

Wootton Park Association Meeting
7.00pm - Tuesday 24th November 2020,
held via Zoom due to Coronavirus social distancing measures in place

MINUTES

1. Present: Will Border (Chair), Claire Harper, Tracey Cornwell, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, John Marshall-Grint and Neil Gotsell (Football Club Representative) In attendance: Mrs R Curtis (Clerk)

2. Apologies – David Price, Diana Gotts, Roy Williamson (not on Zoom) and Bridget Nurse

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 29th September 2020

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising – None

5. Correspondence - None

6. Questions from the Public - None

7. Finance

- The balance on the Wootton Park Association Account is £2,771.38.
- Expenditure to date on the Wootton Park Running Costs account is £8,202.82, against the annual budget of £12,335. Expenditure included is a replacement hatch for the Pavilion, replacement of 2 dog bins, repairs to the slide and a bill is expected for work done to the skate park. CGM have completed 2 verti-drains on the pitch this year, one funded by the Wootton Park Account and the second by the football club.

8. Football Club Report

- As the national lockdown #2 ends on 2nd December, it is expected that play will continue.
- The back room has been cleared of any unwanted equipment by the club and the electricity board is now within easy access.
- Parking is still an issue in terms of the number and position of cars parked on the side of the road around Wootton Park during match days. Neil said that the Club has been in correspondence with the league to try and get some games reversed to even out the use of the Park at weekends and therefore lessen the number of visitors at any one time. It was agreed that the football club need to take responsibility for this issue and the WPA and Parish Council's are seeking assurance that the club will actively try and alleviate the problem. Managers already tell the opposition managers about visitor parking prior to any game to request people park responsibly and considerately. It was suggested that a parent from each home team acts as a car park co-ordinator for half an hour before each match. It is felt that the ultimate answer to this issue is to have more land allocated to parking. It was suggested that maybe the soccer school could train at an alternative time to lessen the number of people using the park when games are played at home.

9. 200 Club

Draw taken on 115 members. Winners are;

For November

1st Prize, £46.00 – R Porter

2nd Prize, £34.50 – G Skipper

3rd Prize, £23.00 – J Holman

10. Pavilion and Park

- *Bug Hotel Progress* – Eleven children from North Wootton Academy will go to the Park on 3rd December and complete the build of the bug hotel. Some pictures will be taken and a press release issued.

- *Cycle Restrictors* – Will has a Zoom call planned with Sustrans regarding these and will report back at the

next meeting.

- Bench – A fifth bench has been put in and now all 5 benches are approximately 250m apart.

- Drainage around Pavilion – Vandal proof guttering has been put up on the Pavilion and drainage led into the dyke.

11. Community Pay Back

The Team are scheduled to visit once a week and have recently removed the hedge around the infant play area.

12. Green Gym/Time Credits

Not in operation at present.

13. Specific Requests for Tree Pruning on the Park

6 Broom Close – overhanging oak tree, branches overhanging approximately 5m into the garden. Resident has agreed to contribute £100 to the work needed to cut back. Will proposed that WPA should fund the rest, this was seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

14. Any other business

- Will confirmed that after the resignation of Sarah Crome from NWPC, there was a need to recruit a new NW Councillor to the WPA committee.
- John raised the issue of the need for lighting along the cycle path. As it is a Cycle 1 route, Elizabeth thought that NCC may be able to help, further investigation needed.
- Tracey asked if more seeding could be done to the South Wootton Strip, this was agreed and Nolan who volunteers to do this each year was thanked for his hard work.
- Neil thanked the committee for their permission to paint the pavilion dark green, football club volunteers will do this in the next couple of weeks.

15. Date of Next Meeting

26th January 2021

23rd March 2021 - AGM

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

..... Chairman

Date: 26th January 2020