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A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 19th January 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 D Wells and Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr B Firth, , B Atkinson, 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 17th November 2020

The minutes of the meetings held on 17th November 2020 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2020

- i. Cherry Lane properties – No further update available.
- ii. Wold Road signs – these signs were reinstated prior to Christmas
- iii. White Lining on roads through the village – Cllr Simmonds attended a meeting with a N.L.C highway officer and Cllr R Hannigan and white lining has been undertaken in the village along with 6 'Slow' signs as road markings – close to the school, at the grain stores and at Cherry lane.
- iv. Pot Holes – Swallow lane and Barton Road – some pot holes have been marked up hopefully to be repaired. Clerk to ask N.L.C to inspect Swallow Top Road, the surface has deteriorated due to the building work/haulage lorries use of that road. Barton Road – from High Street back to the entrance of Swallow Lane is also in a poor state of repair.
- v. Councillors met with the family who wish to place a bench at the pondside. The base has been put in but a bench has not yet appeared.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

- i) Application PA/1937 – Planning permission to form new vehicular access and driveway – 3 Ulceby Road, Wootton. (Application previously circulated)

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS** but to request as a condition of planning that no reversing should be permitted in to or out of the driveway and that the turning area within the grounds of the property should remain accessible at all times.

6: Police Matters

- I. NATS meeting – Remote meetings are currently being organised 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 Clark confirmed that NATS would soon be holding 'zoom' meetings.
Cllr Wells advised that no inspections are currently taking place – dangerous potholes will be repaired. Cllr Wells agreed to put Barton Road and Swallow lane on the list of requested pot hole repairs.
- b) Highway verge grass mowing – to confirm that this grant is being made available for 2021/2 and to confirm Nettleton Mowing Services will undertake the mowing this year with a tender process undertaken for 2022/3 mowing season.
- c) New matters to consider: Street lamp 11 has been mended but seems to work intermittently.

8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- CPRE newsletter
- N.L.C – verge mowing agreement for 2021
- Consultation on new and improved walking and cycling routes in North Lincolnshire.
- N.L.C – Spring in Bloom grant application

9: Finance

i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	22357	359.96
Salary – Nov & Dec		
HMRC – Nov	22358	45.00
HMRC - Dec	22359	45.00

INCOME : 0

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 £14,565.29

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

iii) To give consideration and to set the precept for 2021/2.

The meeting felt that it was appropriate not to increase the precept this year.

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to set the precept at £9,000.

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10: Environmental and village issues:

a) Spring In Bloom grant – It was agreed to apply for this grant requesting funds to purchase bulbs, compost and bedding plants. Clerk to submit grant application.

b) Pocket Park :

i) Mowing – areas and frequency.

Nettleton Mowing Services have provided a quotation of £60+vat for a full field cut and £25+vat for a 2m pathway around the field for walking. North Lincolnshire Council have offered £108 (as last year) for the path cuts and a further £120 to cover 2 field cuts.

The meeting agreed to accept this funding from N.L.C and ask Nettleton Mowing Services to undertake 2 full cuts and 4 path cuts throughout the mowing season.

ii) Fence repairs – a discussion took place regarding the necessity of replacing the fencing at pocket park to deter the threat of travellers, fly tipping etc. The meeting felt that if the parish council replaced the fence – either wooden or hedging – it would then be deemed the responsibility of the parish council and perhaps this is not a responsibility the parish council wants to take on. Cllr Clark suggested that he could submit the Pocket Park fencing as a ward priority. The meeting agreed to this suggestion and thanked Cllr's Clark and Wells for suggesting this and submitting this project for consideration within the ward priority list

c) The Pond:

i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – The pond currently looks very presentable, no concerns regarding pond matters.

ii) Information Board – Pondsides – This board will be progressed by Cllr Atkinson over the forthcoming months – when schools reopen.

d) New Village Matters: The triangular area adjacent the pond has been badly churned up by the refuse collection lorry. This area really needs to be smaller to allow the lorry to get past.

Cllr Hare suggested planting some bulbs (Bluebells) in the woodland area at Pocket Park.

Cllr Horton referred to the email from ERNLLCA regarding councillors unable to join remote parish council meetings. The advice from ERNLLCA is that councillors can make their own decision regarding this matter.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

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