

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020 7.00 P.M.
NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors Crome (Chair), Border, Marshall-Grint, Cox, Simpson, Goodman, Edwards, Doak, Kilham, Merrey
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)
2 members of the public were present

1. Apologies

Cllr Nurse – holiday

Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Border and seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously approved.

Declarations of Interest - None

2. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2019 be signed as true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

- The Clerk said the Police had visited the corner of Ling Common Road and seen the cars parked dangerously there, the residents have been spoken to and the matter appears to have been resolved.
- The Clerk is still trying to confirm numbers of people using the bus top on the Green, Manor Road.

4. Law and Order

- Cllr Doak said there have been no crimes reported in the last 5 weeks and he is trying to get the new beat manager to come to a PC meeting.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

5. Open Forum

A resident noted the dangerous parking outside the School, parents are also parking along Hayfield Road at school pick up and drop off times. Clerk to speak to the School and make the Police aware.

6. Correspondence

A Resident

December 2019

Complaint about a van being parked outside his property No. 12 The Green. It was suggested that the owner of the van could park his vehicle in the surgery car park – Clerk to follow up.

7. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£56,114.04
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Less -- Chq No

Jan Cheques

001928	Veolia – Nov 19	73.32
001929	Westcotec – Dec 19	250.48
001930	Total Gas & Power Ltd – Nov 19	1,161.60
001931	Jet Reach – Bins Dec 19	60.00
001932	R Curtis Salary – Jan 2020	496.17
001933	R Curtis Expenses – Dec 19	143.15

£2,435.20**Income**

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Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£35,888.17
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 3,592.06
	£53,678.84

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Cllr Border presented budget projections for 2020/21 which include an increase for grass cutting and an allowance of £1,500 for the PC contribution towards consultants costs in fighting the Knights Hill planning application. Cllrs considered the PCs expenditure for the forthcoming year which totals £41,000. Cllr Simpson proposed the precept is increased £41,000, this was seconded by Cllr Kilham and unanimously agreed.

8. Highways

The new Highways Area Manager has written to Parish Clerks to introduce himself and ask if there are any concerns or issues he should be made aware of. He is offering a site visit to each Parish to discuss any issues. Councillors suggested the following matters to be brought to his attention – dip in the road outside the bus shelter on Priory Lane, speeding on Ling Common Road and All Saints Drive, possible traffic calming measures there and also possibility of restricted hours parking outside the school. Clerk to arrange a visit and several Councillors said they would attend also.

9. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported the following;

- The Community Payback team have painted the changing room ceilings in the Pavilion, more work for them to do in February.
- A grant for £500 has been received for the bug hotel, this is thought to be a project which can be worked on with the School.
- The security light has been damaged on the Pavilion, repair needed.

10. Street lighting - lamp out near the North Wootton sign on All Saints Drive – Clerk to report.

11. Planning

Applications considered

19/02207/CU – Continued use of detached garage to microbrewery at 5 Hayfield Road, North Wootton, Kings Lynn, PE30 3RR – The applicant attended the meeting to explain that the reason for application is because he plans to sell the beer locally and in order to do this he needs to register as a commercial business. He assured the PC that the set up which he currently has will not change, and he has spoken to his neighbours who have no objection. The PC supports this application and wishes him well in his business.

19/01007/F - Appeal, Willow Barn The Green North Wootton, Extension of dwelling and change of use from holiday let to residential unit – The PC initially supported this application at the Borough Council stage and still supports it. The property is returning to its original use and the PC believes there will be no impact on traffic use. Clerk to write a letter to the Planning Inspectorate.

19/02151/F - Double height extension to existing home comprising of ground floor open plan kitchen-diner and first floor Master suite. at 24 Woodland Gardens North Wootton Norfolk PE30 3PX – The PC supports this application, there is sufficient capacity in the grounds for the extension and it will not be overlooked.

- Decisions received from BCKLWN – None

Cllr Border gave feedback on the latest meeting with David Goddard and other members of the group to fight the development at Knights Hill. The amount from crowd funding currently stands at £3,660. The inquiry starts on Tuesday 14th January 2020 at Knights Hill, Lord Howard has written a statement on behalf of North Wootton PC, it is unclear at present if this will be required to be read out, Cllr Marshall-Grint has volunteered to do this if required.

12. Village Hall

Cllr Border reported on the following;

- The 2019 accounts are complete and the committee fundraised raised over £5,000 in the year. Income was £13,000 and expenditure £12,000 so a profit was made on the year. West Norfolk Wins contribution was £625. The accounts currently have £10,000 in reserve. Wendy Border is the new bookings Clerk, and bookings are increasing – there is a pop up curry night on 29th Feb and pop up afternoon tea on 22nd March.
- The next project in the early planning stages is a new porch for the front entrance.

13. The Village

- Several parking issues have been brought to the PC's attention – a vehicle continuously parked on The Green at the top of Ling Common Road – Clerk to write a letter. Cars parked within 10 metres of the Nursery Lane/All Saints Drive junction – Clerk to speak to SWPC.

Clerk to put a piece in the next newsletter to remind people to park responsibly.

- Clerk to chase up request to the Borough Council for the dog bin to be placed on All Saints Drive.
- Councillors discussed the idea of creating a duck pond on the piece of land behind the bus shelter, Councillors agreed to the idea in principle and felt it would be a nice area for the village, however there are many factors to consider and firstly the Clerk will find out who owns the land.

14. Open Forum

- People are dumping their rubbish in Ling Common Woods which is attracting rats, Clerk to put a piece in the newsletter to remind people that fly tipping of any kind is an offence.

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda

Nothing to note at present.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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Date 6th February 2020