

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

**PRESENT** Cllr S Shimmin (Chairman), Cllr A Bovey, Cllr M Hoddinott, Cllr M Smith and Cllr A Townend (19.35)

Four members of the public, the Beat Manager and PCSO were also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Townend apologised for his late arrival.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meetings held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**4. Public Participation**

Standing orders were suspended. Members of the public asked questions on planning and which councillors were standing for election.

**5. Reports from county and district councillors and the police**

The District Councillor has been asked specifically to the meeting to talk about planning matters but had sent his apologies. The Chairman was due to meet him the following day.

The police had sent a report which had been forwarded on to members and a verbal update was given at the meeting by the Beat Manager who was in attendance. The Chairman asked the Beat Manager which villages were covered by the police report and Cllr Smith asked if there were any updates on the thefts from Barrow Farm. The Chairman thanked the police for attending.

**6. Matters arising**

A query was raised regarding the old red telephone box and its purchase by the parish council. The Chairman offered to follow up the matter with Bill Bartlett.

**7. Planning Matters**

The Chairman had been registered to speak at the next Planning Board in respect of the Crossways Inn application. Nigel Salmon would speak in opposition on behalf of the village and Lee Wright in support. The Chairman produced a draft of the text he would use at Planning Board and circulated this to members. Councillors read the draft and commented that the case Crossways was trying to make for its application was that it would be good for the village when in reality it was purely a business decision. Councillors discussed any amendments they would like to make to the statement and agreed to place emphasis on how the parish council had commented before and that the changes made by the Crossways since these comments had made no material amendment to the parish council's objections.

The Chairman ran through the proposed amendments which were agreed by all councillors except Cllr Smith who abstained from commenting.

A question was raised about the ongoing building of a structure in the Crossways car park.

A query was also raised in relation to gates and garage built on another site in the village. It was felt that the gates should be for pedestrian use only as the occupants of the property had previously objected to a footpath being used as they said it was dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Townend offered to go and talk with the occupant.

**8. Glastonbury 2019**

The clerk was asked to issue an invitation to the Village Liaison Officer for Glastonbury to come to the next meeting to explain traffic management arrangements etc.

**9. Finance Matters**

- I. The clerk's salary for February and March 2019 and her expenses for February and March 2019 were unanimously approved.

**10. Highways matters**

Cllr Bovey reported that a letter had been written to SCC Highways regarding the lines and signs in Northtown Lane but no response had been received.

He reported that he could not obtain an answer from SCC regarding the parking outside Pilton Road. SCC Highways has no funding to do anything.

Four fingerposts have been taken away by Somerset Forge who were carrying out refurbishment works on them.

**11. Footpath matters**

Cllr Hoddinott had no news to report. A query had been received from St Cuthbert Out parish but the matter related to a footpath in Pilton. Cllr Hoddinott would respond.

**12. Moor and Levels matters**

Cllr Smith had nothing to report other than the issue of fly tipping down Long Drove continues.

**13. Date of next Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Annual Parish Council Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45

Chairman's signature.....