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A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr G Horton
Cllr's P Styche, C Simmonds, R Campbell, B Atkinson,
S Hare, N Shoot

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

1: Apologies for absence : Cllr's B Firth, P Clark, 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 July 2021
The minutes of the meetings held on 20th July 2021 were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman.

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

- i. Triangular area at Church entrance – Cllr Wells has held a site meeting with N.L.C highways officers to discuss this area of land. Clerk to ask Cllr Wells for the outcome of this meeting.
- ii. Highways work schedule for Wootton – This schedule had been previously circulated to all councillors.
- iii. Verge mowing at Hawthorn Close – this area is now been mown regularly.

5. Planning Applications received:

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

a) Application PA/2021/610 – 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 – Amendments: removal of outdoor classroom structure, removal of footpath link to village hall, justification of demand for a village shop, amended design brief and amended outdoor learning brief – Land South of High Street and west of Swallow lane, Wootton.

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

1. The proposed development falls outside the agreed development boundary for Wootton.
2. North Lincolnshire Council have secured a 5.5 land supply for development and therefore has no reason or need to approve development outside the agreed development boundary.
3. The proposed development is to be situated on grade 1 agricultural land - government policy dictates that grade 1 agricultural land should be preserved for agricultural use.
4. This proposed development is to be situated in open countryside.
5. There is planning permission already granted for 26+ dwellings in Wootton which are yet to be built - this more than satisfies the need for new dwellings in Wootton.

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6. There is planning permission granted for 1132 dwellings within the immediate area (Ferry Ward villages - excluding Brigg) which again proves that the potential need for dwellings in this area will be more than satisfied with existing planning permissions. The parish council would also argue that the infrastructure is just not available for any more dwellings than planning permission is granted for.
7. The sustainability and viability of the proposed retail premises is certainly not proven within the documentation provided within the planning application reports.
8. The proposal to provide a pond for educational purposes is not necessary as the village already has an established and maintained pond - currently used by the school for educational purposes.
9. The residents of Wootton have demonstrated most strongly that the village is against this proposed development.
10. Wootton Parish Council requests that North Lincolnshire Council support the local residents and REFUSE this proposed development.

6: Police Matters

- I. NATS meeting – The next NATS meeting is scheduled for the end of September. A break in to a property on Cherry lane will be flagged up along with the traffic collisions outside the village school.
- II. New Police matters : No new matters to report.

7: North Lincolnshire Council Matters:

- i. Report from NLC Ferry Ward Members: Cllr Hannigan advised the meeting that a new Chief Executive has been appointed in N.L.C and Ward Councillors have advised him that improvements to the conditions of the highway and neighbourhood services must be a priority. Ward councillors have advised that there must be an improvement in the responsiveness to requests for service. Cllr Hannigan advised that the 1st draft of the freight strategy review is due on 1st October and this will highlight the origins and destinations of HGV's and make recommendations to share this volume of transport throughout the area and hopefully reduce the impact on certain Ferry Ward villages. Cllr Hannigan advised the meeting that N.L.C will not be purchasing any more diesel vehicles – a drive to protecting the environment.
- ii. To give consideration to the correspondence received from N.L.C regarding incidents on High Street, Wootton and to consider hiring a flashing speed sign – hire charges circulated. N.L.C have advised that the number of incidents reported on High Street, Wootton are not sufficient for N.L.C to provide the flashing speed sign. The clerk advised the meeting that Ulceby have been successful in obtaining 50% funding for a sign through the community pot scheme.
IT WAS RESOLVED to hire a radar activated sign for 6 months and meanwhile the clerk will submit a grant application to the N.L.C community pot to purchase a sign.
- iii. New N.L.C matters to consider: The No HGV sign is embedded in the hedge along Cherry lane Wootton and is not visible. It is recognised that it is positioned in the wrong place and as there is a traffic regulation order on Cherry lane this sign should be repositioned appropriately. It was suggested that the most suitable place to position this sign would be to the entrance of Swallow lane, off Croxton Road. Clerk to contact N.L.C to reposition this sign

