Minutes of a meeting Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

1. **Present:**
   1. Councillors: Mr I Vaughan (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mrs C Hughes, Mr D Sharples, Mr C Swiecicki and Mr M Vaughan.
   2. NNC Cllr D Maxwell, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
2. **Apologies for absence:**
   1. Mr P J Bird, Mr G Banham, Mr M Hurst, and Mrs R Hancock.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:**
   1. The minutes of the December 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. **Comments from Cllr D Maxwell NNC**
   1. Cllr Maxwell queried the service provided at the Doctors surgery. Councillors advised appointments were now being made.
   2. The Councillor advised that NNC were still awaiting revised plans for the “Traveller Site”. The site was now being handled by a company called “Green Planning”.
   3. Cllr Maxwell advised that the issues surrounding the “Snooty Fox” at Lowick had been a complete surprise to the vast majority of Councillors.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
   1. **Precept.** The Precept for 2022/23 for £22,500 had been submitted to NNC.
   2. **Waste Recycling Plant Cranford Road Woodford.** No further information received.
   3. **Parking Village Greens.** No further update.
   4. **Electronic Speed Signs.** Three requested quotations for electronic speed signs had been made but were still awaited.
   5. **Verge Maintenance agreement.** S136 had been signed and returned to NNC Highways. An invoice for 2021 had also been submitted.
   6. **Electric Vehicle Charging Points.** The suggested location of the village green centre road had been submitted to NNC for consideration.
7. **Planning Matters:**
   1. **Planning Decisions:**
      1. None.
   2. **New Planning Application(s):**
      1. None.
   3. **Other Planning Matters:**
      1. NNC had issued a “call for sites” for potential development in the next Development Plan.
8. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
   1. **Asset Mapping Project**: NALC requested all Parish Councils carry out a mapping project to identify all Unitary Authority owned assets within the Parish. A fee covering costs would be paid. Resolved this be carried out by the Clerk who would call upon Councillors as and when required.
   2. **Village Green Erosion**: A letter raising concerns that the buses were still driving around the green rather than turning near the old school was considered. Councillors requested the Clerk write to the bus company.
   3. **Overgrown Hedges**: Clerk was asked to write to residents in Mill Road and Paddock Road regarding the overgrown hedge at the junction. Also, to include in the Saints Alive Article.
9. **Accounts For Payment:**

Current Account £8,608.73

Interest Account £6.05

Total **£8,614.78**

**Plus**

Cancelled cheque (2402 payable to Saints Alive) £100.00

£8,714.78

Less

DD72 Opus Energy (Lighting Power) £332.99

2410 Mr P Bird – Clerk (22hrs 45mins) £370.00

2411 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking (11 hrs) £92.41

2412 E.on Lighting Maintenance £275.40

2413 North Northants Council £227.75

2414 All Saints PCC – reissued cheque (2402) £100.00 £1,398.55

**£7,316.23**

Resolved that the above payments be noted and authorised.

1. **To agree future action re the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Working Party:**
   1. Resolved to defer a decision until greater number of councillors were present.
2. **To agree to either spend or carry over “lighting upgrade” budget:**
   1. Those present resolved to spend the remainder of this year’s budget as soon as possible and upgrade two lamps in Bakers Lane and one at Rectory Lane / Addington Road junction (Three lamps at £260).
3. **To consider Parish Council’s Action in respect of HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:**
   1. Agreed message be included in Saints Alive and on posters requesting suggestions from residents regarding Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
4. **To receive JAG report:**
   1. Mr M Vaughan reported that the next meeting would be on 21 January.
5. **To receive Playing Field Representative Report:**
   1. Mr Chapman reported that the repairs carried out to the slide appeared to have been successful.
6. **Other Business / Items of Interest:**
   1. The Clerk reported he understood that a large solar farm was to be constructed between Brigstock and Grafton Underwood.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Signed Date