

North Wootton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual Meeting of North Wootton Parish Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 29th September 2020

PRESENT: Cllr S Shimmin (Chairman), Cllr A Bovey, Cllr K Bissett and Cllr M Smith

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30.

35/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hoddinott.

36/20 Declarations of interest

There were no declaration of interests.

37/20 Approval of minutes

The minutes from the meeting of September 15th 2020 were approved.

38/20 Public participation

None.

39/20 Planning matters

I 2020/1699/HSE Erection of double garage with store and workshop with home office above at Crooked House Folly Lane North Wootton Shepton Mallet BA4 4ER

Resolved: Councillors agreed to recommend approval of the application to MDC.

40/20 Responses to consultations on:

- **Somerset Wildlife Trust** – the Chairman confirmed that West Monkton Parish Council is the lead on the Trust's application to the Somerset County Council Climate Emergency Fund. The council would send an email of support via the Chairman. Councillors disagreeing with the approach were asked to email the Chairman.
- **Unitary authority** – it was confirmed that the council's response would be along the lines of the discussion on 15th September that the council preferred the two unitary proposal for Somerset and that the Chairman would provide the response.
- **Changes to current planning system and planning for the future White Paper** – the council confirmed it was happy to agree the approach taken by St Cuthbert Out regarding the changes to the consultation on the current planning system.

In respect of the Planning for the Future white paper, St Cuthbert Out have set up a working party to decide their response with a view to consulting neighbouring parish councils with this once decided. If time, their response would be circulated to all members but if not, it was agreed that the Chairman would sign off the response. In the meantime, Councillors were asked to email the Chairman with their thoughts which would be incorporated into North Wootton's response.

- **Somerset Wildlife Trust** response on planning changes – it was agreed that the Council would send an email lending support to their approach.

The Chairman and Cllr Bovey updated members on the current requirements for repairs to Batts Bridge.

41/20 Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting would take place on Tuesday 17th November (budget setting).

There be no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:40.