Minutes of a Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 in the Schoolroom of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

1. **Present:**
	1. Councillors: Mr I Vaughan (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr D Sharples, Mrs S O’Donnell, Mr C Swiecicki.
	2. Cllr D Maxwell, Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
	1. Mr Banham, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Hughes, Mr Hurst, Ms S Southcombe and Mr M Vaughan
3. **Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**
	1. The minutes of the January 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 advised the meeting that the Traveller site is still being actively monitored by NNC planning ensuring that compliance with the plans is met. She expressed concern at the level of development still taking place considering the length of time permitted for the use of the site was now little more than two years.
	NNC had been given additional funding for pothole repairs.
	Mr Sharples asked the Councillor to investigate the poor state of repair that the Thrapston Swimming Pool now exhibited.
	Progress was slow with regard to the new Traveller site at Rothwell which was facing considerable local opposition.
	3. **Electors.** None
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
	1. **Kettering Energy Park.** A representative wished to provide an update to the Parish Council and seek views prior to the March Council Meeting. The Clerk had advised the developers that the Council could allow them thirty minutes. Cllr Maxwell asked whether she could invite Cllr Brackenbury (Thrapston) No Objection raised.
	2. **No Parking Signs – Village Green Grant Application.** Original submission not received. Photocopy submitted.
	3. **New Lamp High Street.** Order had been placed for new lamp in High Street and correction to High Street lamp near Sunnyside.
	4. **Untaxed Vehicle.** Untaxed vehicle near Victoria Court parked on road had now been removed.
6. **Planning Matters:**
	1. **Planning Decisions**:
		1. **4 Church Street** – Tree works – removal of two Leylandii, two Walnut and three Poplar – **Permitted**.
		2. **4 Club Lane** – Tree works - Removal of various trees and reduction of canopies. **Permitted**.
		3. *NB Both of the above were permitted by default due to a decision not being made within the statutory period*.
	2. **New Planning Application(s):**
		1. None.
	3. **Other Planning Matters:**
		1. None.
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
	1. **Local Area Partnership.** The Clerk advised two briefings would be taking place in March. Mrs Hathaway advised she would attend if free**.**
	2. **St Mary’s Church Churchyard.** A letter from the Benefice advised that the churchyard was likely to be at full capacity within two years and extending the present facility at the present time was unlikely. This raised the question of future maintenance and also future burial provision. Agreed that Clerk should request Church make this information public and arrange a meeting with the PCC.
	3. **Use of Church Green** Wedding Parking A request to use Church Green for parking for a wedding on 15th June. Councillors agreed with normal conditions.
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

 Balance end of January 2024 **£16,158.88**

 **Less**

 2551 Mr P Bird Clerk £425.00

 2552 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker (10 hrs) £97.20

 2553 St Mary’s Church 450.00

 DD113 Yu Energy £50.30

 DD114 Yu Energy £538.02

 £1,560.52 **£14,598.36**

* 1. It was resolved that these invoices be approved for payment
1. **Village Green Maintenance**
	1. Mr Brett had confirmed he would cut the village greens for £95.00 per cut. Two other local contractors advised they did not have the capacity to take on additional work. Councillors agreed that Mr Brett be requested to carry out the work to be reviewed in twelve months’ time.
2. **Playing Field Report**
	1. Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
3. **Other Business for future meetings**
	1. A brief discussion regarding the former groundsman took place.
	2. Cllr Maxwell offered funding for a new noticeboard should the council require one.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:07pm.

Signed Date