Minutes of a Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th September 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, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mr D Sharples, Ms S Southcombe, Mr C Swiecicki, Mr M Vaughan.
   2. Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
   1. Mrs C Hughes, Mrs S O’Donnell, Mr I Vaughan
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**
   1. The minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting having been circulated were agreed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation:**
   1. **Police Comments.** Not present
   2. **Cllr D Maxwell NNC.** Cllr Maxwell reported on the action being taken regarding the follow up to the travellers site appeal. The Councillor also drew attention to the senior officer resignations and appointments at the Fire Service.
   3. **Electors.** Further to previous discussions regarding parking on the village green and discussions between the Clerk and Ms Burgess (solicitor), it was reported that technically the council was in breach of the lease with Drayton Estate for permitting vehicles to park on the village green. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to this subject and it was agreed the Clerk would seek further clarification of the extent of the highway with both NNC Highways and Drayton Estate. The Clerk was requested to investigate cost of “No Parking” signs.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
   1. **Kettering Energy Park.** A copy of the final letter to NNC councillors was circulated and approved.
   2. **Fly Tipping Pound Lane.** Despite mention in Saints Alive this was still continuing – Clerk to write to residents in vicinity.
   3. **Use of Church Green for wedding 26 August.** A letter of thanks was to hand.
6. **Planning Matters:**
   1. **Planning Decisions**:
      1. **1 Church Green** Detached Car Port NE/23/00756/FUL - **Approved**
   2. **New Planning Application(s):**
      1. **Twywell Station House** First Floor Extension above porch (resubmission) NE/23/00873/FUL **No Objection**
      2. **13 Church Street** Demolition of single storey extension to rear and rebuild NE/23/00900/FUL **No objection**
      3. **13 Church Street** Demolition of garage / stable and reconstruction of garage with games room above. NE/23/00901FUL **No Objection**
      4. **Former Rectory**, Church Street. Removal of 7 trees NE/23/00926/TCA. Concern that no arboricultural report available detailing condition of trees and reason for felling – **Objection.**
   3. **Other Planning Matters:**
      1. None
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
   1. **Verges.** The clerk reported that he had complained a verge cut had not taken place between beginning of July and September. Contractor had apologised maintained he had unforeseen staffing losses and injuries. A verge cut took place the day following the complaint.
   2. **Public Rights of Way.** Two complaints had been received regarding overgrown rights of way. Forwarded to RoW team. Mrs Fothergill raised state of Footpath in Addington Road. Clerk to refer to NNC.
   3. **Boundary Fence adjoining Playing Field.** Clerk reported that the boundary to the south of Playing field had been cleared and refenced by owner of neighbouring land, in conjunction with WCSC
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

Balance end of August 2023 **£28,913.10**

**Less**

2525 Mr P Bird Clerk (23 ¼ hrs) £425.00

2526 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker (7 hrs) £72.34

2527 Mr D Cullum Groundsman (7 hrs) £61.60

2528 R&G Verge cutting £48.00

2529 cancelled

2530 HMRC £52.40

2531 Mr D Cullum Fuel reimbursement £35.74

DD101 Yu Energy £45.54

DD102 Yu Energy £360.90

£1,101.52 **£27,811.58**

* 1. It was resolved that these invoices be approved for payment

1. **Consider new Dog Bin in Newtown**
   1. Ms Southcombe suggested a new Dog Bin be considered for Newtown Allotments. She had spoken to Drayton Estate who had no objections. Clerk advised that NNC had refused previously due to accessibility for emptying. Agreed by those present that the idea should be investigated. Clerk to follow up.
2. **JAG Report**
   1. Mr Vaughan reported that the agreed local priorities remained unchanged - i.e. ASB and drug related issues.
3. **Playing Field Report**
   1. Mr Chapman reported painting work was progressing well but was weather and time dependant
4. **Other Business for future meetings**
   1. None.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed Date