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A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.00pm in The School House.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton,
Cllr R Campbell, Cllr B Firth, Cllr P Styche, Cllr S Hare,
Cllr C Simmonds, Cllr S Ormston,

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr P Clark, Cllr R Hannigan, Cllr D Wells, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

2019/03/01: Apologies for absence : No apologies to receive.

2019/03/02: Declarations of interest on any agenda items : Cllr R Campbell – Item 5(b)

2019/03/03: Adoption of the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2019

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th February 2019 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

2019/03/04: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2019

- i) BT Telegraph Cable – an engineer has visited the site but it remains in need of repair.
- ii) Bus service – N.L.C are reviewing the bus services in rural areas but no cuts are planned in the foreseeable future to the 450 service. N.L.C are hoping to improve the callconnect service in this area. N.L.C are no longer working with Lincolnshire to provide this service – bookings will still be made through callconnect but the vehicles will just service North Lincolnshire. N.L.C are hoping to instigate some fixed services with the callconnect buses which will hopefully improve the service.

2019/03/05: Planning Applications received

Opportunity for one person from each side to state within 3 minutes objections/support of contested applications.

- a) Application PA/2019/441 – Planning permission to erect first floor extension and relocate antenna – 7 Hawthorn Close, Wootton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.**

- b) Application PA/2018/1381 – Planning permission to erect 5 detached dwellings with private

drive and associated external landscaping – additional documentation – arboricultural method statement, arboricultural report and preliminary method statement, amended plans – details of site access and revised tree notes shown on site layout plan – 7 Vicarage lane, Wootton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to reiterate the objections raised by the parish council to the first planning application. Cllr Hannigan agreed to 'call in' this planning application to ensure it is heard by the planning committee.

2019/03/06: Police Matters

- i) NATS meeting – The next NATS meeting is scheduled for 4th April 2019 in South Killingholme community centre.

It was noted that there was a road traffic accident in Wootton recently.

2019/03/07: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- i. Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Clark advised the meeting that N.L.C have set their budget for the forthcoming financial year and have agreed a 2.9% increase in the general council tax. The community fund which serves parish councils and local voluntary groups will be available again for the forthcoming year.

Cllr C Simmonds advised the Ward Councillors that the grant figure provided to the parish council by N.L.C, quoted in the Conservative newspaper, was widely

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incorrect – the parish council actually received £2,800.

Cllr P Styche suggested to the Ward Councillors that perhaps they should seek permission from anyone featured within a photograph before they use within their party publication.

- ii. New matters to consider: No new matters to consider.

2019/03/08: Correspondence: circulated list and items received too late for circulation.

- VANL – training course diary
- Rural Services Network – information
- North Lincolnshire Council – Forthcoming meetings
- The Great British Spring Clean – 22 March – 23rd April
- North Lincolnshire Workers memorial day – 29/4/19
- R Hannigan – update on bus service
- CPRE Best Kept Village competition details
- Birtwhistles – confirmation of commencement of work to trees in Churchyard.
- Quotation from R Altoft to continue the grass mowing service within the village.

2019/03/09: Finance

i)) Accounts for payment:

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk) Salary – February	22265	136.00
HMRC – February	22266	34.00
C Simmonds – Plants	22267	129.80

INCOME RECEIVED: N.L.C grant for tree works: £2,800; N.L.C grant for winter bedding: £108.17

The payment of the above accounts was proposed by Cllr B Firth, seconded by Cllr R Campbell and unanimously agreed.

Bank Balance – after the above accounts have been paid the balance is £8,460.72

ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet for the year to date indicating where expenditure is allocated during the year – circulated with minutes.

iii) To receive and approve the quotation received from R Altoft for the grass mowing service within the village.

IT WAS RESOLVED to accept this quotation for the 2019/20 mowing season.

2019/02/10: Environmental and village issues:

a) The Pond/Lily's/Maintenance – Cllr's Simmonds, Styche and Hare met with Ben Burgess – Creative Nature – to assess the pond and make recommendations for the work required. He intends to revisit the pond, with a colleague, with waders so that he can assess the strength of the bed of the pond for use of equipment/machinery in the pond. He will then supply quotes for his recommended works as soon as possible.

It was agreed that Cllr Styche would invite Aquatic Solutions – who the parish council were in contact with prior to Christmas – and invite them to undertake a site visit and make their recommendations and provide quotations. The meeting agreed that if this company required a fee for the site visit the parish council were in agreement to pay for this. Once any details regarding this are available the clerk will email all councillors.

b) Works to trees by N.L.C – Birtwhistles have indicated that they can commence work on the trees week commencing 18/3/19. **N.B The start date is now confirmed for 25/3/19.**

c) Election Papers – to confirm the election papers must be submitted by hand to N.L.C between 27th March and 3rd April – the papers were completed at the meeting and the clerk will take to N.L.C offices.

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d) New village matters to report: The grass outside the senior citizens bungalows on High Street/Cherry Lane junction does not appear to have been cut. Clerk to ask ONGO for their grass mowing schedule.

The road on Pondsides – opposite 2 High Street – floods. There is a plastic pipe drain from the road into the pond but drainage from this pipe is very slow. Cllr Hannigan agreed to ask N.L.C to make a site visit and investigate and try to improve the drainage on this part of the highway.

Unfortunately dog walkers do not seem to be cleaning up after their dogs – the pavements and green lane are in a very bad state with dog waste.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a quarterly magazine for the village of Wootton. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The 20mph flashing lights are not working – Cllr Wells to report this to N.L.C.

CLERKS NOTE: N.L.C are aware of the problem – there is a connection issue which they are trying to resolve.

Unfortunately some residents/visitors are parking on the grass verges on Swallow lane which is churning them up and making a mess – residents are asked to park their vehicles considerately.

2019/02/11: Agenda items for next meeting

Quarterly magazine.

2019/02/12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7pm

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