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## Wootton Parish Council

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13 March 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend the next meeting of Wootton Parish Council to be held on Monday 13 March 2023 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

- 1 Apologies for absence and to receive Declarations of Pecuniary, Personal or Prejudicial Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.
- 2 Minutes
  - 2.1 To accept minutes of last PC meeting – 13 February 2023
  - 2.2 Matters for information only arising from these minutes - Footpath on B4027 by Killingworth Castle
- 3 Open Forum
  - 3.1 County & District Councillors Report
  - 3.2 Adjournment for public participation - Members of the public wishing to speak will each be given the opportunity to address the council for 3 minutes.
- 4 Planning
  - 4.1 Botley West Solar Farm Consultation – update
  - 4.2 21/04046/HHD & 04047/LBC – Manor Farm Chapel Hill appeal
  - 4.3 Horseshoes Planning Application – update.
  - 4.4 Village Design Statements - oral report by Cllr Bates
- 5 Wootton Relief in Need Charity – appointment of a special committee to assess the expressions of interest received and make recommendations to the Council on the appointment of two Trustees for the charity.
- 6 Finance
  - 6.1 To resolve & approve the payments for February/March
- 7 Date of next meeting – Future meetings. The original schedule for council meetings in 2022-23 listed meetings to be held on Monday 10 April and Monday 8 May. Both these days will now be bank holidays. It is proposed therefore that the 10 April meeting be brought forward to Monday 3 April, and that the May meeting be put back to 15 May. (The May date will be the evening of the Council's Annual Meeting and the separate Annual Parish Meeting.) The council is asked either to confirm or amend these recommendations.

*Corina Cheeks*

Clerk to the Council

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on  
MONDAY 13 MARCH 2023

Present: Councillors J Harwood, A Molyneux, F Bates, M Brown, M Eccles-Williams,  
F Mackinlay, J Salter.

10 members of the public.

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96/23 Apologies for absence and Declarations of Personal, Pecuniary or Prejudicial Interest

96.1. The Clerk had sent her apologies because of illness.

96.2. No declarations of personal interest.

97/23 Minutes of meeting on 13 February 2023

97.1 The minutes of the meeting on 13 February were received and approved, and signed by the Chair.

97.2 Matters arising; Pedestrian safety on B4027 by Killingworth Castle. The Chair reported on the investigation so far. The current footpath in front of the KC was on private land and not registered as a public footpath. However there might be an unregistered right of way. The boundary of the highway on the ground was not clear and with the help of Cllr Graham he would be meeting relevant county council officers to investigate this aspect of the issue.

98/23 Open Forum

98.1 District & County Cllr reports: Cllr Graham's written report was received. There were no oral reports.

98.2 A member of the public asked if the council had been informed of the possible termination of the transport of Wootton school children to and from Tackley school. The Chair replied that the council had not been informed of any such move but would pursue the issue with the school and ODSIT to establish the facts.

99/23 Planning

99.1 Botley West Solar Development; The Chair's report was received. The request to support the application for the scheduling as an ancient monument of the Romano-British remains beneath the fields to the north of Samson's Platt was agreed and the Council will write accordingly.

99.2 Manor Farm planning appeal – no news on decision

99.3 Horseshoes Ho planning application – no news on decision

99.4 Beech Cottage application to amend planning consent to change roofing material from traditional Cotswold stone slate to Welsh Slate. Cllrs Bates and Mackinlay reported on their visit to the site. They proposed that the following response be made: "The nearest adjacent house is roofed with Welsh slate so the Council believes this material would blend well in the immediate area. It has the advantage that if solar panels are added to the roof they would be less intrusive on Welsh slate. The Council thinks the alternative would be the nearest match roofing to traditional Cotswold slate (also known

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as Stonesfield slate) and does not consider other roofing options acceptable.” After discussion this response was approved and the Council will write accordingly to WODC.

99.5 Village Design Statement: Cllr Bates reported on her investigation into the value of developing and adopting such a formal policy. She conceded that the task would be difficult and the council would need help, but the value of a successfully adopted policy was that it would be a strong framework for influencing any development in and around the village. The next steps would be to secure access to the detailed mapping of the village and pursue with WODC their attitude to the development of such a Statement by Wootton PC.

100/23 Trustee appointments to Wootton Relief in Need charity

100.1 In accordance with the decision of the Council at its February meeting, the Chair proposed that the special committee to consider expressions of interest to be trustees of WRiN should now be established and the following councillors appointed: Cllrs Molyneux (chair), Bates and Salter. This was put to the vote and adopted unanimously. The committee would report back with their recommendations to the April meeting.

101/23 Finance

101.1 Payments to be approved; The proposed payment list had been circulated, but in the absence of the Clerk, queries about two of the payments could not be answered. The Chair therefore proposed that the payments to the payroll company (£21.95) and the village hall hire (£18) be approved for payment, with the other two being deferred for further information. This was agreed.

101.2 Coronation celebrations; It was not yet clear what celebrations would be organised in the village, but in case any were to need financial support, it was proposed that provision of a budget head of £250 should be created to respond to any applications for funding. This was agreed. If an application was urgent and could not wait until the next meeting of the Council then it could be considered by the Finance committee.

102/23 Dates for future meetings. The originally scheduled dates for the Council meetings in April and May now coincided with bank holidays. The recommendation before the Council was (i) that the April meeting should be held on Monday 3 April, and (ii) that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and the Annual Parish Meeting, should be held on Monday 15 May. This was agreed.

Signed:



Date:

3 April 2023 .



Payment List for meeting 2023/24

Date	Name	Receipt	Payment
21.02.23	E Slips Mth 10		21.95
14.02.23	Wootton Village Hall		18
28.02.23	HMRC PAYE & NI Mth 11		94.4
28.02.23	Clerks Wages Mth 10		295
		0.00	429.25

} Approved  
 [Signature]  
 13 March 2023  
 } Not approved

Receipts to date		
Payments to be made after 13.02.23		0