Minutes of a Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

1. **Present:**
   1. Councillors: Mr G Banham (chair), Mrs S Bryant, Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mrs C Hughes, Mr D Sharples, Mrs S O’Donnell, Ms S Southcombe, Mr C Swiecicki, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
   2. Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
   1. Cllr D Maxwell.
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**
   1. The minutes of the December 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.** Not present.
   3. **Electors.** None
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
   1. **Kettering Energy Park.** No further contact or correspondence regarding this matter had been received.
   2. **No Parking Signs – Village Green.** The Clerk had submitted the “Empowerment Fund Application” forms to NNC.
   3. **Village Green Maintenance.** A solution for the forthcoming year was still ongoing.
   4. **Precept 2024 / 2025.** The precept for the forthcoming financial year had been submitted to NNC.
6. **Planning Matters:**
   1. **Planning Decisions**:
      1. **8 Church Street –** Construction of Greenhouse NE/23/01115/FUL – **Permitted.**
   2. **New Planning Application(s):**
      1. None.
   3. **Other Planning Matters:**
      1. None.
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
   1. **Local Area Partnership.** Mrs Hathaway spoke of the Local Area Partnership. This appeared to be poorly represented by members of the public so was effectively being driven by practitioners, which was not the original premise laid down by NNC. Latest correspondence from NNC appeared to lack “direction”.
   2. **Roadside Electrical Equipment.** NNC were compiling a register of parish owned electrical equipment, and the clerk had responded advising of the assets owned by Woodford PC. Also that chairman would be backup contact point.
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

Balance ~~end of October 2023~~ **£17,241.02**

**Less**

2549 Mr P Bird Clerk £425.00

2550 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker (10 hrs) £97.20

DD111 Yu Energy £48.48

DD112 Yu Energy £511.46

£1,082.14 **£16,158.88**

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

1. **Donation to Woodford St Mary’s Church**
   1. After discussion and a review of previous donations to the Church it was agreed that the Council would forward a donation of £450. The clerk advised councillors of some of the factors surrounding full / closed churchyards.
2. **New Street lamp – High Street**
   1. After some debate a majority were in favour of the installation of a new street lamp (£1,710) in the High Street and also to realign the lamp near the end of Sunnyside (£95.50).
3. **JAG Report**
   1. Mr Vaughan had nothing to report other than that local policing priorities had been unchanged now for 15 months.
4. **Playing Field Report**
   1. Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
5. **Other Business for future meetings**
   1. Mention made of a vehicle parked on Mill Road near Victoria Court – unmoved for over three months, understood to be not road legal. Clerk to report to police.
   2. Mrs Fothergill advised that a village organisation had offered to purchase any further Defibrillator pads.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed Date