

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 16th July 2019.

PRESENT: Cllr S Shimmin (Chairman), Cllr M Hoddinott and Cllr M Smith.

Ten members of the public were also present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Bissett and Bovey had sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 30th May 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. A member of public reported vandalism on a local building site.

5. Reports from county and district councillors and the police

No reports had been received.

6. Matters arising

The Chairman noted the recent Parish Forum and the Code of Conduct presentation that had been discussed at the forum.

7. Planning Matters

- **Proposal – Application for the temporary planning permission for static caravans and the erection of new timber pole barns for calving at Long Drove, Launcherley. 2019/1540/FUL**

Mr Wilkins, the applicant spoke in favour of the application explaining that he was attempting to start a farming business. He explained the background to the recent enforcement notice; that the site was not currently occupied and that he was willing to screen the site.

The Chairman voiced concerns that the application would set a precedent as the parish council had generally opposed applications in open countryside.

Cllr Hoddinott noted that the application would be policed and that the applicant was trying to regularise the situation. He added that by its nature all agricultural related applications were likely to be in open countryside.

Cllr Smith noted that the application was for a limited time of 3 years and that it was for a local family.

It was resolved to support the application provided a strong condition was attached that the site was temporary and was to be screened.

- **Proposal – Erection of block of five stables together with improved access at Lower Westholme Road. 2019/1438/FUL**

The applicant's agent spoke in favour of the application and explained that it complied with SCC standards for highways. The usage would be part equestrian and part agricultural. The access is large because of the nature of the vehicles used to transport horses and livestock. The long term plans for the application were for stables only and no further development is planned. The agent confirmed that feed would be brought in unless other land was bought for feed purposes.

Cllr Smith noted that the site was a great deal tidier than it had been. Cllr Hoddinott added that if the site stays as per the application, then he had no objection.

It was resolved to recommend that application for approval.

8. Finance Matters

- I. Grants for 2019/20 – other than the Village Hall and Green Management Committee grant which council had agreed to budget for every year, the matter of grants was deferred to September. It was unanimously resolved to give £1000 in grants to the Village Hall and Green Management Committee for ongoing work.
- II. The clerk's salary for May and June 2019 and her expenses for May and June 2019 were unanimously approved.
- III. It was resolved that the annual fee of £35.00 for registration with the Information Commissioners Office be paid by direct debit.

9. Glastonbury 2019 – Both Cllrs Smith and Hoddinott felt that the week had been quieter than in previous years. The Chairman noted that the only issue he was aware of was with the school bus on the Monday afternoon.

10. Mendip DC's review of polling stations and arrangements – it was agreed that the arrangements in North Wootton were perfectly adequate.

11. Review and adoption of email privacy notice, privacy notice and Information and Data Protection Policy – the clerk had provided draft documentation to councillors. It was resolved unanimously to adopt all three without change.

12. Highways matters

In the absence of Cllr Bovey, the Chairman gave a resume. He noted that the bridge at Stoodley Lane was to be repaired which would require the road to be closed for a day. He added that SCC was doing a good job of filling in pot holes although there was still a problem

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with the verges dropping away. He reported that the footpaths in the village needed tidying and felt that a working party needed to be organised. He would mention the need for a volunteer to organise the clear up in the North Wootton News.

13. Footpath matters

Cllr Hoddinott reported that Coombe Lane bridleway had been strimmed.

14. Moor and Levels matters

Cllr Smith had nothing to report other than he was no longer on the Drainage Board as there had been a reorganisation. Cllr Hoddinott felt one body was needed to take control of drainage matters.

15. Date of next Meeting – 17th September 2019.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20

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