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A 'zoom' meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton

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

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

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr B Firth, Cllr P Clark, 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 20th April 2021

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th April 2021 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

4: Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2021

- i) Memorial bench at pond – clerk has made contact with the family who requested this bench and they have advised that the bench will be fitted within the next two weeks.
- ii) Missing Finger Post Race lane/Wold Road – N.L.C have responded to advise that they do not consider this signpost as urgent works and it will be repaired and installed as work commitments allow.
- iii) Triangular area at Church entrance – awaiting response from N.L.C regarding the possibility of a protective material/barrier for the grass on this area of land.
- iv) Church path – J Nettleton advises that he has spoken to R Alltoft about all the works required at Wootton and this path will be tidied as required.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

- i. Application PA/2021/610 – Outline planning permission for a development of 38 dwellings, one small scale retail unit, public open space incorporating new green infrastructure, SUD's features, outdoor classroom and biodiversity enhancements with details of means of access and layout submitted for consideration (Scale, appearance and landscaping to be reserved for subsequent consideration) – Land South of High Street and West of Swallow lane, Wootton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to OBJECT to this planning application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is situated outside the current and proposed development boundary for the village of Wootton. The proposed development is contrary to policies CS2 and CS3 - delivering more sustainable development and development limits – the site is in open countryside outside the defined development limit of Wootton and is therefore contrary to this policy.
2. The proposal, due to the location, would introduce harmful character impacts upon open countryside of North Lincolnshire. This proposed development would introduce a huge amount of built form on a green field site and on land designated as Grade A agricultural land. The proposal is contrary to the aims of policies CS2 of North Lincolnshire Core strategy and RD2 of North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

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3. The proposed access arrangements would cause traffic generation and highway safety concerns. This proposed development would put both existing and future users of this highway at risk. The proposed development is contrary to the aims of policy T2 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

4. Public transport serving the village of Wootton is very limited and is considered inadequate to serve the needs of a further 38 dwellings. The infrastructure of the village cannot possibly meet the needs of this proposed development.

5. North Lincolnshire Local Plan (2003) and RD2 Development in the Open Countryside. The proposal is contrary to Policy RD2 Development in the Open Countryside. This policy states that development in the open countryside will be strictly controlled and Planning Permission will only be granted for development which is:

- a) Essential to the efficient operation of agriculture or forestry
- b) Employment related development appropriate to the open countryside
- c) Affordable housing to meet a proven local need
- d) Essential for the provision of outdoor sport, countryside recreation, or local community facilities
- e) For the re-use and adaptation of existing rural buildings
- f) For diversification of an established agricultural business
- g) For the replacement, alteration or extension of an existing dwelling
- h) Essential for the provision of an appropriate level of roadside services or the provision of utility services

Provided that:

- a) The open countryside is the only appropriate location and development cannot reasonably be accommodated within defined development boundaries
- b) The proposed development accords with the specific requirements set out in the relevant policies of this chapter and elsewhere in this Local Plan
- c) The development would not be detrimental to the character or appearance of the open countryside or a nearby settlement in terms of siting, scale, massing, design and use of materials
- d) The development would not be detrimental to residential amenity or highway safety
- e) Account is taken of whether the site is capable of being served by public transport
- f) The development is sited to make the best use of existing and new landscaping.

- ii. Application PA/2021/563 – Planning permission for change of use of land for the provision of 50 car parking spaces for use by wedding guests – Wootton Hall, Vicarage lane, Wootton

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

6: Police Matters

- I. NATS meeting – Remote meeting scheduled for July.
- II. New Police matters : No new matters to report.

7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- a) Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Hannigan advised the meeting that a freight assessment has taken place with various Ferry Ward villages having being consulted. The document concluded that the route is fit for purpose however the Ferry Ward Councillors would like to separate the HGV traffic from the villages and advised that funding is available to make improvements to the transport infrastructure with the aim of removing HGV traffic from rural settlements.
- b) New matters to consider: No new matters to report.

8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.

9: Finance

i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)		0
Salary – April		
HMRC – April		0
C Simmonds (plants)	222369	62.99
S Hare (plants)	222370	143.11
J Nettleton – highway verges	222371	268.00
J Nettleton – Pond area	222372	156.00
J Nettleton – Churchyard	222373	144.00
C Simmonds – Flag	222374	22.99
S Hare – Planter	222375	112.00

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 £21,599.69

- 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 – Three lily pads are now visible but growth at the pond is still quite slow. The meeting at pondside to discuss fish stocks has not happened yet but likely to be arranged this month.
- ii) Information Board – Pondside – Cllr Atkinson has received one quotation for the information board of £300 – he is awaiting a further quotation.

b) Notice board for bus shelter – The notice board for the bus shelter was discussed and it was agreed to purchase the 9 x 4A board with magnets and extra keys. It was thought that the back of the shelter would be strong enough to hold the notice board and councillors would arrange to fix the board themselves. It is envisaged that this will be a community notice board with events etc advertised.

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c) Rats – The clerk advised the meeting that the owners of the storage buildings and the bird seed manufacturing business have been contacted and asked to check and improve the pest control at their site. The clerk asked councillors to advise her if the problem persists or worsens.

d) Dog fouling signs – the clerk had previously circulated information from the Worlaby parish clerk (where there are examples of these signs) and Cllr Hare kindly provided photographs of the signs for councillors to consider. It was agreed that Cllr Atkinson would ask the school to become involved, ask the children to design some signs from which 6/8 will be chosen to make into signs to be fixed to the lamp posts in the village. It was noted that MD signs at Barton will make these signs.

e) Any new village matters to report :

Pocket park – clerk to ask J Nettleton about the mowing schedule at Pocket Park.

Clerk to ask James Todd of N.L.C for a supply of the purple litter bags. The councillors expressed their gratitude to all the residents who have undertaken litter picking in and around the village.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

Approve year end accounts.

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th June 2021.

Venue: Village hall – clerk to book the village hall.