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

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton

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

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

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr B Firth, S Ormston, Cllr P Clark.

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

3: Adoption of the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2021

The minutes of the meetings held on 16th February 2021 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2021

- i) Cherry lane properties – Chris Fairbrother of N.L.C has advised that the properties could be purchased under a C.P.O but there must be a compelling case that such a purchase is in the public interest. There is also a requirement to demonstrate that all attempts to acquire the property through negotiation have been exhausted. The meeting felt that the village had suffered for 10years plus with these properties in such a poor state of repair and are a detriment to neighbouring properties. Cllr Hannigan was asked to continue his discussions with Chris Fairbrother to try and instigate a purchase policy for these properties.
- ii) Pot Holes – Swallow lane and Barton Road – emergency repairs have been undertaken but they have been very poorly done and some of the potholes are already reappearing. Cllr Hannigan advised that when covid restrictions are lifted the repairs to the potholes and road surface will be undertaken in a better manner.
- 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) Missing finger post – Race lane/Wold Road – clerk has made contact with the highway maintenance team and asked for this post to be reinstated as soon as possible.
- v) Parking on grass verges – Vicarage lane – The meeting agreed that in the long term further parking facilities were needed for residents of Wudaton Court – clerk asked to contact ONGO to see if any further parking facilities can be introduced. In the short term a parking cone has been placed to prevent cars [parking on the verge and the meeting agreed that a large planter should be purchased and placed in this location to prevent further damage to the grass verge.
- vi) Trees – WI – The clerk has liaised with the representative of the WI and confirmed that Wootton would be able to receive some trees for the WI celebrations. Cllr Simmonds mentioned that it would be preferable if the locations for the tree planting could be discussed and agreed with the parish council before planting takes place.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

a) Application PA/2021/348 – Planning permission to erect a single storey ground floor extension with a balcony to the rear of the property – 17 Highfield House, Ulceby Road, Wootton.

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

6: Police Matters

- I. NATS meeting – There has been no notification of a remote meeting to date.
- II. New Police matters : No new matters to report.

7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- a) Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Wells advised that covid numbers in Barton upon Humber were quite high at present and although North Lincolnshire covid figures were not reducing there is no concern for alarm at present.
- b) New matters to consider: Cllr Simmonds advised that a couple of trees on Church lane will need attention from N.L.C in due course along with one or two other trees in the village.
The branches of a tree at Ashdale corner need cutting back to allow the sign to be visible – Cllr Hannigan advised that N.L.C are only undertaking journeys for essential works during the current lock down regulations.

8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- CPRE – best kept village competition
- N.L.C – Community grant information – Spring in Bloom

9: Finance

i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	22362	179.98
Salary – Feb		
HMRC – Feb	22363	45.00
K Pickering		
Zoom meeting subscription		
8 meetings x £4.96	22364	39.68

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 £14,075.65

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – circulated with agenda.
- iii) Spring In Bloom grant - £268 has been awarded from the community grant pot. It was agreed that Cllr's Hare and Simmonds would purchase plants, compost and any pots/planters required.

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10: Environmental and village issues:

a) **Grass Mowing** – to note the retirement of R Altoft from the village grass mowing and confirm arrangements for the 2021 mowing season and agree the budget for this mowing. The quotations from J Nettleton for the mowing of the churchyard and pond area were considered and approved.

It was agreed that an initial budget of £1500 for this mowing should be authorised and this would then be reviewed during the summer depending on number of cuts required and the growing season.

b) **The pond:**

- i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – there is little fish activity at present but a meeting will be arranged shortly to which all councillors are invited, to discuss the fish stocks and the necessity and method of removing some fish if necessary to ensure they do not become stressed during the summer months.

The lily pads have not begun to show yet but very soon it will become apparent how many lily pads there will be on the pond this summer.

- ii) Information Board – Pondsides – Cllr Atkinson advised that he will be in a position to progress this project over the next few months.

c) Any new village matters to report : The daffodil bulbs planted last autumn are coming through.

Cllr Styche advised the meeting that a resident has volunteered to store any litter picking equipment available from N.L.C for villages and hand out to any residents who are willing to pick up litter on their walks. The clerk was asked to obtain some litter picking sticks from N.L.C.

Cllr Hare asked the meeting to consider placing a notice board in the wooden bus shelter on the High Street. Clerk to get some quotations for suitable boards.

Cllr Simmonds advised that another car has left the road on Ashdale corner and damaged the oak tree. It was suggested that this accident should be recorded on the near miss page of N.L.C website.

Cllr Ormston suggested that the triangular area – at the entrance to the church – should be reduced in size to allow more parking and prevent the bin lorry from driving on the mowed grass. The meeting suggested putting blocks in – to prevent vehicles driving on it – Cllr Wells to send the clerk a photo of the suggested blocks so that enquiries can be made into the possibility of these at Wootton.

The newsletter is just about ready for print and will be available to be delivered this weekend.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th April 2021 – 7.00pm.