

**A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

**PRESENT: Chairman:** Cllr G Horton

Cllrs G Morgan, N Shoot, C Simmonds, R Campbell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs H Hepworth (Clerk)

Ward Cllr Wells

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public

**2405/1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr B Kirkby, and Ward Cllrs Hannigan and Clark

**2405/2 Declarations of interest on any agenda items**

None

**2405/3 Election of chair**

**Proposed: Cllr Simmonds, Seconded Cllr Campbell**

**Resolved:** Cllr Horton was elected as chair for the forthcoming year Committee – unanimous

**2405/4 Election of vice chair**

**Proposed: Cllr Horton, Seconded Cllr Simmonds**

**Resolved:** Cllr Kirkby was elected as vice chair for the forthcoming year Committee – unanimous

**2405/5 Election of representatives**

a) Personnel Committee

**Proposed: Cllr Horton, Seconded Cllr Simmonds**

**Resolved:** Cllrs Kirby, Simmonds and Campbell to be on Personnel Committee – unanimous

b) NATs representative

**Proposed: Cllr Campbell, Seconded Cllr Simmonds**

**Resolved:** Hannah Hepworth to be the NATS rep – unanimous

c) ERNLLCA representative

**Proposed: Cllr Simmonds, Seconded Cllr Morgan**

**Resolved:** Cllr Horton and Hannah Hepworth to be ERNLLCA reps – unanimous

d) 2 NLC representatives

**Proposed: Cllr Shoot, Seconded Cllr Morgan**

**Resolved:** Cllr Horton and Hannah Hepworth to be NLC reps – unanimous

e) Any other appropriate delegation

Airport representative

**Proposed: Cllr Shoot, Seconded Cllr Morgan**

**Resolved:** Cllr Horton is the airport rep – unanimous

Singleton Birch representative

**Proposed: Cllr Shoot, Seconded Cllr Morgan**

**Resolved:** Cllr Horton – unanimous

**2405/6 Adoption of the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held in April 2024**

**Proposed: Cllr Shoot, Seconded Cllr Morgan**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record

**2405/7 Clerk updates**

Best Kept Village competition – the village will enter the planters, churchyard and cemetery categories

#### Update on village planters

The wood for the planters was donated by Arbor forest, Luca was kind enough to ask and they agreed to sponsor the planter covers Cllr Morgan did need to get some more 2x2 as there was not enough of that and some 4x3 as the plastic tub at the bottom of Cherry Lane was beginning to deteriorate and needed to be replaced. The one replacing it was made by Cllr Morgan and that is what some of the extra wood was for. All the pots on the high street have now been covered, with one more to do at the pond and have enough wood to finish that off. Additional to the wood Cllr Morgan purchased some wood stain to endeavour to give the wood a decent lifetime.

The construction method while reducing the amount of wood used, did require more screws and they have been accounted for in the spread sheet as has the paint for the sign writing. To discuss at a later date is the tub coming into the village is sign written giving the date people think the village was / has been here, at least 1066 as it was gifted to William the Conqueror's brother and is noted in the doomsday book as such.

The plants were purchased from Mere Nursery; they are a charity that works with people with special needs, giving us a very good price. With the remaining money from the grant it was agreed to look at replacing the trees on Cherry Lane that have been removed.

Thanks also needs to be given to John of 66 High Street for collecting the wood and the plants without charge and to Jayne for helping me paint & plant up the pots. Thanks also to Cllr Morgan who has spent about 30 hours doing the construction and the planting as well as 150 miles, but the end result is justified, the feedback from the villagers has been very positive and they like what has been achieved and have all commented that the planters looks a lot nicer and enhance the look of the village.

At a later stage we need to consider the purchase a brass plaque to attach to the large wooden tub on Cherry Lane in recognition of the donation of the wood by Arbour Forest which had a value of approximately £650.00. This allowed for the tub at Cherry Lane to be built to replace the deteriorating plastic tub and the two larger tubs at the west end of the village to be covered. The plaque would cost £45.95 for an 8-inch x 6-inch brass plaque engraved with their logo and additional text plus postage.

#### **2405/8 Planning Applications received:**

It was noted there are no new planning applications

#### **2405/9 Police Matters/NATS:**

- a) To discuss any NATs matters to take forward  
Increase in motorbike thefts
- b) Any other issues  
Clerk to chase Pocket Park resolution with Lesley Potts

#### **2405/10 North Lincolnshire Council Matters:**

- a) Report from NLC Ferry Ward Member Councillors  
Church Bells could be looked at with 106 money – Millie Arden is the 106 contact and requests need to be sent in
- b) New matters to consider.  
None

#### **2405/12 Correspondence:** circulated list and items received too late for circulation. - none

#### **2405/13 Finance:**

- a) **Proposed: Cllr Horton, Seconded Cllr Shoot**  
**Resolved:** The payments were agreed as per the list circulated – unanimous
- b) The bank statements were approved by the Chair
- c) The financial summary is now on Scribe – this will go live for the next meeting
- d) **Proposed: Cllr Horgan, Seconded Cllr Morgan**  
**Resolved:** The Clerk to open a savings account and transfer up to 20k - unanimous

#### **2405/14 Environmental and village issues.**

- a) The pond – lots of weed: this is an oxygenator and not an issue

- b) Pocket park – no update – Clerk to chase Lesley Potts
  - c) speed sign update- Clerk to chase
  - d) Flower tubs/planters throughout the village look fantastic and are receiving lots of positive comments
  - e) Village newsletter – to include the planters and those who contributed
  - f) Neighbourhood plan – no update
  - g) Any new village matters to report
- Dog Poo bins have not been emptied – Clerk to write email.  
Vicarage Road in poor state of repair – Clerk to report to Highways  
Cherry Trees cut down on Cherry Lane to be replaced with edible trees such as fruit or nut  
Children playing on High Street – Clerk to get quotes for Children Playing signs / SLOW CHILDREN

**2405/15                      Policy review**

Adjourned to next meeting

**2405/16      Agenda items for next meeting**

Dog bins  
Best Kept Village  
106 money  
Children playing signs  
Financial regulations / audit / AGAR  
Chairman's Allowance

**2405/17                      Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7pm

Meeting closed: 20:45