

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2020**

This meeting update was held by way of the Councillors participating via email due to the Coronavirus lockdown measures.

Those who responded via email comments are; Councillors Crome, Border, Cox, Merrey, Simpson, Edwards, Nurse, Goodman, Kilham, Harper

1. Apologies

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 March be accepted.

3. Matters Arising

- Clerk has received a prototype of the dog poo bag dispenser from the Beaver Scout Leader, will bring to the next meeting at the Village Hall.
 - No response from the Highways manager regarding the queries mentioned in March's minutes
- Matters which are pending and awaiting responses
- Bus Shelter – if another public consultation is required
 - Locating records for the Village Hall land boundary

4. Law and Order

- Nothing to report.

5. Open Forum – Not applicable

6. Correspondence

A Resident

Precept Increase

A letter from a resident to state he was disappointed that the PC justified an increase in the precept from £46.19 to £49.75 and hopes there will be no increase in 21/22.

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£52,918.00
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Less -- Chq No

001949	Veolia – Feb	83.18
001950	Westcotec – March	250.48
001951	Jet Reach	70.00
001952	Total Gas & Power	1,082.76
001953	R Curtis Salary – April 2020	496.17
001954	R Curtis – Expenses	63.89
001955	SWPC – WP Recharge	2,271.43
001956	Jet Reach	40.00

£4,357.91

Income

£48,560.09

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£29,888.17
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 4,473.31
	£48,560.09

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

8. Highways

Two quotes have been received for resurfacing the access road at the Green – awaiting a third.

9. Wootton Park

The AGM was held remotely and Will Border has been re-elected as Chair.

As per Government guidance, the children's play area has been cordoned off and work on the Park has ceased for the time being

10. Street lighting - no issues to report.

11. Planning

20/00306/F - Single storey extension to bungalow comprising dining room extension, bedroom extension and addition of ensuite shower room. at Greensands 2 Frederick Close North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RF – no objections

Decisions received from BCKLWN - none

To hear an update regarding the Knights Hill appeal

- A letter to thank all residents for their support in the campaign has been sent out via the press and social media, the amount raised by donations was £5,284.09, this is a large chunk towards the consultant's costs of £6,500 plus VAT.

12. Village Hall

- The Parish Partnership bid for the edging and bollards next to the village hall has been successful, 50% of costs payable to NCC are £1,866.
- For the foreseeable future all events at the Hall have been cancelled.

13. The Village

Keir Hughes has been instrumental in forming the 'Wootton Helping Hands' group to help anyone needing support during the coronavirus outbreak. The initiative is backed by North and South Wootton PC's, The Church in the Woottons and the Village Hall Committee. Leaflets have been delivered to those thought to be vulnerable and in need of help and shared on social media. At present there have only been a few people reaching out for help, but the group remain active.

14. Open Forum – not applicable

15. To confirm any items for the future agenda

The Coronavirus Bill which was recently passed in Parliament formally removes the requirement for Parish Councils to hold their annual meeting and allow virtual meetings until 7th May. This is the date of our next meeting, therefore if social distancing measures are still in place we can proceed with a remote meeting.

..... Chairman

Date 7th May 2020