

MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021 - held at 7.00pm

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

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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, 1 member of the public and Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Nurse – Covid vaccination volunteer commitments – accepted.

Declarations of Interest - None

- 2. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021 be accepted

3. Matters Arising

- School car park project – Cllr Marshall-Grint is awaiting further correspondence from James Grimsby.
- Telecom Mast, Wootton Park – Cllr Marshall-Grint met with surveyors on site and the proposed mast is now in a much improved position on a 6m² concrete pad near the AWA pumping station. It will benefit from greater shielding from the surrounding trees and will also allow better access for emergency vehicles to get onto the Park. Councillors discussed that although the mast is a necessity, it may be appropriate to object again when the application is put in late summer. Further discussion when plans are received.
- Flooding of dykes – Cllrs Border and Marshall-Grint had a productive meeting with a representative from the drainage board who will now undertake further investigation into the matter to find out who has responsibility for the land leading out from Station Road.
- House on the Green – Asset of Community Value Nomination – the Clerk has been asked for a title deed as part of the application, the PC agreed to pay for the necessary paperwork from the land registry.
- Haulage – Cllr Marshall-Grint has made contact with the new owners and awaiting a time to meet and have an initial conversation about the concerns the PC and residents have. Report from the church architect states that the Church is not near enough to the road to be damaged by passing vehicles or have any impact on the building.

4. Welcome a new Councillor and sign paperwork

Mr Lamb had received the paperwork from the Clerk and signed the declaration of acceptance of office, the Clerk has countersigned so all documents are complete. Cllr Marshall-Grint formally welcomed Cllr Lamb to the Parish Council.

5. To consider prospective Councillor applications and undertake the co-option process

Two applications had been received to be considered at this meeting, however one applicant had withdrawn and the other did not attend the meeting, Clerk to follow up.

6. Law and Order

Since the start of the nice weather there has been a big increase in the amount of litter left on Wootton Park. The PC discussed what could be done to tackle the issue. It was suggested that photos of anyone leaving litter could be taken and then published on the website. It is understood that photos can be taken and sent to the police, but Cllr Border will speak to PC Allcock for guidance as to whether the PC could use photos themselves to put on its website.

7. Open Forum

- It was suggested that additional bulbs could be purchased and planted around the village to add to those already there. It was agreed to spend £100 on bulbs and Cllr Border will organise planting.
- Bor Cllr Nockolds had attended a meeting regarding the Knights Hill development at which it was agreed to try and get Highways more involved to produce a Transport Management Plan. The next meeting is 11th May at 6.00pm, Cllr Marshall-Grint to attend.

8. Correspondence

- A family from the village would like to mend and dedicate the bench on Manor Road to the memory of their grandmother. Cllr Border proposed that this is actioned, seconded by Cllr Harper and unanimously agreed.
- A resident asked if the PC would consider the Blue Campaign by allocating areas to be managed as wildflower meadows. It agreed that the area around Tyndale/Gregory Close/Julian Close would be a good position and it is a project that Rotary could be involved in.
- A resident asked for an update on the Haulage issue, the Clerk had responded with an update confirming that the route taken along Manor Road is preferable to turning right at the end of Station Road and travelling along Nursery Lane. Further update when Cllr Marshall-Grint has spoken to the new owners.

9. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£55,308.74
Year End Adjustments VAT income and interest	£2,972.86
1 st April 2021 balance b/f	£58,281.60
002053 Wayleave for Village Hall	115.00
002054 Norfolk ALC – Annual Subscription	421.52
002055 SWPC – WP Recharge	273.72
002056 Westcotec – Maintenance March 21	250.48
002056 Westcotec – Replacement Lantern	258.00
002056 Westcotec – Replacement Lantern	516.00
002057 Total Gas and Power – Feb	1,049.61
002058 R Curtis – Salary – April	535.60
002059 R Curtis – Expenses	289.72
002060 Jet Reach – Bins for March	40.00
	£3,749.65
Made Up As Follows;	
Saffron Building Society	£14,244.68
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£31,105.83
Lloyds Current A/C	£10,020.29
	£55,370.80

Cllr Nurse has agreed to be a signatory on the bank account. The Clerk has found out from Lloyds that online banking is not available on the community accounts that the PC currently olds. Clerk to open new accounts and it was agreed that the Clerk should also be added as a signatory.

It was noted that the interest rate on the Saffron Account is now 0.05%.

10. Highways

Castle Rising Road will be closed to through traffic on 14th May between 9.30 and 4.00pm.

11. Wootton Park

Some more bulbs have been planted on the Park and snowdrop bulb clumps split and replanted.

Moving forward with Sustrans on replacement for the cycle restrictors.

CIL grant submission – To hardcore the car park to create more spaces would cost around 15,000, it was suggested that funding of £1,000 from NWPC, £1,000 from SWPC and the same from the football club. Cllr Marshall-Grint proposed this and was seconded by Cllr Simpson.

12. Streetlighting

Cllr Border has drafted a CIL application for replacement of the streetlamps for LED lanterns. The cost of this project is around £35,000. This would have environmental and cost saving benefits to the PC and residents as a whole. It was noted that the more money that the PC puts in the more points awarded in the criteria and the application could be more successful. After consideration Councillors decided to put in £15,000, Cllr Simpson proposed that the money in the Saffron account is used which is £14,244.68 and then topped up from the precept to £15,000, this was seconded by Cllr Lamb and unanimously agreed.

13. Planning

- Applications considered

21/00331/F - Demolition of existing garage. Proposed single storey side extension, and front porch extension at Avoca 1 Frederick Close North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RF – Support

21/00431/F - Extension and Detached Garage (revised design) at 10 Priory Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PY - Support

21/00448/F - Construction of first floor side extension. at 2 Beckett Close North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3QN - Support

21/00582/F - Extensions and alterations to cottage at 26 Little Carr Road North Wootton KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE30 3RQ – Support

- Decisions received;

21/00078/F North Wootton 10 Tyndale North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3XD - slightly amend plans - Application Permitted

- 20/02049/F – Priory Court Vets – awning to doors. – Application Permitted

Signage has been put up outside Linnymead to deter works traffic from parking on the Green and causing damage.

House on the Green – there is no date yet for the application to go to the borough council planning committee.

14. Village Hall

The Hall will be used at a polling station on 6th May.

15. The Village

- CIL application discussed in item 12

- Flooding Webinar – interesting session which highlighted that this is a problem for the whole of East Anglia. A more co-ordinated approach by all agencies is hoped for so that if there is an issue to report a central starting point is available. Mapping of the area is to be undertaken to provide resources in a central place.

- Neighbourhood Plan – It is recognised that although there might not be an immediate need for a plan in terms of land available at present, the PC needs to think about the future and areas which may come up and will need to be addressed in the future. It was suggested that a separate meeting is held on 22nd April at 7pm to discuss how the PC could reach out to the village with a view to starting the process.

16. Open Forum

Nothing to discuss

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Annual Parish (Residents) Meeting. This will take place on 5th May 2021. Clerk to advertise

The meeting finished at 9.03pm

..... Chairman Date 5th May 2021