

WOODTON VIRTUAL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Virtual Annual Parish meeting held on
Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr Jane Wickstead – presiding (JW), Cllr Ian Butler (IB), Cllr Richard Denny (RD), Cllr Bryan Jarvis (BJ), Cllr Matthew Keal (MK), Cllr Fiona McCrostie (FM), Cllr Colin Walker (CW), District Cllr Brendon Bernard (BB), District Cllr Chris Brown (CB), Caroline Seaman – Chair of Bedingham Parish Meeting and Yvonne Wonnacott – Parish Clerk (YW).

Apologies:

County Cllr Stone, D.Littleboy- Secretary Woodton PCC and Clerk to Woodton United Charities and Revd Liz Billet.

Members of the Public:

None.

2021/001 Chairman's welcome

Chair welcomed all parties to meeting, advised that due to Covid pandemic last year's Annual Parish meeting did not take place.

2021/002 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and noted from County Cllr Stone, D.Littleboy (Secretary Woodton PCC and Clerk to Woodton United Charities) and Revd Liz Billet.

2021/003 To agree minutes of Annual Parish meeting 14th May 2019

Cllr Denny proposed the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held 14th May 2019 to be agreed as correct with no factual inaccuracies, seconded by Chair, unanimously agreed. Chair to sign minutes in presence of Parish Clerk whilst adhering to social distancing requirements.

2021/004 Matters arising

None.

2021/005 Parish Council (Chairman's) report

Chair read out report to meeting, as previously circulated. Key points summarised below;

- Been a very busy 2 years for the Parish Council (PC)
- Now the owners of two SAM2 cameras. Very grateful to the funding received through our County Councillors for the flashing wigwam signs on the B1332 outside Woodton Primary School.
- Village notice board has been replaced with a new board kindly funded by Woodton United Charities.
- In 2019 the PC website was updated from the old WordPress version to a new WIX based website.

- The annual village litter pick took place in March 2020, but not in 2021. However, the PC was successful in being awarded a £200 South Norfolk Litter Award through their prize draw.
- Due to the Covid pandemic PC meetings have been held virtually via the Zoom platform, enabling the PC to continue to carry out all business on time and in a professional manner.
- Through the generosity of grants from the Norfolk Community Foundation and Tesco Bags of Help Covid-19 funds, food parcels were distributed to those most in need in the village, with the majority of food being supplied by Woodton Village Stores.
- Planning permission has been granted for the building of 23 houses on land North West of The Street. In addition, outline planning permission has been granted, following an appeal, for the future building of up to 4 dwellings on agricultural land south of The Street. Several houses over the last 2 years have had planning accepted to extend or improve their properties. The proposed development of the car park area at the Kings Head pub has to date not materialised.
- Without doubt the biggest project that Woodton has undertaken has been the development of the Community Wood and the considerable improvements to Ravens Den play area. The grants totalling £39,500 have now all be spent. Early in 2021 a further grant of £4,862.50 was awarded by Saffron Housing Trust Community Project which will be used by September 2021 to create further pathways and install a gate linking the Saffron housing properties at the back of Suckling Place and Tensing Street to the Wood.
- 23rd and 24th December 2020 saw extreme levels of rainfall, flooding in the beck in The Street, with the result of several houses experiencing considerable levels of flooding and resultant damage. The Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance has since been set up.
- After much debate, it has been decided the phone box should be sold to a resident of Woodton, thereby keeping it in the village.
- In September 2020 the two PC representatives of Woodton Playing Field stepped down from this committee. This followed all the trustees resigning and Woodton United Football Club agreeing to take over management of the field on a temporary basis until such time as the Woodton United Charities has completed the necessary legal transactions to take over the freehold of the field.
- Thanks expressed to all fellow Councillors, County and District Councillors and Parish Clerk for their time, hard work and enthusiasm over the last two years.

2021/006 Village reports

Chair referred to village reports as previously circulated via email and available for viewing on the Parish Council website; <https://woodtonpc.wixsite.com/woodtonpc/minutes-and-agendas> . Reports received from the following organisations;

- Bedingham Parish Meeting
- County Councillor
- Village hall
- Woodton United Football Club
- Woodton Parochial Church Council
- Woodton Primary School
- Woodton United Charities

2021/007 Open forum

Chair asked if there were any questions in relation to any of the reports received, no questions raised.

2021/008 Any other business

None.

2021/009 To close the meeting

Meeting closed 7.16pm.

Minutes prepared by Yvonne Wonnacott, Parish Clerk, 07/05/21