

# North Wootton Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of North Wootton Parish Council held in the Garden Room, Chapel Farm House, North Wootton on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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 together with County Cllr Graham Noel who had sent a written report.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hoddinott confirmed that he had no pecuniary interest in agenda item 7, application number 2019/2136/CLE but had a personal interest as the applicant was his brother. Cllr Hoddinott was given a dispensation to take part in discussions on this item by council.

**4. Public Participation**

Standing orders were suspended. A member of public reported parking issues next to the bridleway that leads up to Dragons Wood.

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

County Cllr Graham Noel had sent a written report which had been forwarded to councillors. No report was received from the district councillor or police.

**6. Matters arising**

The Chairman asked the clerk to confirm that the grant amount paid to the Village Hall was as agreed by council.

**7. Planning Matters**

- **2019/1813/FUL Proposal – redevelopment of existing workshop with a 3 bedroom dwelling house and conversion and extension of existing dwelling house to Studio/Workshop and Ancillary Accommodation at The Forge, Dark Lane.**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak. The applicants spoke in favour of the application. A member of the public raised a query on the footpath as marked on the Definitive Map and that the alternative route may not be as commodious which made it hard to consider the application.

The applicants responded that they understood that the footpath as marked on the Definitive Map may end up remaining but they hoped that the alternative would be acceptable in time. They would have to divert the footpath in any event during the works due to health and safety reasons.

A member of the public asked if the applicants intended selling any part of the complex separately once it was completed. The applicants confirmed it was not their intention to do so and that they intended the area to remain as one plot.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Councillors debated the merits of the application and agreed to support it. They felt that the proposal would tidy up what had been up till then a scruffy site and that it would be in compliance with MDC's Development Plan. They asked that a condition regarding external surface particularly cladding be imposed.

- **2019/2135/CLE Proposal – Four biomass boiler rooms with associated pellet silos built in 2013 to heat existing chicken breeding sheds at Feathers, Launcherley Lane, North Wootton.**

Councillors had no observations to make on the application which was for a Certificate of Lawfulness as the boilers were already in situ and had been for a number of years.

- **2019/1090/APP Proposal – reserved matters for Foxridge, Launcherley Lane, North Wootton.**

Councillors noted that these had already been agreed by the planning officer as it was a reserved matters application.

Councillors noted receipt of the Parish Forum Planning Guidance presentation.

The Chairman reminded members that the Crossways appeal was due to be considered and that a visit was being made to the site by the Planning Inspector. The Chairman would attend to represent the parish council if allowed.

8. **Route 60+ driving session** – councillors agreed to support this SCC initiative and the Chairman would arrange the session and the booking of the village hall as a venue.

9. **SALC AGM** – the chairman and the clerk would attend.

10. **Public Sector Website Accessibility Regulations** – the clerk confirmed she had attended the SLCC run webinar on the new regulations which have been designed to ensure as many members of the public as possible can access information published on the council's website. The parish council would have until September 2020 to ensure compliance. There would be a considerable amount of work to ensure that the website complied with the regulations. The council would have to undertake a review of accessibility and if unable to comply with some aspects, would require a statement to this effect and why to be placed on the website.

11. **Finance Matters**

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- I. The clerk's salary for July, August and September 2019 and her expenses of £82.40 for August and September 2019 were unanimously approved.
- II. Additional amounts of £706.02 for election expenses from MDC and £36.00 for the SLCC webinar attended by the clerk were unanimously agreed.

**12. Highways matters**

In the absence of Cllr Bovey, the Chairman gave a resume. He reported that the stonework on the Stocks Lane Bridge was in need of repair and had reported the matter to the bridges department at SCC. He was still waiting for a response. He queried who was responsible for clearing up debris after hedge cutting had taken place.

One volunteer had come forward to help with the pavement clear up. The work needed now to be co-ordinated.

The Chairman noted that the issue of parking on the verges at Pilton Road was an ongoing issue and that Cllr Bovey would provide an update in November.

**13. Footpath matters**

Cllr Hoddinott said there were no matters to report.

**14. Moor and Levels matters**

Cllr Smith reported that the Environment Agency had told him that it would do nothing in respect of the Redlake River flooding as it was "not flooding houses". The Chairman offered to draft a letter from the parish council to the agency about the matter. Cllr Smith would confirm where the letter was to be sent.

**15. Date of next Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.52.

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