmland.

6b) The suggestion of a weight limit on Manor Road was brought up again and it was

re-iterated that this is not an option as it does not fit the national framework to be considered.

6c) The condition of the AWA sewer is a major concern to residents as when this fails there is a major impact to their lives. The sewage systems backs up quickly which means toilets are unable to be flushed and waste builds up. It was suggested that AWA should be held accountable to further investigation and a way to do this is to contact them again along with the Water Regulator. ACTION: Clerk to take this forward.

6d) Several residents questioned the feasibility of an alternative route through the farmland out along Kilhams Way onto Edward Benefer Way. The land is owned by several entities with resistance from some to pursue this. It was concluded that even with agreement from all parties, firming up the farm tracks and re-enforcing the bridge on this route to accommodate large HGV's would be cost inhibitive and Highways have already stated that large lorries turning onto Edward Benefer Way regularly would pose a safety risk and unlikely to be given permission.

Jonathan concluded that matters to take back to his client are the need for open communication with the Parish including offering information regarding periods of intense harvesting. Open dialogue to let hauliers know of times of a wedding or funeral at the church to allow for alteration of schedules. Potential farm open day. Encouraging hauliers to decrease their speeds when passing through the village and past the school to enhance safety for all.

The PC thanked Jonathan and Catlin for their time to attend the meeting.

- 7. Law and Order –to hear any issues and updates from the PCSO & Police Liaison**
Cllr Hemeter reported that PC Sophie Messenger was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but hoped to come to one in the future. There have been 15 calls to the police regarding North Wootton in the past month, all non-urgent. Youths on motorised bikes using the cycle path on Wootton Park continues to be a problem and this has now spread to surrounding areas and along Ling Common Road. There is also a continued problem of canisters being found on Wotton Park, these have been reported as and when found.

8. Correspondence

8.1 - 21st Feb 2026 – Bede Close Resident – Concern about football match vehicles parking on the entrance to Bede Close

Cllr Border explained that he is meeting with the football club next week to raise the points mentioned in this correspondence and to ask them to take action where needed, including match day parking and the use of Bede Close. The condition of Bede Close will be addressed when the contractor has installed the tele mast on the Park as this will be used as an entrance and then made good at the cost of the contractor. It was agreed that the Park is for everyone to enjoy and the football club need to be respectful of this.

8.2 - 23rd Feb – Resident of The Green – Concern about the condition of the road adjacent to the Green. It was accepted that the road surface is in poor repair, the PC will seek quotes to resurface.

8.3 - 3rd March – Resident – Concerns over the use of Wootton Park

The response to this is as 8.1 as the point raised are similar and will be dealt with at the football club meeting on Monday by Cllr Border.

8.4 Late item of correspondence – 5th March 2026 – Notification of notice of appeal from the Borough Council regarding 25/01495/F – Linnymead – change of domestic garden building to Pilates studio. The appeal is against the decision of the Borough Planning Authority to grant planning permission for the development subject to conditions to which the appellant objects. The applicant was present at the meeting and explained that the business will be moving to new premises within 2-3 months.

9. a) Finance – to agree the payment list presented at the meeting

The payments listed were agreed.

Able Engineering	5,184.00
Nurture Landscape - Grass Cutting	753.19
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P Witt	76.99
Total Gas and Power - Jan	2,446.29
SWPC - Recharge	910.39
P Bourner - Tree Surgery	1,200.00
K & M Lighting Maintenance for year	1,850.50
SLCC - Annual Subscription	53.00
Veolia - Feb 26	135.55
R Curtis - Salary March 25	743.86
Service Charge	4.25
HMRC - Quartly Emp NI	423.01
Nurture Landscape - Grass Cutting	753.19
	15,287.41
<u>Made up as follows</u>	
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	234.98
Lloyds Current A/C	68.57
Lloyds Treasurers Account	23,531.24
	23,834.79

10. Highways –

There is a sunken area of pavement outside 41 Priory Lane, ACTION: Clerk to report

11. Wootton Park Association

- Telemast installation – this will be installed shortly, starting with the base being laid which will need a month to set and then the mast will be brought in by crane.
- Snowdrops which are currently on the mast installation site are to be kindly moved to the South Wootton strip with the help of South Wootton in Bloom.
- The planning application for the football club to place a shed next to the pavilion is progressing. A flood risk assessment and tree report were required costing £1,100. At its last meeting the WPA agreed that costs associated to this should be met by the football club as the shed will be used exclusively by them.
- Picnic on the Park has been confirmed to take place on 6th June.

12. Street Lighting –

Nothing to report.

13. Planning

To consider the following applications

26/00237/F - HOUSEHOLDER: Replacement conservatory with new single storey extension at 35 All Saints Drive North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RX

The PC supports this application

Application Decisions from the Borough Council

- 26/00118/F | Front porch extension to dwelling. 7 Meadow Close PE30 3PU

Application Permitted

- 25/02022/F | Extension to Dwelling and Detached Cart Shed Pinfold The Green, PE30 3RD - Application Permitted

- 25/02102/F | Construction of Single Storey Front and Rear Extensions and Demolition of Part of Existing Building. Proposed detached garage The Lodge Manor Road PE30 3PZ - Application Permitted

Knights Hill

Cllr Bland reported he has made planning enforcement aware of some issues on the site build including working on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday, vehicles turning left from the works entrance and flooding of the Attenuation lake, flooding issues along Ullswater Ave and contractors accessing the site from the gate at the top of Ullswater Ave.

14. Village Hall

Cllr Harper reported on the continued success of events and said that the committee are looking to increase their storage capacity by purchasing a shed to go at the back of the Hall.

15. The Village

SAM 2 Report

Signage was at the Village Hall in February
(recording 1st-19th and 22nd-28th)

VOLUME

Daily: 856

Peak: 17:00-18:00

SPEED

85th: 28.8mph

Average: 24.3mph

Top: 55mph at 01:45

Signage now move to All Saints Drive for the month of March.

If anyone notices the signage is not illuminating (>27mph) then please notify Cllr Blood.

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.

16. Open Forum –

- a) Cllr Ring said that the notice of the county councillor election should be published on 27th March confirming polling day to be on 7th May. There have been some boundary changes to include Congham, Bawsey and Leziate into Freebridge Lynn. There should be an announcement regarding the new unitary authority in the coming week.
- b) Cllr Bland is working with members of the scouting organisation on their CIL bid for roof cladding and installation of a disabled toilet at the scout hut on Station Road.
- c) Cllr Coates reported on concerns over some non material amendments at the House on the Green from a part of the scheme being storage and now there has been a change to include a seating area. Residents living in the local area were concerned about the numbers of cars that could park along Ling Common Road if capacity increased and there are inadequate spaces in the car park.
- d) The resident who raised Item 2 correspondence thanked the PC for consideration of looking the road to be resurfacing and offered to fund a bench for the Green.
- e) A resident raised again the condition of the bench around the oak tree by the war memorial. ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes.
- f) Resident questioned the process of appeal for Linnymead and questioned the fact that adhering to the conditions becomes less important when an appeal is in process.
- g) The resident who raised item 1 correspondence said the simple solution is to ensure cars use the car park. Cllr Border to bring this up at football club meeting.

17. To confirm Items for Future Agenda

None at present.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

Signed Date: 2nd April 2026