

A meeting of Wootton Parish Council was held on 21st 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 18th June 7pm

Meeting closed: 20:45