Minutes of a meeting Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st October 2021 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

Those attending observed the latest “Covid Guidelines”

1. **Present:**
	1. Councillors: Mr P J Bird (chair), Mr G Banham, Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mrs C Hughes, Mr M Hurst, Mr C Swiecicki and Mr I Vaughan
	2. Cllr D Maxwell (NNC)
	3. Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
2. **Apologies for absence:**
	1. Mrs R Hancock, Mr M Vaughan
3. **Minutes of last meeting:**
	1. The minutes of the September Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present. It was resolved that the Chairman sign them as such.
4. **Comments from Electors:**
	1. None.
5. **Cllr D Maxwell Comments:**
	1. Cllr Maxwell circulated an email response from the MP regarding the re-opening of the Doctors Surgery. No firm date was provided.
	2. The Cllr reported that whilst walking past the traveller site in Thrapston Road she had been bitten by a dog and was taking the issue up with the police and local authority.
	3. A meeting for Councillors with the Chief Constable and Police/Fire Crime Commissioner would be held in Thrapston on 13 December.
	4. One off Covid Grants for persons suffering financial hardship due to being out of work were available through North Northamptonshire Council.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
	1. **Fence Paddock Road Play Area.** Installation of the fence was now complete and the invoice had been received.
	2. **Seating in Paddock Road Play Area.** FCC (funders) had advised that it would be possible to drop the seating aspect of the project, and funding for the fencing would not be affected, alternatively if other improvements could be agreed then it may be possible to reallocate the money. Funding for fencing would be claimed as soon as possible.
	3. **Lamp Upgrades Mill Road**. Western Power had now been advised of the changes to lighting network
	4. **De Capel Close Sign**. This sign had now been replaced.
	5. **Parking Issues**. A response from NNC advised that parking issues should be discussed with liaison officer Mrs Barnwell.
	6. **Waste Recycling Plant Cranford Road Woodford.** No further information had been received regarding this application although it was understood the Highways objection confirmed the visibility splay of 150 metres within the application was insufficient and that the junction with the A510 would need to be redesigned.
	7. **Parking Village Greens.** No update had been received from Miss Burgess.
	8. **Neighbourhood Plan Training.** Training date for Parish Councillors had yet to be fixed. Further documentation had been circulated.
	9. **Use of Church Green.** The Clerk had written to Mrs Mawson declining the use of the green for parking and camping in October. An acknowledgment received queried the pruning of two trees in front of “River View” was read out. The Clerk was asked to initially contact the “Arboriculture Officer” at Thrapston.
7. **Planning Matters:**
	1. **Planning Decisions**
		1. None
	2. **New Planning Application(s)**
		1. None.
	3. **Other Matters**
		1. **Thrapston View** 2100940/FUL The Clerk reported the last update on the NNC website was a reminder request in mid-September by NNC to the applicant’s agent for information previously requested in July.
8. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
	1. **Gate near Woodford Mill**. Mr Stevens had previously advised the Clerk that the final gate installed as part of the Greenway Access project had been vandalised. Following inspection, the Chairman had agreed to carry out a repair if the gate once the gate was removed.
	2. **Traffic Mill Road.** A query had been received re speeding in Mill Road. The Safer Roads Team (SRT) had also carried out a speed survey recently and the results forwarded to the Clerk showed a distinct similarity to those collated by the Council’s Speed device. The clerk had requested the SRT locate their vehicle in Mill Road however regulations governing the siting of the vehicle meant the only potential site was adjacent to the barn. The Clerk had suggested other sites which would be investigated.

It was suggested that some satnav systems identified the start of the 30mph zone as being the where houses were on both sides of the road. Clerk to clarify with NNC

1. **Accounts For Payment:**

Current Account £11,025.98

Interest Account £6.05

Total **£11,032.03**

**Plus**

Northamptonshire County Council (legacy)

 Verge cutting 2020 £442.65

 £**11,474.68**

**Less**

DD69 Opus Energy (Lighting Power) £286.44

2393 Mr P Bird – Clerk (18 ¾hrs) £370.00

2394 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking (7hrs) £62.37

2395 Mr D Cullum – Village Green Maint’ance (8hrs) £59.20

2396 Mr D Cullum - fuel £34.74

2397 E.on Lighting Maintenance £275.40

2398 E.on Lighting repairs £69.32

2399 R&G new fencing and monthly verge cut £7,227.60 £8,385.07

 **£3,089.61**

Resolved that the above payments be noted and authorised.

1. **Other Finance Matters:**

Consideration was given to making donations to Help for Heroes (in lieu of audit fee, Saints Alive publication costs, and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Resolved that donations of £60, £100 and £100 respectively be made.

1. **Police Joint Action Group Report:**
	1. Mr M Vaughan was not present
2. **Highway’s Warden Report**
	1. Mr Stevens had nothing to report.
	2. A question as to whether there was a school warning sign in the High Street was raised. This sign was in Addington Road and a request was made some years ago to move it to a site nearer the school. Clerk to take up with NNC Highways
3. **Playing Field Representative:**
	1. Mr Chapman had nothing new to report.
4. **Other Business / Items of Interest**
	1. None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed Date