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A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton

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

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

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr B Firth, Cllr R Hannigan, 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 March 2021

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

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

- i) Cherry Lane properties – It was felt that the problem with these properties should resolve itself in due course.
- ii) Memorial bench at pond – no further progress. Clerk to contact the person who requested this bench and ask them to progress this matter as soon as possible.
- iii) Missing Finger Post Race lane/Wold Road – This finger post has not been reinstated as yet.
- iv) Triangular area at Church entrance – Cllr Ormston provided the meeting with pictures of the current state of the grass on this area. It was agreed that the clerk would contact N.L.C to ask if they will reinstate and perhaps provide protective blocks on this area so that if the dust bin cart has to drive on the grass it is not damaged.

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 – Cllr Campbell attended the remote 'teams' meeting. Problems were reported in Killingholme and the speed watch initiative was discussed. It was noted that the crime statistics were similar to last year.
- 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 some road repair works were being put back some considerable time so that more urgent works can be completed. Cllr Wells reported on the freight strategy meetings – which will be long term planning to try and ensure HGV's and traffic, generated from the 'free port' status in the area avoid the rural villages. Cllr Wells also advised of the Crime and police commissioner elections in May.
- b) New matters to consider: No new matters to report.

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8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- N.L.C – Community grant information – Spring in Bloom

9: Finance

i) Accounts for payment:

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	22365	179.98
Salary – March		
HMRC – March	22366	45.00
ERNLLCA – Subscription	22367	325.28
J Nettleton: grass cutting church yard	22368	72.00
J Nettleton: grass cutting pond area	22369	78.00
J Nettleton: highway verge mowing	22370	268.00

INCOME : Precept : £9,000. Spring in Bloom grant: £266.40

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 £22,373.79

ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – To be circulated as the financial year progresses.

10: Environmental and village issues:

a) The pond:

- i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – The lily pads have not surfaced as yet so difficult to tell how many pads will feature this summer. A meeting will take place this month at the pond to discuss fish stocks and discuss how many fish will be removed and taken to Barton.
- ii) Information Board – Pondsides – Cllr Atkinson advised that this is progressing and it was agreed that all the fish species will be included on the information board.

b) Notice board for bus shelter – the informal notice board within the bus shelter is working well but it was agreed that the clerk would get some quotations for notice boards of various sizes to consider.

c) Any new village matters to report : There is a chemical drum discarded on Swallow lane(near the lay-by) – clerk agreed to have this collected and disposed of. A number of rats have been sighted in the village – this will be monitored and they become more apparent pest control will have to be called in.

A number of tipper lorries have been travelling through the village recently – this is a contract from ABLE UK to Singleton Birch. Number plates of speeding vehicles should be reported to Cllr Horton. A new Union jack flag is required – Cllr Simmonds to purchase and be reimbursed.

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Cllr Atkinson reported the problem of dog fouling in the West End of the village – it was noted that Worlaby village has signs attached to lamp posts which the school children have designed regarding picking up after your dog. Clerk to make enquires to the Worlaby clerk and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Horton advised the meeting that he would arrange for the sign painting, sapling and willow branch removal as soon as possible.

It was noted that the track/footpath from Vicarage lane to the Church is the responsibility of the parish council. Cllr Hare has some historical records which indicate that this is the case. Clerk to contact J Nettleton to ask if he is aware (informed by R Alltoft) that the church lane/path is to be strimmed/tidied twice yearly.

Work has been undertaken on the telephone/power poles on Cherry lane, the pole with the missing Stanton belongs to BT so was not repaired on this occasion.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th May 2021 – 7.00pm –zoom meeting.

The annual council meeting will take place prior to the monthly parish council meeting..