

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2021 - held at 7.00pm**

This meeting was held virtually by Zoom, due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Present: Councillors Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Nurse, Simpson, Edwards, Harper, Cox, Merrey, Kilham

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nocklods, 2 members of the public

1. Apologies - None

Declarations of Interest - None

- 2. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2020 be accepted. It was noted that the draft minutes which were published incorrectly stated the month of November, - this has now been corrected. An additional item relating to the December minutes will be addressed in correspondence.

3. Matters Arising

- Sarah Crome has passed on her thanks for the flowers organised for her leaving the PC. Councillors thanked Cllr Nurse for organising these.
- The Bug hotel on Wootton Park has received a many positive comments.

4. Law and Order

Cllr Marshall-Grint attended a webinar hosted by Norfolk Constabulary where they gave a review of their tasks and detailed a change of personnel. Their focus is currently on technology crime, domestic incidents and issues relating to the environment. Figures show that overall crime has decreased in the last 4 years. SNAP meetings will resume again soon and be held via Zoom.

5. Open Forum

- A resident of Manor Road attended the meeting to raise concerns about the HGV's passing through the village. The heavy haulage lorries are causing disturbance to residents with their frequency and time of day at which they travel. The resident suggested that a possible solution could be that all lorries turn right at the top of Manor Road to take the route out of North Wootton along All Saints Drive instead of turning left. All Saints Drive is a more modern, wider road and therefore able to accommodate this type of traffic. However, Councillors felt that this would just move the problem onto another part of the village and accepted that living in the semi-rural location farm traffic would need to access the farmland. However, residents should not feel distressed by the noise and the Parish should not suffer damage to the roads, verges and residents fences.

Bor. Cllr Nocklods said she would take this up with Highways as the Clerk and 2 residents have all been unable to come to a satisfactory resolution. It is recognised that this may not be a problem to 'solve' but something that can be addressed to become less of a disturbance.

- A resident expressed concern over the amended application for the House on the Green. Comments have been submitted to the Borough Council to object to plans which include 7 x 3 bedroomed houses and retention of the pub. There is doubt raised over the intent to re-open the pub, given the state of disrepair it has been left to fall into.
It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the architect and ask for a meeting with the applicant to open up dialogue and discuss concerns with the proposals.

6. Correspondence

Resident	Views on Traffic Calming on Priory Lane
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It was acknowledged that the Clerk received correspondence from a resident expressing concern over the impact traffic calming measures would have on local residents who use Priory Lane daily and their effectiveness. This correspondence was circulated to Councillors in November and the view of the resident taken into account in considerations. However, the correspondence was not specifically included in the minutes for December. *Councillors agreed that this inclusion now corrects this.*

BCKLWN Officer Clarification that the PC's views will be taken into account for the Larkfleet application as they were submitted before 2nd January deadline. However, given the size and public interest in this application it will be going to the planning committee for a decision to be made.

David Goddard A reminder for Parish Councils to submit comments regarding the new local plan.

7. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£64,576.35
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002032	SWPC – WP Recharge	1,111.55
002033	Westcotec – Dec 20	250.48
002034	Total Gas & Power – Nov	1,052.33
002035	Glasdon – Litter bins	832.75
002036	Jet Reach – Village Bins – Dec 20	40.00
002037	CGM – Slitting Wootton Park	114.00
002038	R Curtis - Feb Salary	535.60
002039	R Curtis - Expenses	113.26

£4,049.97

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£41,105.83
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 5,221.94
	£60,526.38

The above expenditure was approved for payment.

Councillors discussed the precept to be set for 21/22. The Parish Council has no project plans which need investment at the moment and given events of the previous year due to the pandemic with people being furloughed and financial uncertainty facing many families the precept should not be increased. This was proposed by Cllr Marshall-Grint and seconded by Cllr Nurse and unanimously agreed.

8. Highways

Nothing to raise.

9. Wootton Park

- The bug hotel project is complete, pictures were taken and a press release will be issued to the Lynn News.
- Lockdown #3 has meant that the Community Payback team will not be attending the Park and also football is cancelled.
- There is an issue of flooding outside the Pavilion, it is unclear if it is a consequence of the building work at the South end of the Park – further investigation required.
- The signpost for the car park needs to be put up, ready for when the football can start again. Cllr Border to liaise with the Clerk.

10. Street Lighting - Lamp out near 15 Cuthbert Close – Clerk to report.

11. Planning

Applications considered –

20/01927/F - North Wootton 564478 324213 Extension and Detached Garage (revised design), 10 Priory Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PY – Support

19/01622/F - Proposed residential development & conversion of dis-used public house The House on the Green – Object

20/01997/F - New roof structure providing three additional bedrooms to detached residential property, including changes to external facing materials and proposed Swimming Pool to private rear garden at Linnymead Manor Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PZ –

Councillors do not object to this application in principle, however, Councillors are concerned that work is seemingly progressing on this site without the application being considered. Prior to submitting a comment, it was agreed the Clerk should contact the Borough Council to make them aware.

- Decisions received from BCKLWN –

20/01725/F North Wootton 41 Carlton Drive North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3QY - Extension to dwelling - Application Permitted

12. Village Hall

- The work to widen the path beside the Hall is complete, when restrictions allow the committee plan to remove the grass within the boundary of the Hall and replace with gravel creating new car parking spaces.
- The Hall is not being hired at the moment due to the current lockdown.
- Councillors said they appreciated the Christmas tree which was put up outside the Hall, it added some festive cheer.

13. The Village

- Cllr Marshall-Grint reported that the Rotary would like to engage with the community with environmental projects. Further information to come, ideas include litter picking and spring walks.
- PC assistance during #Lockdown 3 – Community Action Norfolk have contacted Mr Hughes regarding the Wootton Helping Hands group. Clerk to contact him and see what can be done to assist.
- Specification for the Grass Cutting Contract – Clerk circulated current specification and all Councillors agreed that quotes should be sought on the same basis as previous years.
- Cllr Marshall-Grint spoke to the Headteacher of North Wootton Academy regarding the car parking project within the school grounds. The PC would like the opportunity to speak to the trustees directly to move the project forward.

14. Open Forum – Bor. Cllr Nockolds said that although the Borough were not responsible for the vaccine rollout, they are doing what they can to assist and put sites forward to the NHS for hubs. Three housing officers are working with the QEH to ensure patients homes are adapted if required prior to coming home so that as many beds as possible are available at the hospital. Cllr Marshall-Grint thanked Cllr Nockolds on the PC's behalf for all the work the Borough Council has put in to the Covid response.

15. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- Nothing at present

The meeting finished at 8.36pm.

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Date 4th February 2021