Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

1. **Present:**
	1. Councillors: Mr G Banham, (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mr M Hurst, Mrs C Hughes, Mrs S O’Donnell Mr D Sharples, Mr C Swiecicki, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
	2. Cllr D Maxwell (NNC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
	1. Mrs J Hathaway, Ms S Southcombe.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**
	1. The minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting having been circulated were agreed as a true record with the exception of deleting paragraph 6.3.1 (duplicated from previous minutes) and were signed by the Chairman.
4. **Public Participation:**
	1. **Cllr D Maxwell NNC.** The councillor drew attention to the meeting regarding Kettering Energy Park and advised she was planning a meeting at Thrapston on 4th September for all local Parish Councillors. This would be chaired by a senior NNC Officer and also involve the developers**.** (See also 5.4)
	2. **Electors.** No Electors present.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
	1. **Visit of Fair.** The fair had attended as agreed but trade had been poor compared to las year. Attendance in 2024 has been provisionally agreed, with smaller attractions. Clerk advised that most of the posters put up around the village were torn down within 24 hours.
	2. **Travellers Site Appeal.** Result still awaited.
	3. **Replacement Street Lamps.** Clerk confirmed the final seven lamp replacements had been ordered.
	4. **Kettering Energy Park.** Mr M Vaughan and Mr Sharples commented on the recent meeting held at Great Addington, advising that there seemed to be consensus forming throughout local councils that the KEP masterplan was a significant diversion from the original strategy. Approximately 30 persons had attended.
6. **Planning Matters:**
	1. **Planning Decisions:**
		1. **7 Church Street** – Replacement Windows – NE/23/00285/FUL – **Refused** on grounds it would be out of character with surrounding properties (despite adjoining property already having uPVC windows)
	2. **New Planning Application(s):**
		1. None.
	3. **Other Planning Matters:**
		1. None
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
	1. **Future Visits of Fair.** A request had been received for this year to be the final visit of a fair. After brief discussion Councillors unanimously agreed that the Clerk respond advising the correspondent’s request received no support from the Council and that the Council would uphold the tradition for as long as possible.
	2. **Tree Works on Riverbank.** Drayton Estate had advised that tree pollarding and more general tree works would take place along the riverbank during August. This would involve a footpath diversion whilst the work was carried out.
	3. **Overgrown Footpaths.** Overgrown footpaths had been raised by a resident and this had been referred to Drayton Estate for action.
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

Balance end of June 2023 **£27,489.83**

**Plus**

National Grid Wayleave £20.53

Ian Taylor Funfair £60.00

Vat Refund 2022/23 £4,119.71

 £31,690.07

**Less**

2513 Mr P Bird Clerk (15 ½ hrs) £425.00

2514 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker (8 hrs) £80.56

2515 Mr D Cullum Village Geen Maintenance (6 hrs) £52.80

2516 E.on (Lamp Maintenance) £149.21

2517 NNC (Dog Bin emptying Church St) £107.89

2518 R&G Landscapes £96.00

2519 Mr D Cullum (Fuel Reimbursement) 35.69

DD97 Yu Energy £360.52

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 £1,352.11 **£30,337.96**

It was resolved that these invoices be approved for payment

1. **JAG Report**
	1. No matters to report.
2. **Playing Field Report**
	1. Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
3. **Other Business for future meetings**
	1. A number of overgrown hedges were mentioned, by councillors. Clerk to include in next Saint’s Alive article.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Signed Date