

**MINUTES OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 10th APRIL 2025 - held at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, North Wootton**

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint, Blood, Border, Blackmore, Lamb, Edwards, Quick
Borough Councillors Coates, Bland and County Cllr Ring
Rachel Curtis - Clerk

Also in attendance – 1 member of the public

- 1. To accept any apologies** – Cllrs Harper (holiday), Nurse (other engagement) and Hemeter (family matters)
- 2. Declarations of Interest on items within this agenda**
None
- 3. Minutes of last meeting** - It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025 be accepted.
- 4. Matters Arising** – After permission given by the PC, North Wootton WI have planted a tree on the Green to mark their upcoming 60th anniversary.
- 5. Law and Order**
- There is a priority setting meeting on 15th April, which Cllr Hemeter is due to attend.

6. Open Forum

Cllr Coates reported on discussions regarding Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution taking place within the Borough and County Council. A map of 3 unitary authorities is a preferred option at present. It was agreed that any reorganisation should ensure that both the rural and urban issues of our area are addressed. The new mayoral position when elected will not be a civil post but an administrative one. Cllr Ring said that the Borough Council have projects ready to put forward when reorganisation is complete and finances are available namely those to improve the leisure facilities.

As Paul Bland's mayoral service is coming to an end, Cllr Coates expressed his thanks to Cllr Bland for his service and dedication. This was echoed by the Parish Council and Cllr Marshall-Grint thanked Paul for his support to North Wootton PC. Cllr Ring joined the tribute to Paul also and his service will be sadly missed.

Castle Rising speed limit review – Cllr Ring said that this report is now complete and available on the CRPC website. It is suggested that 30mph zones are put in place in the village centre.

- 7. Correspondence** - none
- 8. Finance – to agree the payments list presented at the meeting**

Year End Adjustments and payments

	26,733.43
BCKLWN duplicate entry on c/b	-116.03
PKF Littlejohn - omitted from c/b	378.00
R Curtis - expenses not added to c/b	40.48
Veolia - nopt on c/b	121.18
Incorrect wayleave figure entered	0.92
Veolia – March	183.16

Less:	Payments		
Online	Total Energies – Aug 24 – Feb 25	14,554.60	
Online	Peter Tree Surgeon – fell 2 trees	500.00	
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Online	Service Charges applied to account	4.25	
		16,058.85	
	Income		
	SWPC Recharge	37.52	
	SWPC Recharge	16,186.73	
			26,291.12
	<u>Made up as follows</u>		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	231.92	
	Lloyds Current A/C	9,390.26	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	16,668.94	
			<u>26,291.12</u>

April Payments

Activ All - Climbing Wall SWJS	9,480.00
Activ All - Climbing Wall NWA	9,480.00
Finding Fitness - Monkey Bars - NWA SWJS	9,480.00
Nurture - March 25	697.08
P Witt - Bins	111.99
BCKLWN - Wootton Park Land Rent	20.00
BCKLWN Dog Bin Emptying	1,845.48
K & M Lighting	276.00
R Curtis - April Salary & Expenses	696.65
	32,087.20

Income

Precept – part payment from B Council	26,250.00	
		<u>20,453.92</u>

Made up as follows

Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	231.92	
Lloyds Current A/C	3,553.06	
Lloyds Treasurers Account	16,668.94	
		<u>20,453.92</u>

The payments above were approved.

9. **Highways** – The Clerk has reported the tree which is leaning over the corner of Nursery Lane to Highways, with an update on the apparent increase in the lean. Their response is ‘defect confirmed, but no action to be taken at this time’. Clerk to forward details to Cllr Ring to follow this up with Highways as there is still concern as to the safety of the tree.

10. **Wootton Park**

- The newly refurbished Pavillion will be opened at a ceremony to be attended by the mayor on 19th April.

