

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

THURSDAY 5th JUNE 2025 - held at 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Marshall-Grint, Border, Harper, Blackmore, Blood, Edwards

County Cllr Simon Ring

Two members of the public

1. To accept any apologies

Cllr Hemeter – family commitments, Cllr Nurse, prior meeting, Cllr Lamb, holiday, Cllr Quick, prior work commitments – apologies were accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk would produce a register of attendance at meetings for the July meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest of Items within this agenda

None

3. To agree the Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 1st May 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes – none

5. Law and Order – to hear any issues and updates from the PCSO and Police Liaison

The next Priority Setting meeting will take place on Monday 14th July at South Wootton Parish Council Office. Cllr Hemeter sent a report detailing some crime statistics although it was unclear as to which area they related to.

Some travellers recently set up at the Rugby Club, but they have now moved elsewhere.

6. Open Forum

A resident asked about cutting trees in the Parish and if the PC adheres to the guidance of not cutting trees and hedges between Apr – Sept. The PC noted this and is happy that it does carry out this due diligence and if emergency work is carried out in this period, then areas of checked for nests.

7. Correspondence

Item 1 – A couple in Julian Road have requested the PC consider putting up a bus shelter on Alban Road, Councillors considered this and agreed for the Clerk to carry out a consultation with nearby residents to gather opinion on this idea.

Item 2 – A resident emailing regarding requesting a tree is cut back, this has been dealt with at Wootton Park Association, Clerk to reply with the WPA decision being a no.

Item 3 – A thank you for the VE Day celebrations.

Item 4 – Rugby Club letting the PC know they are doing a sponsored cycle ride on 6th July.

Item 5 – A resident asking the PC for some CIL monies to fund bird boxes to monitor birds in the North Wootton area. The PC does not give out grants, but would offer a free stall at the village market to promote awareness of his project.

8. a) Finance – to agree the payment list presented at the meeting

The payments listed were agreed.

BALANCE b/fwd.		33,397.75	
Less:	Payments		
<u>Chq No:</u>			
Online	P Witt - April and May Bins	146.99	
Online	NALC Subscription	509.57	
Online	BCKLWN Printing Newsletter	114.33	
Online	ESPO - March 25	1,676.02	
Online	ESPO - April 25	1,341.50	
Online	R Curtis Salary - June	658.67	
Online	R Curtis - Expenses	10.90	
Online	Veolia - March 25	132.98	
Online	Veolia - April 25	175.38	
Online	Veolia - May 25	138.26	
		4,904.60	
Add:			
23/04/25	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver) - Interest	3.06	
08/04/25	Lloyds Treasurers Account - Deposit SWPC	68.57	
		71.63	
			28,564.78
	<u>Made up as follows</u>		
	Lloyds Gold Deposit A/C (Easy Saver)	234.98	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account	68.57	
	Lloyds Current A/C	28,261.23	
			28,564.78

b) To agree the annual AGAR statement and accounts

The Clerk read out the statements and all were agreed by the PC. The balance to carry forward at the end of 24/25 is £26,291.

9. Highways

The dip in the highway at Manor Road has been top filled, but it is unknown as to what the issue is causing the problem. Cllr Ring to ask NCC if they are aware.

10. Wootton Park Association

Picnic in the Park has been cancelled due to the severe weather forecast for 7th June. There is a possibility it may be rescheduled for later in the summer. The play equipment installation is now complete and has been well received by park users already. The pavilion upgrades are nearing completion and the serving of coffees will start soon to see how popular this is. Work to the outside area is still under review as to whether to use a shingle or brick weave surface.

11. Street Lighting - nothing to report

12. Planning

25/00656/F – Front and side extension at 17 Tyndale – no comments
25/00281/F – Extension at 38 Priory Lane – no comments

25/00929/F – Loft conversion at 5 Old Rectory Lane – no comments

13. Village Hall

The VE Day celebrations were a great success. Thanks especially from the PC to Cllr Lamb and the committee for putting on this great event.
£3,572 in the current account and £44,678 in the high deposit account.

14. The Village

Cllr Border reported that the flood alleviation work is now complete on the Priory Lane triangle of land. The PC congratulated him on his work in organising this. The PC thanked Cllr Ring for his financial assistance with the project. Cllr Marshall-Grint will meet Phillipa from the Water Management Alliance on 27th June at 10am to walk Station Road to the Marshes to make her aware of the issues there. Following this the Clerk will organise a meeting with local stakeholders to bring together views and thoughts on what has been done this year and to co-ordinate work still to complete. Two quotes have been requested to fill the potholes in the layby outside North Wootton Academy.

SAM 2

All Saints Drive

1-28 May

VOLUME - Daily 703 (19,951), Peak - 15:00-16:00hrs

SPEED (mph) - 85th percentile 29.4, Average 25.5

Max 50 at 22:00 22nd May

Now on corner of Nursery Lane

15. Open Forum

Cllr Ring gave an update on matters relating to the Borough and County. He is now the leader of the Independent Group at County after sitting with the Lib Dems since the passing of Cllr John Crofts. There is still much discussion surrounding Devolution at both Borough and County level. Cllr Ring reminded the PC and residents that he is open to questions and to get in touch with him if needed.

16. To confirm Items for Future Agenda

The idea of a village walk in August – date to be decided at the July meeting.
The Clerk will prepare a list of Councillors attendance for the year.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm