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A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

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

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

3: Adoption of the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 18th August 2020

The minutes of the meetings held on 18th August 2020 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st July 2020

- i. Missing street lamp – reported – awaiting response.
- ii. Pocket Park – A site meeting took place at Pocket Park and N.L.C agreed to undertake a whole cut of the area. A discussion took place regarding the parish council cutting a path around the area to enable residents to walk throughout the year and N.L.C would reimburse the parish council for this cutting. N.L.C have offered £18 per path cut, to cover 3 path cuts per year – clerk to ask Nettleton Mowing services to consider undertaking these cuts. Unfortunately the whole cut by N.L.C has not taken place as yet as the key to the gate has gone missing. The meeting agreed that pocket park does look neglected and Cllr Wells agreed to contact Andy Tate to progress this whole area cut as soon as Andy Tate returns from holiday.
- iii. Floatation Device – Wootton Pond – Cllr Horton agreed to try and investigate appropriate equipment for the pond this month.
- iv. 'Just Go' bus service – this new bus service commenced on 7/9/20 along with an improved 250 bus service through the village. The bus service for the village appears to be working well so far.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

No planning applications received.

6: Police Matters

- i. NATS meeting – A remote meeting has not be scheduled as yet.
There appears to be an increased number of vehicles speeding through the village – Cllr Clark agreed to forward the new PC's contact details to the clerk and suggested that any problems such as this could be reported to the Safer Neighbourhoods organisation.
It was suggested that a request be made for 'Golden Rivers' to monitor volume, type and speed of vehicles travelling through the village positioned to the West of 61 High Street and before the Cherry Lane junction.

7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- i. Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Wells advised that the 250 bus service for Wootton is not listed on the bus time table – he agreed to look into this and ensure that it is published correctly.
The pot holes and road repairs on Cherry lane will not be undertaken until the construction work is complete. N.L.C have indicated that the road repairs on Croxton Road will be undertaken this financial year.
- ii. New matters to consider: The two properties on Cherry lane which are in a very poor state of repair and deteriorating – clerk to contact Martin Wilson at N.L.C to ask for an update on these properties.
Cllr Horton noted that Race Lane has been resurfaced but not in a particularly great manner!

8: Correspondence

- VANL – training course diary
- Rural Services Network – information
- NALC – updates on parish council meetings – Face to Face/Zoom
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- Emails regarding pocket park.

9: Finance

i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	222341	140.91
August salary		
HMRC – August	222342	35.20
Nettleton Mowing & Maint (Highway mowing)	222343	446.66
R S Gardening	222344	230.00
PKF LittleJohn – Audit	222345	240.00
Information Commissioner	222346	40.00

INCOME : Second instalment of Highway mowing grant - £1949.00

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

Bank Balance – after the above accounts have been paid the balance is £17,096.80

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – circulated with minutes.
- iii) Audit Update – The clerk confirmed that the audit has been signed off by the external auditor with the recommendation that and appropriate asset value be inserted within the AGAR form.

10: Environmental and village issues:

- a) The Pond –
 - i) Reed removal and pruning of pondside bushes – still waiting for a quotation from J Nettleton. Cllr Horton agreed to ask a contact to look at the overgrown bush and remove the weed growth and prune accordingly. It was noted that the reeds were not too overgrown at present.
 - ii) Fish Stocks: Cllr Styche has spoken to a man from Barton who will visit the pond and meet with a few parish councillors to discuss the best way to reduce the number of fish in the pond and how to manage fish stock levels in the future. The visit is scheduled for 22/9/20 and it is hoped that as many parish councillors as possible can attend.
- b) Dog Bin – Swallow lane – It was agreed that this bin would be replaced when any complaints about it were received or when councillors felt necessary.
The clerk was asked to get some stickers from N.L.C to place on the litter bins in the village indicating that the bins can be used for litter and dog waste.
- c) Fence/Barrier at Pondsides – Cllr Horton advised that his contact who will prune the bush at pondsides will also paint the barrier fence at pondsides.
- d) New village matters to report: Cllr Atkinson reported young people walking through the village drinking beer. The meeting thought that this might be a one off instance.
Cllr Atkinson suggested a notice information board be erected at the pondsides identifying the wildlife species, flowers and plants at the pond. Cllr Horton agreed to progress this suggestion with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.
Cllr Horton reported that the broken telegraph pole and 3 others along Cherry lane will be replaced in the near future.
Cllr Hare advised the meeting that 500 bulbs will be arriving shortly and any help to plant the bulbs around the village would be appreciated.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th October 2020 – 7.00pm.

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