Wootton Park Association Meeting
7.00pm - Tuesday 28th November 2017, South Wootton Parish Council Office

MINUTES

1. Present: Will Border, David Price, John Marshall-Grint, Sarah Crome, Roy Williamson, Tracey Cornwell,Wendy Border
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

2. Apologies –Dorothy Pulsford-Harris, Bridget Nurse, Matt Sturgeon, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, Diana Gotts

It was noted that Mike Gill has been unwell and not attended the last 2 meetings, Will Border said he would visit him to ensure he was ok.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 26th Sept 2017
These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising
None

5. Questions from the Public
None.

6. Correspondence
None

7. Finance
- The budget for 2018/19 was discussed with reference to specific projects for the Park.

· *Cutting of the Hedge on the South Wootton Strip*, £490 – David Price proposed that this is done before the bird nesting season and this was seconded by Roy Williamson and the committee agreed. The cost of this can be met from the existing running costs budget.
· *Green waste behind the Pavilion*, £260 – This has built up over the summer months as Will has decided not to burn it and cause a disturbance to neighbours. Will proposed that it is cleared and taken away and this was seconded by David and the committee agreed. The cost of this can be met from the existing grass maintenance budget.
· *Clearing the Dyke* - £1,100. After some discussion it was decided this should be an annual job to prevent silt from building up and raising the water level. Roy proposed and John Marshall-Grint seconded that the Materials/Repairs/Spares/Maintenance budget is increased to £1,500 to allow for this, the committee agreed.
· *Footpath-TROD from car park to Pavilion* – Roy said that CITB could not help with this work. There was some discussion regarding the funding of this project which is estimated to cost around £5,000 as a tarmac surface is preferable to gravel. David suggested that the Football Club could make a contribution, Will to ask them at their next meeting. Both Parish Councils will be approached to consider splitting the cost at their next meetings. This cost would not be added to the budget
· *Surfacing of the Car Park* – Will said that a great deal of garden waste from an overgrown area has been cleared. It was agreed that surfacing this area and defining allocated spaces would increase the number of parking spaces by 7. This project will be reviewed at the next meeting, Will to investigate sources of funding.

A general point was made that although staff wages are no longer being paid, the expenditure is going onto contractor payments for specific areas of work. Therefore considering all the budget lines the proposed budget for 2018/19 is £12,500. This will be considered at both Parish Council meetings. It was noted that in 2014 expenditure was £16,779, therefore the cost of maintaining the Park has decreased.

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8. Football Club Report

- In Matt's absence Will reported that the club is doing well and a request has been made to hold a tournament on 14th and 15th July, which the committee agreed.

9. Pavilion and Park

- South Wootton Parish Council have given the go ahead for the developers of the 9 Acre Field site to connect to existing sewage which runs along the edge of the Park into a manhole near to the Pavilion.
- *Bede Close Car Park*–There is a potential for at least 10 more parking spaces in this area. David said it would be a good idea for a more formal layout to encourage people to park more efficiently. Also clearer space in the area could discourage people from dumping rubbish. The committee agreed for Will to arrange clearing of this area.
- *Grass Cutting Contract* – The committee agreed to increase the grass cutting contract for an extra month next year to allow for cuts in November, due to the mild autumn weather now lasting longer.

Item 14 was moved up on the agenda.

14. 200 Club

For October;
1st Prize, £36.40 – Mr T Bennett
2nd Prize, £27.30 – Mrs J Willey
3rd Prize, £18.20 – Mrs J Brice
For November;
1st Prize, £36.40 – Mr D Coleman
2nd Prize, £27.30 – Mrs A Davies
3rd Prize, £18.20 – Mrs R Hall

10. NCS/Community Pay Back

- NCS havepainted half the floor, the kitchen side of the Pavilion in October and it is planned that they will paint the other half.

11. Green Gym

The bulbs were mostly planted by Will and Wendy as there wasn't much interest from the Green gym members to do this. The Time Credit organisation has suggested WPA holding a big event in the Spring so that they can advertise it locally to encourage more people to become involved. Ideas for this will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

There is some outstanding debt for tree work that has been carried out and residents have not paid for. It was decided that any further requests made, there will be a requirement to be pay in advance before the work is carried out.

13. Events

- None currently planned.

15. Any other business

- *Barrier at Bede Close* – to fund this it was proposed by Roy and seconded by Sarah Crome and agreed that the cost will be split equally 3 ways between the 2 PC's and Wootton Park Association – each paying £200.
- It was also agreed to transfer £1,000 from the 200 Club accounts (which to the end of October 17 has a balance of £2,400) into the WPA account.
- *200 Club Promotion* - Will to produce an article for Your Local Paper to advertise the 200 Club, Roy will ask that it is included. Rachel will add another item in the NWPC newsletter to promote also. Tracey includes in each additionof the Contact magazine.
- *Vandalism to the bench* – it is not worth claiming on the insurance, there was some discussion to consider replacing with a metal bench.

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16. Dates of Next Meeting

23rd January 2018
27thMarch 2018 – Including AGM
22nd May 2018
24th July 2018
25th September 2018
27th November 2018

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

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