

Minutes of a Meeting of Wootton Parish Council held on Wednesday March 16th 2022 at 7.30pm

Present (Parish Council): Tim Dalton (Chairman), Angus Dalton, Jacqui Kinch, Dot Adams, Pat Fielding (Clerk).

Public: Jeremy Kneller, Glenn Oliver

1. Apologies for Absence: John Burgess, Ed Barker

2. Community Woodland

Glenn Oliver set out some thoughts on how, in tandem with the Woodland Trust, we could establish an area of woodland for the benefit of the village. However, we would have to buy a piece of land from someone in the village, and this would mean fundraising for a considerable amount; also the Woodland Trust would have to assess its suitability and under the plan the land would be transferred to them. Angus said he had heard from the JCB Estate Manager that there were long-term plans for more woodland near to the Depot site. Dot Adams suggested that Seth would enquire about this, and Tim said he would enquire about land on Michael's Lane. The general feeling was that this project was unlikely to be feasible on the basis of the Woodland Trust model unless a suitable site could be acquired at a modest cost, and this was thought to be highly improbable in the current climate.

3. Interpretation Board

A copy of the map was brought to the meeting and was approved with some minor additions which Jacqui would pass on to Sara.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously, and were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

5. Matters Arising

The trailer still needs moving from the Depot site.
Dog poo bins – an update is needed.

6. Financial Report

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The current account stands at £4600.57. With deduction of today's payments of £563.30 and £11.07 for electricity by D/D the balance is £3426.20. By the end of the year, with a further deduction of £11.07 for electricity, the balance will be £3415.13. Of this £46.57 will be unspent Transparency Code Grant from SPCA.

7. Authorisation of Payments

- a) Clerk's Wages Oct '21-March'22 £440 Cheque no. 000261
 - b) Clerk's Expenses 2020-2021- £73.30 Cheque no. 000262
 - c) Dot Adams – gift for Mark Lockley Calendar printing - £50 Cheque no. 000263
 - d) Mayfield & Ellastone Community First Responders - £740.45 Cheque no. 000264
- The last payment d) is a transfer of money from Calendar sales, the Quiz Night and last December's Carol Singing.
These payments were proposed by Angus Dalton, seconded by Jacqui Kinch and approved unanimously.

8. Reading Room

The Clerk had spoken to Matthew Elias from the PCC, and he had confirmed our thoughts that turning the lean-to into a lavatory would be quite complicated. We would need some

formal agreement before any work was done, Building Regulations to be followed, and water and sewage would be an issue. It was felt this was all too complicated to pursue. Instead we would concentrate on maintenance, for example removing the plaster on the chimney breast, and painting inside and out.

9. Notice Board

Jeremy will give a quote for a new board, and also for just new posts and hinges.

10. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Beacon will be lit on Thursday June 2nd at 9.45pm

A Street Party will be held on Sunday 5th June at The Cross and will be organised by the WOW group. Dot proposed and Tim seconded that the PC pay for meat, vegetarian food and bread up to c£200. This was agreed by all. Angus suggested that purchases were made sooner rather than later to avoid a last minute rush and to avoid an increase in the cost of meat, and he offered to store it in his freezers.

This was gratefully accepted. It was also suggested that an avenue of trees be planted along Wildhay Lane with trees from the Woodland Trust for November delivery.

Action: Clerk to apply to ESBC for formal closure of The Cross and Greens Lane as we have done for other such events.

11. Village Climate Change Meeting

This will be held on Saturday April 9th in the afternoon at The Cricket Club. Tim will speak to Sara Botham about ideas, and will liaise with Pat to organise the meeting.

12. Any Other Business

Bench in car park: A reminder to Angus to see to the protective kerbing.

Jacqui Kinch said she was resigning from the PC. She came on to the Council in 2015, and everyone thanked her warmly for her work over the last 7 years. An email will be sent round asking for a replacement.

Martin Balderson from PNFS will be invited to the AGM to explain about its work.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday May 4th 2022 at 7.30pm for the AGM.