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

1. **Present:**
   1. Councillors: Mr I Vaughan (vice-chair), Mr G Banham, Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs C Hughes, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S O’Donnell, Mr D Sharples, Mr C Swiecicki.
   2. NNC Cllr D Maxwell, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
2. **Mr P J Bird JP**
   1. All stood for a one-minute silent tribute to the former chairman of the council who had passed away on 2 October.
   2. A number of tributes were made, and the Clerk was asked to convey the Council’s deepest condolences to Mrs M Bird.
   3. A Casual Vacancy was declared.
3. **Election of Chairman**
   1. Mr Vaughan called for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr Sharples proposed Mr Banham, seconded by a number of councillors and with no other nominations and Mr Banham being willing, he duly took the chair.
   2. The Clerk was requested to add Mr Banham to the bank mandate.
4. **Apologies for absence:**
   1. Mr M Vaughan.
5. **Minutes of Previous 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 they be signed by the Chairman.
6. **Comments from Electors:**
   1. No Electors present.
7. **Comments from Cllr D Maxwell NNC**
   1. It was understood the overgrown hedge in Church Green had been very lightly trimmed and the Councillor was taking the matter up with highways as she still considered it a danger.
   2. Two former NNC care homes were to be closed as they no longer met current standards.
   3. The NNC had secured funding to assist those suffering with the cost of living increases. These grants could be spent on day to day living or white goods.
   4. The councillor advised she was pursuing the “low level” of doctor attendance at the Woodford Practice.
8. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
   1. **Book of Condolence – HM The Queen.** The book had now been lodged with the Lord Lieutenant’s office at Northampton for collating with other tributes from the county**.**
9. **Planning Matters:**
   1. **Planning Decisions:**
      1. None
   2. **New Planning Application(s):**
      1. **6 Addington Road (Rear)** Construction of car port and garage. **No Objection.**
   3. **Other Planning Matters:**
      1. None
10. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
    1. The Sports and Community Complex secretary had written to the Council as Landlord of the Playing fields advising the club proposed the demolition of the former nursery and the installation of a new storage container.
11. **Accounts For Payment:**

Current Account £23,472.93

Interest Account £6.05

**Total £23,478.98**

Less

2463 Mr P Bird – Clerk (19hrs 45mins) £400.00

2464 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker £82.30

2465 R&G Landscapes contractor £498.00

£880.30

**£22,498.68**

Resolved that the above payments be noted and authorised.

1. **Donations to Royal British Legion and “Saints Alive”**
   1. A donation to the Royal British Legion was discussed. Unanimously agreed that £100 be donated, and once wreath was received, the Clerk would forward to the chairman.
   2. The editor of Saints Alive had written previously to request an increased donation to the magazine. Due budgetary constraints councillors agreed to leave the donation unchanged at £100.
2. **Memorial Plaque to HM Queen**
   1. It was generally agreed that a memorial plaque to commemorate the Queen’s Reign be added to the Village sign. The Clerk to advise former Diamond Jubilee Committee of intention and obtain a cost of an etched brass plaque.
3. **New Dog Bin Church Street**
   1. Agreed Clerk should obtain price and discuss potential location of a dog waste bin between Rectory Lane and the SW end of Church Street and obtain costs.
4. **Playing Field Representative.** 
   1. Nothing further to add.
5. **Other Business for future meetings**
   1. A number of potholes were reported in Church Street, West Street and Highfield. Clerk encouraged councillors to report via “Fix my Street” or “Street Doctor” as a higher number of reports generated faster response.
   2. Attention was drawn to the kissing gate at top of West Street. One of the posts had rotted off. A local resident had made a temporary repair. Clerk to refer to Street Doctor.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Signed Date