

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 20th March 2018

PRESENT Cllr A Bovey (Chairman), A Townend, Cllr M Hoddinott, Cllr S Shimmin and Cllr M Smith

4 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

1. **To receive any apologies for absence** – apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Graham Noel.
2. **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 16th and Tuesday 23rd January 2018** – it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes for both the 16th and 23rd January. The Chairman signed the minutes as a correct record of the meetings.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest** – There were no declarations of interest.
4. **To receive comments and questions from members of the public** – a question was raised by a member of the public as to why the parish council did not postpone the meeting of 6th March to allow all councillors to be present. The Chairman explained that the parish council had been advised by MDC that the 21 day consultation period for the application on the agenda of 6th March to be discussed would be strictly observed to prevent any legal challenges as had happened previously with the application.
5. **To receive reports from:**
 - I. **District councillor** – Cllr Hewitt-Cooper was not present nor a report sent
 - II. **County councillor** – Cllr Noel had sent a report which had been circulated to members. The Chairman noted that the library consultation had been extended and Cllr Shimmin commented that there appeared to be no explicit threat to the mobile library service.
 - III. **Police** – there was no police report received
6. **Matters arising** – for report only. There was nothing to report as the planning applications recently commented on had not yet been decided.
7. **Planning Matters** – to consider the council's response to Mendip 2018/0530/AGB. The application had been withdrawn before the meeting.
8. **Finance Matters:**
 - I. **To consider whether grants for the churchyard extension and Village Hall improvements should be made for 2017-18.** After some discussion, it was unanimously resolved that members required more specific detail on the requirements and use of the grant. The clerk was asked to inform both parties that

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the council would welcome a grant application as and when projects required funding.

II. It was unanimously resolved to pay the items of expenditure as presented.

9. **To receive a report from Cllr Shimmin on Highways matters** – Cllr Shimmin reported that whilst he had had a long list of issues last time council met, SCC Highways had dealt with lots of them and he had found them to be reasonably responsive.

He reported that SCC is the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for the area with responsibility for tackling local flood risks, including Church View, by working with other organisations including Environment Agency, district authorities, water companies and riparian owners. Councillors agreed that Cllr Shimmin will draw up a short summary report about issues in the centre of the village to submit to the LLFA and let councillors see the report before it is submitted. The bridge at Stocks Lane would be included.

Cllr Shimmin informed members that the more serious pot holes had been addressed but the issues with the Bristol Water cover remained. Some gullies were still blocked underneath and he would give a list of those to SCC for clearance. The repairs at Dark Lane had failed and the Long Drove pot holes had been marked.

One person had volunteered to refurbish the parish's fingerposts as per the SCC guidance but a minimum of two are required. Another contractor would be sought who would do external paintwork.

10. **To receive a report from Cllr Hoddinott on Footpaths matters** – there was nothing to report
11. **To receive a report from Cllr Smith on Moors and Levels matters** – there was nothing to report
12. **Date of next Meeting – 15th May 2018 commencing at 19.00 with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 20.26.

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