- CIL payments have been granted for shingle outside the Pavillion and concrete bases for new benches.
- There is a project near the infant play area for the Volunteer Yourself group – putting in some picnic tables and some concrete bases. Cllr Border to organise this.
- The wildflower strips have been planted and seeded. The PC thanked Cllr Border for his efforts with this.

11. Street Lighting –

After UK Power Networks repaired the base of the column at Meadow Close, K & M Lighting have identified the need for a replacement lamp which is being carried out.

12. Planning

Applications to Consider

22/00993/F – Removal of Condition 16 of Planning Consent, House on the Green
Refurbishment of the pub has started.

25/0542/F – Proposed alterations to existing conservatory to from flat roofed sunroom with lantern, 12 Carlton Drive – no comment

25/00581/F – 3 Old Rectory Close, single storey extension and alterations – no comment

25/00198/F – Variation of Planning Consent 23/02202/CU tattoo studio 24 Ford Ave
This has been given permanent planning permission.

Knights Hill – building work to start in June. Access arrangements made to reduce the impact to the current road use as much as possible.

13. Village Hall -

VE Day celebrations are planned for the 8th May, flag to be raised in the morning and beacon lighting in evening.

Street party on the 10th May, £3,800 grant has been obtained to help with the cost of this. Live music, subsidised food vendors and a fly past at 2.50pm. The village hall committee will bring a proposal to the May meeting to request a financial contribution to be considered by the PC. Cllr Ring may have access to some funding for VE Day celebrations also.

Heritage Live have given some tickets for the Sandringham Concerts to the village hall. There is an online auction to raise funds for the Hall.

Finance £3,941.08 in the community account and £44,463.06 in the savings account.

14. The Village

Report from Cllr Blood for the SAM 2 sign.

For the month of March the signage was on Long Common Rd capturing traffic as it flowed from North Wootton to Castle Rising.

VOLUME - 18,209 total (619 daily). SPEED - 85th Percentile 32.7mph Average 27.6mph

For the trailing 12 months April 2024 through to March 2025 inclusive, some observations:

An average on 773 vehicles passing along the signage per day

Busiest road by volume is outside the village hall with 38% more vehicles than the village average

No significant variation in volumes YOY.

Average speed of 26.3mph and an 85th percentile of 31.2mph.

Most frequently observed higher speeds on Ling Common Rd; CR-NW 7% higher than averages.

This reflects that drivers coming from Castle Rising through the 60mph zone failing to slow down sufficiently, even 400m later at the positioning of the signage.

We will continue to monitor these speeds and volumes over the coming months and developments to understand the impact of developments in the area.

Water Flow Management Plans

- Cllr Border met with Lord Howard to look at the water flow in Ling Common Wood. Permission was

granted for NWPC contractor to access Howard Estate land to clear some of the ditch and install a weed grating on the culvert.

- With the trees now cut down, the PC gave the go ahead for William Moorfoot to dig the ditch deeper and remove the tree routes, funded thanks to Cllr Ring's County Councillor Grant.
- The Clerk has had a response from Philippa at the Water Management Alliance who has provided some maps of the water courses in the area and offered advice where needed.

Agreed next steps to progress this further;

- Meeting with the Water Management Alliance
- Cllr Border to speak to Mr Irwin regarding land around the Red Cat
- Set up a meeting with landowners and interested parties once a clear objective is set
- The tree survey will be discussed at the May meeting.
- The bench around the war memorial needs attention, the wood is deteriorating. Cllr Lamb and Cllr Border to look at this and possibly involve one of the volunteer groups who carry out work on the Park.
- Installation of a Toucan crossing at the Wootton Gap traffic lights will involve a closure of 2 days, not the initial 6 weeks which was first indicated.

15. Open Forum

Nothing to raise.

16. To confirm any items for future agenda – Tree Survey, water management update.

Date of Next Meeting – 1st May, 5th June 2025

The meeting finished at 8.52pm

..... Chairman Date 1st May 2025