

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 18th September 2018.

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

Two members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

1. **To receive any apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bovey.
2. **To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 17th July and Tuesday 13th August 2018** – it was unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record of both meetings. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest** – No declarations of interest were received.
4. **To receive comments and questions from the public** – no members of the public wished to speak.
5. **To receive reports from district and county councillors and the police.**
No reports were received from district or county councillors. The police could not attend and had no matters to report. Councillors asked whether Cllr Hewitt-Cooper would clarify when he would attend parish council meetings.
6. **Matters arising (for report only)** – the MDC Private Housing Consultation had closed at the end of July 2018.
7. **Planning Matters** – there were no new applications to consider but four matters were noted:
 - The parish council had received notification of a prior agricultural approval (PAA) for a building on New Road which had been passed that day. The parish council is not a statutory consultee on PAAs and was not therefore invited to comment on this application.
 - The parish council would be speaking at the following day's Planning Board in support of the application for Foxridge. The matter had been previously discussed at a parish council meeting and MDC informed of the council's support for the application. However, the MDC Planning Officer was recommending refusal. The wording for the parish council submission at the Planning Board was agreed which would continue to be in support of the Foxridge application together with a note of sense of frustration with PAAs and that the parish council is not consulted on them.

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- No reserved matters had yet been received by MDC for the application South of Stocks Lane and nothing more had been heard in respect of the application for seven lodges at the Crossways although there were additional documents in the case of the latter on MDC’s Planning Portal.
- Cllr Hoddinott reported that Mr Christensen had confirmed that would start building imminently as his application had been passed some time ago.

8. **Finance Matters-**

- I. **The items of expenditure as presented by the clerk were unanimously resolved to be paid.**
- II. **It was unanimously resolved to pay the agreed grants of £1,500 to the church for the churchyard extension and £1,000 to the Village Hall.**

9. **To receive a report from the Chairman on Highways matters** – The Chairman reported that there had been a near miss with vehicles during the recent surface dressing and that there were places where it was not adhering especially around the edges. He further reported that SCC had not replied to his queries in relation to Middle Lane and it looks like just further repairs had been done and not a complete re-lay of the surface. Councillors felt that the resurfacing was a poor job and not likely to last but they would keep a watching brief.

The Chairman noted that the hole down from Crossways was due to ground water and not a burst pipe. Bristol Water has now handed the issue over to SCC and it seems as though a good repair had been done as the drain runs to the gully.

Councillors discussed the matter of fingerpost restoration and it was agreed that Cllr Bovey would now pick this up as portfolio holder. Councillors agreed that a plan for their restoration was now needed or to formally resolve not to do any restoration. Councillors were asked to consider whether a budget was needed for next year for the work. The clerk advised the budget would be on the agenda in November.

Cllr Townend had received an email from a parishioner regarding traffic calming measures in the village near Sidelands as the parishioner had lost another pet to a road traffic accident. Councillors noted that a temporary limit was put in place every year for Glastonbury which is then taken down. Cllr Townend felt that the parish council should support a reduction in the speed limit and 30 signage but not traffic calming measures. It was agreed that Cllr Bovey would investigate the possibility on his return.

A member of the public asked also that the “Slow” markings near the Pilton end of the village be reported to SCC as they need repainting.

10. **To receive a report from Cllr Hoddinott on Footpaths matters** – Cllr Hoddinott reported that the footbridge over Redlake River was rotten. He had reported it to Chris East at SCC but it is not a simple repair and will cost money. Cllr Hoddinott offered the use of the concrete bridge in his neighbouring field in the meantime. The Chairman thanked Cllr Hoddinott for his generous offer.
11. **To receive a report from Cllr Smith on Moors and Levels matters** – Cllr Smith reported that the Drainage Board were repairing gateways along Long Drove.
12. **Date of next Meeting – 20th November 2018**
There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

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