

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2020 7.00 P.M.
NORTH WOOTTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors Border, (Chaired the meeting), Cox, Merrey, Simpson, Edwards, Nurse,
Goodman, Kilham, Harper
In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)
2 members of the public was present

1. Apologies

Cllr Doak - work meeting, Cllr Crome - ill health, Cllr Marshall-Grint - holiday
Acceptance of these apologies was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously approved.

Declarations of Interest - None

2. New Councillor to sign Acceptance of Office

Jason Harper signed the required paperwork and Cllr Border welcomed him to the Parish Council.

3. Minutes of last meeting - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2020 be signed as true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

- The Beaver Scout leader has agreed to make a prototype dog poo bag dispenser to allow the PC to look at it before giving the go ahead to trial around Wootton Park in the summer.

5. Law and Order

- Cllr Border has arranged to meet with PC Dave Allcock to walk Wootton Park and discuss problem areas.

The meeting was closed for Open Forum.

6. Open Forum

A resident thanked Cllr Border and his wife for delivering the newsletters.

7. Correspondence

A Resident

Comment regarding the Village

A comment was left on the PC website stating that the resident had lived in the village all their life and now there is no public house and the doctor surgery sends patients into town for appointments, what is happening to our village?

The PC agreed with the statement, however there is nothing within its remit to deal with the issues mentioned. Cllr Cox will acknowledge the resident's correspondence via email.

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£54,559.83
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Less -- Chq No

001940	Veolia – Jan	109.04
001941	Westcotec – Feb 20	250.48

001942	Jet Reach	40.00
001943	Total Gas & Power – Jan 20	1,216.36
001944	R Curtis Salary – Jan 2020	99.06
001945	R Curtis – March Salary	496.17
001946	R Curtis – Expenses	21.45
001947	BCKLWN – Dog Bin Collection	646.46
001948	R Curtis - Expenses	11.94
		£2,890.96
Income		
	HMRC Reclaimed VAT	1,249.13
		£52,918.00
Made Up As Follows;		
	Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£29,888.17
	Lloyds Current A/C	£ 8,831.22
		£52,918.00

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

To consider quotes for the grass cutting contract for 2020 season

Two quotes were considered as the Clerk was unable to obtain a third, despite making a request 3 times. CGM was the cheapest quote and Cllr Cox proposed to go with them, this was seconded by Cllr Nurse.

To appoint the internal auditor for 19/20 accounts

Cllr Border proposed Liz Manning to audit the accounts, this was seconded by Cllr Merrey.

9. Highways

The Clerk reported she had met with the new Highways engineer. He advised to continue to report pot holes on the NCC portal. He is going to try and find out who owns the triangle of land at Woodland Gardens and the layby outside the School.

Cllr Border had obtained one quote for resurfacing the access road at The Green, this is £11,000. Value for money was discussed by Councillors as this road only serves 6 properties in the village for car access, however it has much pedestrian use. It was agreed to defer more discussion and a decision on this till the next meeting when hopefully 2 more quotes will be received.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border reported the following;

- A tree that fell in the recent storms has been cleared away from the cycle path and the wood removed when the ground is drier and firmer. A horse chestnut tree will be planted in its place.
- The WPA AGM will be held on 31st March 2020

11. Street lighting - none

12. Planning

No applications received

Decisions received from BCKLWN

19/02151/F - 24 Woodland Gardens North Wootton Norfolk PE30 3PX - Double height extension to existing home comprising of ground floor open plan kitchen-diner and first floor Master suite -
Application Permitted

19/02207/CU - 5 Hayfield Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RR - Continued use of detached garage to microbrewery - *Application Permitted*

The PC approved the letter which David Goddard has written and circulated regarding the Knights Hill development, thanking residents and flagging up some procedural points to note. Clerk to inform David Goddard that NWPC are happy for it to be sent out. Cllr Border said with crowd finding and donations the majority of the consultant's costs will be met, an amount of around £500 from each PC will be invoiced from Castle Rising PC to be paid.

13. Village Hall

Cllr Border reported on the following;

- Bookings are increasing and fundraising events are well attended.
- Preparations are underway for the VE Day celebrations.
- The Clerk applied for a comprehensive deeds package for the Hall, however the property is unregistered meaning the Land Registry holds no records in relation to it. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dorothy Pulsford-Harris to try and find out some more information and then review at the next meeting where it may be necessary to register the Hall.

7.45pm - Cllr Kilham left the meeting at this point.

14. The Village

- West Norfolk Community Transport have provided ticket numbers for the bus stop on Manor Road. The report shows both tickets sold and concessionary travel. For the period 6th Feb – 29th Feb the daily average number of passengers to get on at this stop is 6. The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to send these figures to Norfolk County Council, Highways who asked for justification for putting a bus shelter at this stop. Clerk will also ask if another consultation is required, further discussion required at the next meeting.

15. Open Forum

No matters were raised.

16. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- Bus Shelter, to discuss further
- Quotes for resurfacing the access road at The Green
- Village Hall deeds

It was agreed to hold the Annual Residents meeting on 2nd April after the main meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

..... Chairman

Date 2nd April 2020