South Wootton Parish Council

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 Newsletter

Dear Parishioners

**Parish Assembly, 13th April 2018**

We were pleased to welcome over thirty residents to this year’s Parish Assembly. The meeting followed the usual format and after the Parish Councillor’s introduced themselves, the chairmen of the four committees, Assets, Policy, Planning/ Highways and Finance presented their reports covering the past year.

**Assets** - There was a lively discussion regarding last year’s Beer Festival with some residents expressing their concerns with respect to the loud music played (see later below).Other items raised under Assets included,

Allotments – Installation of a new car park and repairs to the main car park. A new larger water tank has also been installed.

Village Green – The Village sign has been renovated and three new benches have been located near to the Pond. Extensive tree surgery has also been carried out.

Village Hall– The Village Hall is in continual use and a considerable amount of money has been spent to keep it good working order. A Defibrillator has been fitted on an outside wall of the building, a new entrance door installed which complies with Fire Regulations. Modifications to the Kitchen have been carried out, a new door to the committee room has been fitted and the external lighting has been updated. Plans are in hand to provide additional storage space. A resident noted that the level alongside the footpath had dropped thus creating a trip hazard. Repairs to correct this will be carried out.

 **Policy** - It was reported that policies are regularly reviewed and updated, some annually and others every three years. A new policy relating to governing the rules for the holding of events on The Green has been produced.

 **Planning** - It was reported that the Parish Council is a designated statutory consultee regarding planning matters and, consequently, receive for comment from the Borough Council planning applications relevant to the Parish. During the last year 51 planning applications have been dealt with (46 supported, 5 opposed). The small development on the so called ‘nine acre field’ is under construction and it has been decided that the associated road names will be Sandbach Road and Leonard Close. Regarding the Bowbridge development adjacent to Nursery lane, one resident reported that he had contacted Norfolk County Council, who indicated that access to the site via Meadow road would not be allowed. **Note:** The Parish Council has had this confirmed by the County Council.

**Parish Councillors**

Mr D Price 675807

Mr J P Smallwood 675684

Mr M Narborough 673660

Mr S Wells 675078

Mrs M Albinson 670241

Mr K Reynolds 675548

Mr H Hofmeister 673120

Mrs D Gotts 676043

Mr I Jordan 670228

Mr A Evans 673367

Mrs T Banks 672303

Mr P Bland 671100

Mr R Williamson 671486

Mr S Scales 676168

**Clerk to the Parish**

**Council**

Mrs T Cornwell

**Assistant Clerk**

Mrs M Kirby

**Borough Councillors**

Mrs E Nockolds 670264

Mr N Daubney 630479

**County Councillor**

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**Finance** - A Statement of the Accounts was presented and explained in detail. As was reported in the March newsletter, the Parish precept for the current year is slightly lower than last year.

**Wootton Park** – The Wootton Park Committee is made up of Councillor’s from both North and South Wootton Parish Councils together with a representative from the football club as well as a resident from each of the two villages. **Note:** There is a vacancy for a resident to represent South Wootton. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office. The committee meets six times a year.

Vandalism and graffiti has been a problem during the year requiring expenditure for repairs. A Community Payback team is used to carry out some maintenance work, which will include painting of the children’s play area and the Cycle Inhibitors.

The committee runs a ‘200 Club’ which currently has just over 90 members. Since its inception, £1,100 has been given out in prize money. Membership costs £24 per annum by standing order. Anyone interested in joining please contact the Parish Office

**South Wootton in Bloom** - A small group of residents currently carry out all the work to make the village look its best. Anyone interested in joining please contact Mrs Gotts via the Parish Office. Once again, the village has been entered in the Anglia in Bloom competition with the judges visiting the Parish on Thursday, 19th July. A new bench will shortly be installed on the South Wootton Strip of Wootton Park.

**Borough Councillor’s Report** - Cllr Nockolds presented a short report on some Borough Council matters. In particular she mentioned that a new Community Lottery has been launched named ‘West Norfolk Wins’ with the intention that it supports 40 local Good Causes. Tickets, to be purchased online, cost £1 of which 50p goes to a good cause. Note you can nominate your preferred good cause.

**Beer Festival**

The Beer Festival on The Green will be held this year on the Bank Holiday weekend of 25th and 26th August. Following complaints about loud music levels at last year’s event, the Parish Council has produced a new Policy governing the rules for holding an Event on The Green. This year the music will end at 8 pm on the Saturday and at 5 pm on the Sunday. This will be closely monitored.

**Bus Shelters**

Three new bus shelters will shortly be installed in the Parish, two on Grimston Road and one on St Augustines Way.

Your sincerely

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