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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 – Hire charges for speed sign
- Email : Aquatic solutions
- N.L.C : Highways schedule

9: Finance

i) Accounts for payment:

PAYEE	Cheque no'	Amount
Mrs Karen Pickering (Clerk)	222392	289.52
Salary – July and August		
HMRC – July	222393	36.20
HMRC - August	222394	36.20
J Nettleton – highway verges	222395	803.99
J Nettleton – Pond area	222396	312.00
J Nettleton – Churchyard	222397	288.00
Kyanite Consulting – Website	222398	147.16
Information Commissioner	222399	40.00
W Atkinson – Pond information board	222400	200.00

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 £19,369.71

ii) To receive the income and expenditure sheet – Circulated prior to the meeting.

10: Environmental and village issues:

a) The pond:

i) Fish stocks, reed growth and lily pads – general update and consideration to spraying the lily pads.

Thirteen carp have been removed from the pond and it is estimated that there are probably 60 – 100 Carp still remaining in the pond. It was agreed that the carp numbers could be further reduced this Autumn. Permission was given to a resident to try and remove some lily pads from the pond – it is thought that ½ pads were removed.

The information received from Aquatic Solutions indicated that the best course of action would be to spray the Lily Pads this year. Unfortunately it is proving very difficult to find a company/person with the right certificates to spray the lily pads. Clerk to ask Andrew Taylor at N.L.C if he knows of any companies who will undertake this work.

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ii) Information Board – Pondsides – Cllr Atkinson brought the information board to the meeting for councillors to view. It will have an oak frame and will be mounted on the pond side. Cllr Atkinson advised the meeting that it had a 10 year guarantee. Councillors thank Cllr Atkinson for driving this forward and delivering a great information board for the pond.

b) Church Gate on the path – repair or paint – Cllr Simmonds has some paint – he will rub the gate down, paint and re-hang.

c) Gate and Green lane access – The accesses which have been made from properties into the village hall grounds were discussed and it was noted that the village hall committee have this matter in hand. The Green lane being used as an access to the rear of a property was discussed and the clerk was asked to investigate with the Land Registry the relevant boundaries.

d) Newsletter – the newsletter is ready for printing and will be distributed tomorrow.

e) Notice board – It was agreed that any irrelevant or unsuitable notices can be removed from the notice board at councillors' discretion. Notices advertising services/trades etc should have full contact details: name and contact numbers and preferably address.

f) Church trees : Cllr Simmonds advised the meeting that these trees had been like this for some considerable time. However, concern has been expressed about these trees and therefore it was agreed to ask a tree specialist to look at them and give his recommendations regarding their safety. Cllr Styche agreed to contact the tree specialist he has used to take a look at them.

g) Any new village matters to report:

Cllr Horton advised that he would arrange for the Willow Tree on Pondsides to be lopped back so that it is not overhanging/impacting on the beacon. He will also get the tree/bush removed at pondsides and the barrier fence painted.

Cllr Simmonds advised that the courier vans delivering to Wootton Hall are driving too fast down Vicarage Lane and causing concern to the residents on Vicarage Lane. Vicarage Lane road surface is breaking up with 2 large pot holes appearing.

There are also two pot holes which require attention on Swallow lane – close to The Lawns property.

Cllr Horton asked if a stretch of verge could be mowed further along Cherry lane – on the RHS as you travel up from the village at the end of the pavement – opposite the property known as Orchard House. Clerk to ask J Nettleton to incorporate into his mowing schedule.

The water trough in the paddock to the west of the village (on the corner) is overflowing and has caused the road sign to loosen. Clerk to try to find out who is renting the paddock.

The hedge at West End is overgrown and encroaching the pavement.

11: Agenda items for next meeting

12: Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19th October 2021.

Venue: Village hall.