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A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton

Cllr's P Styche, S Hare, C Simmonds, R Campbell, S Ormston.

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

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr B Firth, , B Atkinson, Cllr D Wells.

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

3: Adoption of the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2021

The minutes of the meetings held on 19th January 2021 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2021

- i) Cherry lane properties – Cllr Hannigan informed the meeting that N.L.C have advised that compulsory purchase of these properties is not an option – N.L.C will serve further orders on the owner of these properties, which is likely to result in a court order, to force the owner to make improvements.
- ii) Pot Holes – Swallow lane and Barton Road – no repairs have been undertaken as yet due to the bad weather. Some work has been undertaken on the road leading to Thornton Curtis but unfortunately these repair works will need to be undertaken again as the bad weather and not allowed the repairs to be successful. Cllr Hannigan will press for repairs on Barton Road leading to Croxton, Wold Road and Swallow top Road.
- iii) Memorial bench at pond – The clerk has spoken to a representative of the family. He has not forgotten about the bench – it will be installed shortly.
- iv) Spring In Bloom grant – The clerk has applied for a Spring in Bloom grant and approximately £250 will hopefully be made available.
- v) Pocket Park – confirmation that the park has been put forward to be considered on the Ward Councillors priority list.
- vi) Councillors non attendance of remote meetings – The clerk was asked to keep in touch with the councillors who are unable to attend meetings at the present moment in time..

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 – Remote meetings are currently being organised with the officer trying to work with the police shift patterns. The meetings are likely to be every 12 weeks and held in the evening. Any urgent problems should be reported to Safer Neighbourhoods at N.L.C. and parish councils will receive the details in due course.
- II. New Police matters : No new matters to report.

7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- a) Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Hannigan advised that the 'Just Go' bus service was receiving good reviews and is particularly well used in the Ferry Ward and Isle of Axholme. N.L.C are placing another bus on this service until Covid restrictions are lifted. (The bus is limited to 7 passengers due to covid – capacity is 21 people).
Cllr Clark confirmed the intentions for the NATS meetings to recommence remotely in the near future.
- b) New matters to consider: No new matters raised.

8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- L.I.V.E.S – letter requesting donation. Cllr Clark offered to ask a local L.I.V.E.S volunteer for information relating to the locally based groups.

9: Finance

- i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	22360	179.98
Salary – Jan		
HMRC – Jan	22361	45.00

INCOME : 0

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 £14,340.31

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – circulated with agenda.

10: Environmental and village issues:

- a) The pond:

- i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – No new matters to report.
ii) Information Board – Pondsides – This is likely to progress once the children have gone back to school.

b) Any new village matters to report: Cllr Atkinson reported by email that the bins are left discarded on the pavement after having been emptied and are causing an obstruction. The meeting felt that this month was a one off – it was a particularly windy day and generally the meeting felt that the refuse collectors do a very good job.

Cllr Ormston asked the meeting to consider receiving trees from the WI in celebration of their centenary year. The WI hopes to plant 100 trees in the 9 villages they have members from. It was agreed that small cherry trees would be suitable and locations would be agreed in due course.

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A resident has reported inconsiderate parking on Vicarage lane resulting in the grass verges being churned up. The meeting discussed purchasing a planter positioned so that parking on the verge is not possible.

Cllr Campbell advised the meeting that the finger post at the junction of Race lane/Wold Road (within the triangle) is still missing. It is believed that N.L.C have taken it away for repair – clerk to contact N.L.C to ask when it will be returned.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

Newsletter

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th March 2021 – 7.00pm.