

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 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

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, and 4 members of the public

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Kilham – work 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 February 2021 be accepted

- 3. Matters Arising**

Including - Consideration to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant Pledge

- Cllr Nurse gave some feedback from the Armed Forces Covenant Pledge briefing which she attended. Cllr Nockolds said she is a representative for the Borough Council and Councillors considered the document and felt it was important to adopt. Cllr Marshall-Grint proposed its adoption by the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Nurse and unanimously agreed by Councillors.

- Cllr Marshall-Grint has spoken to James Grimsby regarding the next steps for the car park project at North Wootton Academy. Members of the Trust are going to speak with the Local Authority to consider how much land could be allocated to the project.

- Cllr Marshall-Grint will attend the 2 site meetings for the surveys on Wootton Park for the proposed telecom mast. These will take place on 23rd and 29th March at 10am and will confirm exact location, there are still concerns that access to the Park for emergency vehicles needs to be maintained.

- The dykes are backing up at Station Road along to Marsh Road. Cllr Border and Marshall-Grint have investigated and it is clear they have not been attended to for some time and are blocked. Bor. Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds said she would contact the Internal Drainage Board to try and find out who owns the land.

- 4. To Co-Opt a Councillor**

Antony Lamb submitted his application for one of the vacant Councillor positions. He outlined that his family have been part of the village for many generations and feels he has much to contribute to the Parish Council. The co-option process was followed and Mr Lamb voted onto the Parish Council.

- 5. Law and Order**

There is concern over the rising number of dog thefts happening locally, a reminder for all dog owners to remain vigilant. The PC has a good link with PC Dave Allcock and Cllr Marshall-Grint has recently been in discussion with him regarding the increase in fly tipping incidents and also rubbish being left including nitrous oxide canisters.

- 6. Open Forum**

- Bor. Cllr Nockolds gave an update on Covid admissions at the Queen Elizabeth hospital. Numbers are declining and over 19,000 vaccinations have been delivered there.

- Mr Redhead gave an update on the House on the Green electronic survey results. Over 258 responded with the majority being Wootton residents with nearly all expressing concern about the state of the site and wishing it to continue as a public house. More objections have been logged on the Borough Council website. The Clerk has received over 30 responses to the survey as submitted

from the newsletter, she reported that comments were similar to the electronic survey. Cllr Nurse proposed that these findings are sent to the Borough Council planning department; this was seconded by Cllr Border and unanimously agreed.

- The PC considered the process to bid for the pub to become an Asset of Community Value.
- The regulation provides a mandated delay or a moratorium period during which it cannot be sold in order to provide the community an opportunity to bid.
- It is a material planning consideration which gives the council additional reasons to reject any proposal involving loss of the pub.
- It sends a message that the community wishes to keep the asset and will resist attempts to a change of use.
- It demonstrates very clearly is that the pub is valued by local people

Cllr Cox proposed that the PC nominate the House on the Green to become an ACV and this was seconded by Cllr Nurse and unanimously agreed.

7. Correspondence - None received

8. Finance

BALANCE b/fwd	£58,330.13
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002045	Jet Reach – Jan	40.00
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002046	Westcotec – Feb	250.48
002047	Norfolk Parish Training – Report Writing	45.00
002048	Total Gas & Power	1,226.35
002049	R Curtis – March Salary	535.60
002050	R Curtis – Expenses	94.79
002051	BCKLWN – Dog Bin Emptying	659.57
002052	NALC – Neighbourhood Plan Training	129.60

£3,021.39

Made Up As Follows;

Saffron Building Society	£14,198.61
Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	£41,105.83
Lloyds Current A/C	£ 4.30
	£55,308.74

The Parish Council agreed to appoint Elizabeth Manning to carry out the internal audit work for 2020/21.

The Parish Council agreed to appoint CGM to carry out the grass cutting contract for the 2021 season, a rise of only £2.22 per cut from the previous year's price.

Cllr Border and Cllr Marshall-Grint set out the costings to replace the light bulbs in the Parish with LEDs. 12 have already been converted as the original lamps were uneconomical to repair. The cost to replace all the remaining 166 lamp heads in one go would be £35,208. Cllr Border will look at the criteria further for the CIL application and see if this would be a suitable submission.

9. Highways

The matter of Highways acknowledging there is an issue with the heavy haulage travelling through the village from the Marsh Farms is ongoing. Cllr Marshall-Grint reported that the farmland is now under new ownership and will try and speak to the new owners. Reverend Nash is to meet with the Church

architect and the PCC about the heritage status of All Saints Church with regard to the lorries regularly passing close by.

10. Wootton Park

- Snowdrops have been purchased funded by donations and 200 Club money, they should be ready to plant this weekend.
- Cllr Harper has designed a new logo for the 200 Club.
- Still in conversation with Sustrans regarding the replacement of the cycle restrictors.
- The Rotary club are keen to assist with projects on the Park including litter picking and tree planting.
- The skate ramp is awaiting a new piece to make it safe, meanwhile Cllr Border continues to put netting around it to deter people using it, just as quick as youths pull it off.
- There may be possible damage to the bug hotel, Cllr Border to investigate.

11. Street Lighting - possible grant funding discussed under item 8. Finance.

12. Planning

- Applications considered

21/00078/F - Variation of condition 2 and 3 of planning permission 18/01832/F to slightly amend plans at 10 Tyndale North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3XD - Support

20/02049/F - Fixed door awning above the entrance door to protect clients from the elements at Priory Court Veterinary Clinic 53 St Augustines Way Priory Court South Wootton Norfolk PE30 3TE - Support

- Decisions received from BCKLWN –

20/02032/F - 7 Meadow Close North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PU - Rear extension to dwelling and existing garage front tiled - Application Permitted

20/01997/F - Linnymead Manor Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3PZ - New roof structure providing three additional bedrooms to detached residential property, including changes to external facing materials - Application Permitted

Builders working at Linnymead have been asked to take care when parking their vehicles on the village green area outside this property and make good any damage caused.

20/02081/F - 5 Hayfield Road North Wootton King's Lynn Norfolk PE30 3RR - Extensions and alterations to dwelling - Application Permitted

20/02139/O – Woodside, Ling Common Road, PE30 3RE, Construction of new dwelling – Application Permitted

20/00961/F - Extensions and alterations to cottage at 26 Little Carr Road North Wootton KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE30 3RQ – Application Withdrawn

Feedback from the Neighbourhood Planning Introductory Session – Councillors were sent information prior to the meeting and the Clerk gave an outline of what a neighbourhood plan is and how it would benefit the Parish. Councillors are interested in looking into this further and the Clerk will send some more information about the process and timescales involved for further consideration.

12. Village Hall

- The Hall will be used for the Police, Crime and Commissioner elections on 6th May and has also been booked by a company for an interview venue.

13. The Village

- The Clerk gave some feedback on Good Neighbourhood Schemes following a training session given by Community Action Norfolk. South Wootton PC are discussing whether to proceed further with this at

their meeting on 8th March, it is thought that this would be a joint project to follow on from the Woottons Helping Hands Scheme set up in March 2020 in response to the pandemic. The Clerk will liaise with SWPC Clerk and Keir Hughes and report back.

- The Borough Council have reported they visited 5 Ling Common Road in response to the PC's concerns about the cleanliness of the front of the property. This is being monitored and other support services are involved.

14. Open Forum – None.

15. To confirm any items for the future agenda

- To discuss Good Neighbour Scheme
- To discuss Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting finished at 9.03pm

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Date 1st April 2021