

2016/17 – 21

**A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.00pm in The School House.**

**PRESENT: Chairman:** Cllr G Horton  
Cllr B Firth, Cllr R Campbell, Cllr C Simmonds, Cllr S Ormston

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**2017/03/01: Apologies for absence :** Cllr P Styche, Cllr P Clark, Cllr D Wells, Cllr R Hannigan.

**2017/03/02: Declarations of interest on any agenda items :** None.

**2017/03/03: Adoption of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

**2017/03/04: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

- i) Wooden finger post signs on High Street and Burnham crossroads – N.L.C have noted and sent to the construction department at N.L.C for repair/replacement asap.
- ii) Green Lane – No further activity has been noted. Clerk to contact N.L.C to find out if they have received any response from property owner.
- iii) Sapling Growth – Cherry lane – N.L.C have inspected and have advised that it does not need immediate attention. The sapling growth will be cut back when routine maintenance takes place in this area.

**2017/03/05: Planning Applications received:**  
Opportunity for one person from each side to state within 3 minutes objections/support of contested applications.

**No applications received.**

**2017/03/06: Police Matters/NATS**

- i) NATS meeting – next meeting scheduled for 13/04/17 at 6.30pm in Barrow Chapel.
- ii) New Police matters – No new Police matters to report.

**2017/03/07: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:**

- i. Report from NLC Ferry Ward Member Councillors: No members present.
- ii. New matters to consider: No new matters to report.

**2017/03/08: Correspondence:** circulated list and items received too late for circulation.

- VANL – training course diary
- Rural Services Network – information
- N.L.C – weekly road works list.
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine.
- Glasdon council products.
- Various emails regarding road closures – Costain
- N.L.C – Consultation Local Plan 2017 – 2036 – consultation period 27<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
- Winter Service Review – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Normanby Hall.
- Hunberside Airport – Consultative Committee meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- Lincs Lotto Good causes event – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> may 2017 – Baths Hall, Scunthorpe.

**2017/03/9: Finance**

i) **Accounts for payment:**

<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>Cheque no'</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	22179	130.18
Salary – February		
HMRC – February	22180	31.00
R S Gardening – branch removal	22181	140.00
N.L.C – Litter bin	22182	174.00
R S gardening – grass mowing	22183	90.00

**The payment of the above accounts was proposed by Cllr S Ormston, seconded by Cllr R Campbell and unanimously agreed.**

**INCOME RECEIVED** : VAT rebate : £432.30, £500 grant from N.L.C expected 24/3/17

**Bank Balance – after the above accounts have been paid the balance is £3,157.84**

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet for the year to date indicating where expenditure is allocated during the year – circulated at meeting.
  - iii) To receive and adopt the Child Protection Policy – the policy was received, approved and adopted.
  - iv) To receive the quotation for grass mowing from R S Gardening for 2017/18 :
    - Pond area - £48.00 – Fortnightly
    - Church Yard - £43.00 – Fortnightly
    - Triangular seat area - £7.00 – Fortnightly
    - Strim back of Church - £33.00 – twice in the season.
- IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the above quotations for the 2017/18 mowing season.

**2017/03/10: Environmental and village issues:**

- a) Pond Lilies – The N.L.C boat attended the pond and undertook some thinning out of the lilies. It was not possible to cut back the reeds due to it being the nesting period. The clerk to write to Tim Allen thanking him for organising the boat and request the boat again in September when a further thinning of the lilies can take place along with some cutting back of the reeds.
  - It was noted that some work is required to improve the drainage around the pond. Parish councillors will investigate.
- b) Village notice board – A grant of £500 has been allocated – clerk has submitted all papers for payment.
- c) Sunflower competition: It was agreed to try and arrange a sunflower growing community event/competition. Cllr Simmonds will purchase approximately 300 seeds to the value of approximately £30 and these will be distributed to the householders and school with a leaflet/newsletter trying to encourage all householders to grow a sunflower in the front of their property. The idea is to create some community spirit and to enhance the village during the summer months.
- d) Fallen tree at churchyard: Clerk to make further investigations regarding responsibility for this tree and to look into our insurance policy to establish if the parish council has cover for such eventuality. Clerk to look into the law regarding responsibility for closed churchyards.
- e) New village matters to report:
  - The new seat situated at the west end of the village has been positioned right next to the seat – clerk to ask N.L.C to move.
  - Dog fouling is a problem on Cherry lane. The dog bin at the top of Cherry Lane is becoming a little inaccessible as the access to it has become very churned up in the wet weather.
  - The footpath on Cherry lane – south end, left hand side as travelling south – just past the two houses – is in need of repair/resurfacing.
  - The grass outside the ONGO bungalows on High Street needs cutting – clerk to report to ONGO.
  - The meeting agreed that the seat to be purchased, through a collection, in memory of Danny Danson should be the same quality as the seats already positioned in this area and the councillors need to agree the location for this seat.
  - It was noted that a resident has indicated that a tree near pondside is obscuring visibility as they travel around the pond.

**2017/03/11: Agenda items for next meeting**

**2017/03/12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.**