

MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint (Chair), Border, Edwards, Simpson, Merrey, Lemmon

Also in attendance - Clerk Rachel Curtis, Borough Cllr Simon Ring, County Cllr P Crofts and 1 member of the public.

1. **To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Nurse, Harper – prior engagement, Blackmore, Blood – business trip, Lamb – holiday, Cox – ill health - apologies were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 be accepted.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - The hedgerows on Nursery Lane have been partially cut.
 - The ditches on Station Road have still not been cleared.
5. **Law and Order** –
The next SNAP meeting will be in January.
6. **Open Forum** –
 - Cllr Ring reported that the application at Little Carr Road will be decided at the planning committee in February. The BCKLWN 4 year budget has been discussed with a Council Tax increase of around £5 for each house.
 - Cllr Crofts had submitted a report to Councillors proper to the meeting detailing progress he had made with the flooding issues on Manor road and Gatehouse Lane. County Council are looking at their budgets and need to save £46 million.
7. **Correspondence**
 - BCKLWN - Cycle Storage – An invitation to express and interest – this was discussed and it was decided to apply for 2 for Wootton Park.
8. **Finance – to agree the payments list presented at the meeting**

Balance Brought Forward	31,203.68
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Less:	Payments	
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Chq No:

Chq 002260	R Curtis - 2023 Back Pay	365.64
Online	Hayes & Storr - Completion	3,000.00
Online	CGM - Nov 23	131.75
Online	BCKLWN - Election Costs - May 23	54.60
Online	P Witt - Bins Nov 23	75.99
Online	Veolia Commercial Collection	25.75
Online	Veolia - Oct 23	105.24
Online	Total Energies - Oct 23	2,391.40
Online	R Curtis - Salary Dec 23	722.84
Online	SLCC Annual Subscription	188.00
Online	Veolia - Nov 23	107.33
		7,168.54

Add:	Income		
03/11/2023	NW Village Hall Wayleave	16.62	
			<u>20,829.53</u>
	Made up as follows		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	174.00	
	Lloyds Current A/C	482.21	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	20173.32	
			<u>20,829.53</u>

The payments above were approved.

9. Highways –

The current works being carried out by the Gas Board along Priory Lane were discussed. It was queried why the Parish Council are not told when works like these are going to be done to make people aware.

10. Wootton Park

Cllr Border gave an update on the following-

- The drainage work is planned for Spring next year, the CIL monies are confirmed.
- Lights on the Cycle Path – at the recent WPA meeting it was agreed to look into this project again.

11. Street Lighting –

Lamp Out – outside 32 Hayfield Road
Number 5 Old Rectory Close

12. Planning

- *Knights Hill Update*

The reserved matters have approval and work is still ongoing liaising with the PC's and Developers.

- 22/01942/F – Planning Appeal Notification – Little Haven Ling Common Road – change of use of agricultural land and erection of a timber framed cart shed suitable for 2 vehicles adjacent to Little Haven property – It was agreed for the comment to support the application to remain.
- 23/01485/F – Re-modelling of existing dwelling together with new porch and erection of 2 no. dwellings at 27 Little Carr Road, PE30 3RQ – Revised Application – comments maintained and object.

13. Neighbourhood Plan – to hear an update on work relating to this

The statutory consultation under Regulation 16 has been completed and we are now awaiting names of suggested examiners from the Borough Council.

14. Village Hall

The recent Christmas Fair was a great success, and the PC wishes to thank all the committee who were involved in putting on the event. The Christmas bingo was attended by 66 people.

15. The Village

SAM 2 Sign – Cllr Blood sent the following information for the meeting –

The sign was on Ling Common Road through November.

VOLUME

Average daily vehicle count, 606

Peak hour, 15:00-16:00

SPEED

85th percentile, 32.4

Average speed, 27.2

These figures show fewer vehicles than we do in other parts of the village (1,100 all locations daily average)

and a higher speed (30.8 for the prior four month 85th percentile).
The sign will remain on Ling Common Rd through December, reverse orientation of November.
The faulty part will be repaired in January.

Cllr Marshall-Grint noted that he had spoken informally to SWPC about the need for the 3 parishes including Castle Rising to work together on traffic issues.

Purchase of Land at Priory Lane –

Cllrs reviewed the amended plan and confirmed they were happy with the small area of land to the east of the drain not being included in the sale.

16. Open Forum

Nothing was raised.

17. To confirm any items for the future agenda

Precept setting

Dates of Meetings

4th January 2024

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

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Date 4th January 2024