

# North Wootton Parish Council



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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of North Wootton Parish Council held in the North Wootton Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**PRESENT** Cllr A Townend (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Hoddinott (arrived 19.37), Cllr S Shimmin and Cllr M Smith together with the parish clerk Miss Hazel Brinton.

No members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30.

1. **To receive any apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Chairman Cllr Alistair Bovey and County Councillor Mr Graham Noel.
2. **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting - It was unanimously resolved** to accept the minutes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 as a correct record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest** – There were no declarations of interest.
4. **To receive comments and questions from members of the public** - There were no members of the public present.
5. **To receive County, District and police reports** – there were no district or county councillors present or police. A written report was received by County Cllr Graham Noel which was circulated to councillors by the clerk.
6. **Finance matters- it was unanimously resolved to pay the following items:**
  - a) Clerk's expenses of £62.12 for July and August 2017
  - b) Clerk's salary for July and August 2017
7. **To receive a report from Cllr Shimmin on Highways matters** – Cllr Shimmin reported that the issue of speeding in the village seemed to be committed mainly by the driver of a white hatchback. Councillors were asked to be vigilant and report the number to Cllr Shimmin if they were able to take it down. Cllr Shimmin would then give this to the PCSO for further action.

There was nothing to report in respect of the repairs of the verges but Cllr Shimmin had noted that someone had marked the roads in a way that was not usual for Somerset County Highways. He wondered if the Glastonbury Festival organisers were planning on doing some work to them as promised. The Chairman would be approached to confirm if this was the case.

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Cllr Shimmin asked members if they felt that someone from the village should be sent on the training currently being offered by Somerset County Council for the maintenance of the village's finger posts. It was agreed that the clerk would ask North Wootton News to put a piece in the next edition asking for volunteers to contact the clerk if they wished to be a part of the scheme.

Cllr Hoddinott confirmed that he had sprayed part of the footpath in the village but it was noted that the weeds were likely to recur if they were left over the winter. Cllr Hoddinott would spray the footpath again and a date identified for later in the spring when a working party would be set up to do more work

8. **To receive a report from Cllr Hoddinott on Footpaths matters** – There was nothing to report on Footpaths matters.

**Westholme Lane - addition of a bridleway to Somerset County Council's Definitive Map** – a discussion took place on the history of the matter in hand. Cllr Townend confirmed that the path was certainly rideable back in 1997 when he moved into the village and he was of the understanding that the path was being ridden when the current owners purchased the land over which the path passed. **It was resolved by a vote of two for with two abstentions that North Wootton Parish Council would support Sedgemoor Bridleways Association's request to have the bridleway added to SCC's Definitive Map.** The clerk was asked to communicate the resolution to the consultant employed by SCC to look into the matter.

9. **To receive a report from Cllr Smith on Moors and Levels matters** – Cllr Smith advised there was nothing to report this month

10. **Planning matters**

- I. **Mendip 2017/2200/HSE** – Erection of two-storey rear extension, single story side extension and alterations to dwelling at Roselyn, Tanyard Lane. Councillors had spoken with and received communication from those who would be most affected by the development. Some councillors had also been to see the site themselves. There appeared to be no objections from neighbours. Cllr Shimmin had received a note from the nearest neighbour to show that they supported the application as it would allow the dwelling to remain occupied by members of the same extended family. **It was resolved to support the application and the clerk was asked to communicate this decision to MDC.**

11. **Correspondence** – the clerk reported that she had received an email from the Front Office and Reservations Manager at Crossways via the Chairman to inform council and residents that firework displays were planned on three evenings from 21.00 during September. The clerk was asked to write to Jo Hale, new head teacher at West Pennard Primary School welcoming her to the school on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Smith was asked to provide the necessary email address.

12. **Date of the next meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 19.30.**

There being no more business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35.

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