

**A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT: Chairman:** Cllr G Horton, Cllr's P Styche, S Hare, B Atkinson, C Simmonds.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr P Clark, Cllr D Wells and Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**1: Apologies for absence :** Cllr B Firth, R Campbell, Cllr S Ormston, Cllr R Hannigan.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to provide a leave extension to Cllr's Firth, Campbell and Ormston of a further 6 months.

**2: Declarations of interest on any agenda items :** None.

**3: Adoption of the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The minutes of the meetings held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

**4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

- i. Road surface repairs – Triangular entrance to church – This area has been patched – albeit very poorly. Councillors felt the repairs were inadequate and suggested the clerk request that this whole triangular area be properly resurfaced.
- ii. Missing street lamp – reported – awaiting response.
- iii. Swallow lane – road and footpath repairs – N.L.C have advised that they are still operating with a reduced staffing level and therefore only emergency repairs will be undertaken.  
The road from Ulceby to Croxton was also discussed – the road surface was very badly damaged when the A180 was closed due to an accident, it was a particularly hot day and the volume of HGV traffic severely damaged the road surface. N.L.C highways officers have inspected the road and deem it safe but not ideal – a schedule to make repairs is being drawn up and will be undertaken in due course.
- iv. Pocket Park. No response from N.L.C regarding mowing and fence/gate repairs. It was noted that someone has mowed a path around the perimeter of Pocket Park so that it is possible to walk around this area. Clerk was asked to make enquiries with N.L.C regarding the possibility of devolving the responsibility for the mowing of this area to the parish council.
- v. Spring In bloom grant – The grant has been applied for and received 22/7/20.

**5. Planning Applications received:**

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

- i) Application 2020/870 – Planning permission to erect 16 dwellings with garages, including associated boundary, highway landscaping and drainage works – Warehouse 5 High Street, Wootton  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to *report NO OBJECTIONS* to this planning application on the condition that the weighbridge is moved and no HGV traffic can access the site off High Street (through the residential area).
- ii) Application 2020/829 – Application to fell 8 trees and prune 3 trees – Chantry Cottage, 10 Pondsides, Wootton.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS** to this planning application.

**6: Police Matters**

- i) NATS meeting – A vehicle travelling at excessive speed through the village in the early morning has been reported to the police. The vehicle details have been provided to the police and they agreed to have a word with the driver. No further update has been received from the police to date. Cllr Atkinson advised that he would get back in touch with the police to ask them to visit the village again to try and resolve this problem.

**7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:**

- i. Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Clark advised that the NATS group are looking for a date and venue for the next NATS meeting. Cllr Wells suggested that the clerk advise N.L.C about the lack of fencing and security at Pocket Park.
- ii. New matters to consider: No new matters raised.

**8: Correspondence**

- VANL – training course diary. Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- CPRE – newsletter.
- N.L.C – meetings scheduled for July 2020

**9: Finance****i) Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
R S Gardening (grass cutting June)	222329	230.00
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	222330	140.91
Salary – June		
HMRC – June	222331	35.20
Petty Cash	222332	50.00
Nettleton Mowing & Maint (Highway mowing)	222333	446.66
Aquatic Solutions	222334	4,320.00
Brian Plant – waste removal	222335	180.00

**INCOME** : Highway verge mowing grant – 50% - £1841.00; Spring in Bloom grant - £212.96  
The payment of the above accounts was proposed by Cllr P Styche, seconded by Cllr C Simmonds and unanimously agreed.

**Bank Balance – after the above accounts have been paid the balance is £17,248.13**

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – circulated with minutes.
- iii) ) To receive the Internal Auditors report and accounts for the year ended March 2020 and to approve and sign the:
- a) Governance Statements and b) Accounting Statements

**IT WAS RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the Internal Auditors report and to approve and authorise the signing of a)The Governance and b) The Accounting statements.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the relevant sections of the Annual Return.

**10: Environmental and village issues:**

- a) The Pond – It was agreed that the pond look good after the latest work from aquatic solutions. One or two comments had been received about the waste being left on the pondside overnight but this way the wild life had time to ‘escape’ prior to the waste being transported to the recycle centre. It was noted that the lilly’s could still regrow but hopefully this work will have controlled them further.

It was agreed that a programme of work is required to maintain and curtail the reeds. There was a suggestion that the parish council purchase a strimmer but volunteers are still needed to actually strim the reeds – and there are health and safety/risk assessment requirements involved with this.

The clerk is hoping to get Nettleton Mowing Services to take a look at the pond and the work required there within the next week.

A discussion took place regarding fish stocks in the pond. Cllr Campbell and Styche both have contacts who would be willing to look at the pond in general and the level of fish stock in the pond and try to make it sustainable. It was agreed that Cllr’s Styche and Campbell should liaise to take this forward.

- b) Church Walk Way – It was agreed that the undergrowth, nettles and general weeds are the problem on this path. Clerk to ask Rob Alltoft to undertake some tidying of the walkway to make it passable when he undertakes work to the churchyard on a twice yearly basis.
- c) New village matters to report: Cllr Horton advised that an engineer has been looking at all the brackets on the telegraph poles so hopefully the one with the missing stay will be repaired soon. Cllr Styche suggested that as the planning application for the development on Swallow lane had been withdrawn, the ‘Stop the Build’ notice boards should be taken down. Cllr Atkinson advised that residents wanted to leave them up for a couple more weeks then will remove them if there is not sign of a resubmission of the planning application.

**11: Agenda items for next meeting**

**12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – 7.00pm.**

Clerk to forward details – zoom or otherwise – in due course.

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