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A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.
Two members of the public.

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr R Hannigan, Cllr P Clark, Cllr D Wells.

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

3: Adoption of the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting and the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2021

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th May 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 – The bench is now in place.
- ii) 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. Clerk to ask Cllr David wells to help push this matter forward.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

- i) Application PA/2021/829 – Application to pruned two trees and fell a sycamore all within and protected by TPO (10 & 12 Pondsides Wootton) Order 1999 – Chantry Cottage, 10 Pondsides, Wootton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.

- ii) Application PA/2021/1065 – Planning permission to erect a flat roofed rear extension and replacement workshop (following demolition of the existing conservatory) – 23 Becklehon, High Street, 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: No reports to receive.
- b) New matters to consider: A pot hole has been mended in Cherry lane but there are other outstanding potholes within the village. Clerk to request a highways work schedule for the Ferry Ward.

8: Correspondence

- Rural Services Network – information
- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Nicholas Shoot – KCOM – full fibre broadband
- Resident – Increasing the availability of off road walking
- Electoral Review of N.L.C – email circulated.

9: Finance

i) **Accounts for payment:**

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)		0
Salary – May		
HMRC – May		0
J Nettleton – highway verges	222376	535.99
J Nettleton – Pond area	222377	156.00
J Nettleton – Churchyard	222378	144.00
J Nettleton – Pocket Park	222379	72.00
K Pickering – Notice Board	222380	324.70
Petty Cash	222381	50.00
M Styche – Audit	222382	125.00
B Atkinson – paint for bus shelter	222383	13.95

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 £20,857.59

- ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – Circulated at the meeting.
- iii) To receive the Internal Auditors report and accounts for the year ended March 2021 and to approve and sign the:
 - i) Exemption certificate, ii) Governance Statements , iii) Accounting Statements

IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Internal Auditors report and to approve and authorise the signing of i) Exemption Certificate ii) The Governance statements and iii) The Accounting statements.

The Chairman was authorised to sign the relevant sections of the Annual Return.

10: Environmental and village issues:

a) The pond:

- i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – A meeting at the pond has taken place and although there is some unsightly weed growth it is an oxygenating weed and will be beneficial to the fish in the pond. If growth becomes excessive it can be dragged out quite easily. The pond is overstocked with fish at the present moment in time and it was agreed that some fish would be removed in due course. The lily pads are under control at the moment, there may be some recurring pads but their growth will not be excessive this year. Cllr Mrs Hare suggested that the lily pads could be removed and less evasive pads be introduced to the pond. It was agreed that a note should be placed in the parish newsletter to stipulate no barbed hooks or floating baits permitted at the pond.
- ii) Information Board – Pondsides – Cllr Atkinson is waiting for a quotation from a sign company in Grimsby which should be available for our next meeting. It was agreed that the information board should read ‘ These are species you may find in this pond...’

b) **Dog fouling signs:** Cllr Atkinson provided a number of drawings undertaken by the primary school children for consideration by councillors. 10 drawings were chosen to be made into signs which will be erected around the village and will be rotated to provide maximum impact. Cllr Atkinson will get a quote for the 10 signs and advise councillors accordingly. It was agreed that 2 tins of sweets or similar could be purchased from the chairman’s allowance as a thank you gift for the school children.

c) **KCOM – Full Fibre Broadband:** A discussion took place regarding the proposal to from KCOM to liaise and progress KCOM broadband through the parish council. The meeting felt that KCOM were free to investigate the benefit of bringing their product to Wootton but at the present moment in time the parish council would not be involved in this initiative.

d) **‘Off Street Walking’:** A discussion took place regarding the public footpaths in the vicinity and their accessibility. Cllr Hare agreed to contact Colin Wilkinson – Public Rights of Way officer at N.L.C to discuss walks in the area and the possibility of creating new recognised public access walks. The clerk agreed to find out the availability of woodland walks on the Brocklesby Estate and circulate any information.

e) **Pocket Park:** This area has now been mowed.

f) Any new village matters to report :

Cllr Atkinson advised the meeting that the community notice board was now in the bus shelter available for local notices to be posted on it. Cllr Atkinson advised that he felt the shelter looked a little shabby so has given it a coat of paint.

Cllr Firth advised the meeting that the 250 bus service is running very well and there is a possibility that it could offer a service on a Sunday in the future. Cllr Firth asked the clerk to try and get a bus stop sign for this bus service at the Nags Head as currently residents do not know where to stand to catch this bus.

Cllr Hare advised that the newsletter is ready to print and deliver – volunteers required for delivery!

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A discussion took place as to whether there ought to be a sign at the pond stating 'no parking on verge'. It was noted however that this was not enforceable unless there was a by-law in place preventing parking on a verge.

Cllr Hare asked councillors to look at the gate on the path to the church and inspect the iron work to decide if it is in need of repair or just painting. It was noted that the church pathway has been trimmed and tidied.

Cllr Horton asked if Nettleton Mowing services could cut the grass verge with reflectors on the left hand side to the entrance of Horthorn Close. Clerk to contact Nettleton Mowing to arrange for them to cut this area.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Venue: Village hall.