Minutes of a meeting Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

1. **Present:**
   1. Councillors: Mr P J Bird (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, 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 I Vaughan, Mr G Banham, Mrs R Hancock
   2. Mrs Hancock had submitted her resignation on health grounds and which was accepted with regret. Agreed to send her some flowers (Mrs Fothergill to organise). Clerk to advise NNC of resignation and advertise vacancy.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:**
   1. The minutes of the March Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present. It was resolved that they be signed by the Chairman.
4. **Comments from Electors:**
   1. None.
5. **Comments from Cllr D Maxwell NNC**
   1. Cllr Maxwell advised she was still pursuing the idea of a bus service to Rushden Lakes via Irthlingborough Nene Park, and several other issues further afield being handled by NNC
   2. The councillor drew attention to the recently adopted Cottingham Neighbourhood Plan.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
   1. **Asset Mapping Project**. All NNC assets had now been recorded and a grant of £306.83 to assist with the cost of the exercise had now been received. This should be spent by the end of June
   2. **Replacement lamps in Bakers Lane and Addington Road.** Order still not fulfilled and now chased with area manager.
   3. **Co-option of Parish Councillor.** The vacancy had been advertised and one candidate had been forthcoming (see below).
   4. **Police Surgery.** PCSO Norman would be parked near the village green from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on 3rd May.
   5. **Annual Litter Pick.** Only four persons turned up for this event and five bags of rubbish were collected.
   6. **Hedge in Church Green.** NNC advised that following a visit they had suggested to the home owner the hedge should not be cut back as it may kill it
   7. **Hedge Addington Road / Rectory Lane.** NNC advised they had written to site owner requesting hedge be cut back.
7. **Planning Matters:**
   1. **Planning Decisions:**

None.

* 1. **New Planning Application(s):**
     1. **None**
  2. **Other Planning Matters:**
     1. None.

1. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
   1. **Use of Church Green for wedding parking.** Mrs Fothergill had requested the use of Church Green for parking on 23rd July for her daughter’s wedding. The Council agreed with the usual proviso.
   2. **Christmas Tree on village green.** The Clerk had received a number of complaints about the Christmas Tree on the village green. Councillors suggested that a Mr Cardy might have been involved in the original installation, and he might be able to arrange removal.
   3. **Fair on Village Green** The provision of a fair on the village green had been raised with the Clerk. Whilst it might be too late for the traditional week in July a suggested alternative was at the end of August. Clerk to make enquiries.
   4. **Planning Policy Consultation.** NNC were now consulting on the “Scope and Issues” relating to a new strategic plan to replace the current North Northants Joint Core strategy covering the period to 2041 and beyond. Agreed to discuss a response at the may meeting. Consultation closes on 23rd May.
2. **Accounts For Payment:**

Current Account £5,136.08

Interest Account £6.05

Total **£5,142.13**

Plus AMP Grant from Ncalc (no remittance) £306.83

**Year End Balance 31 March 2022 £5,448.96**

Less

DD75 Opus Energy (Lighting Power) £286.67

DD76 Information Commissioner Office £35.00

2427 cancelled

2428 Mr P Bird – Clerk (17hrs 30mins) £370.00

2429 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking (8 hrs) £74.80

2430 Mr D Cullum (Grass cutting) £118.40

2431 Insurance £455.24

2432 Mr D Cullum (Fuel) £39.17

2433 E.on (Lighting Maintenance) £275.40

2434 R&G (Verge maintenance) £168.00

£1,809.00

**£3,298.13**

Resolved that the above payments be noted and authorised.

1. **To receive JAG report:**
   1. Mr M Vaughan reported that the Police priorities would remain unchanged with ASB being the focus for community policing.
2. **To receive Playing Field Representative Report:**
   1. Mr Chapman reported that two large vintage vehicle / machinery events were planned during the early part of May.
3. **To co-opt an elector to fill vacancy arising form resignation of David Stevens**
   1. Mrs Susan O’Donnell had come forward as an interested party and provided a brief resume, which was read out. Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs O’Donnell to the Council with effect of the next meeting.
4. **Other Business / Items of Interest:**
   1. Mrs Hathaway advised the Spinneybrook Medical Centre was now fully staffed except for reception staff.
   2. Mr Sharples raised the issue of motorhomes parking overnight on the village green just before easter. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter of securing the area with NNC Highways again.
   3. A request that the litter picker visit Rose Terrace was made. Clerk to arrange.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm and reminded those present the May meeting would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and would be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed Date