**Minutes of a Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 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 Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mrs Hughes, Mr S O’Donnell, Ms S Southcombe, Mr C Swiecicki, Mr I Vaughan and Mr M Vaughan.
	2. Cllr D Maxwell, Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
	1. Mr Sharples.
3. **Minutes of last Meeting:**
	1. The minutes of the August Parish Council Meeting having been circulated were agreed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation:**
	1. **Electors.** None
	2. **Police Comments.** The Police were not in attendance.
	3. **Councillor D Maxwell (NNC**) advised of the rapidly increasing costs faced by NNC regarding “looked after children”, also discussing homelessness in Rushden and the potential loss of funding for the Isham bypass and Kettering General Hospital improvements.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
	1. **No Parking Signs.** The signs had been installed. The location of one of the signs was questioned, but councillors agreed to leave in current location and review effect.
	2. **Kettering Energy Park.** No further correspondence had been received
	3. **Timber for seat in playground.** Mr Chapman advised he was applying wood treatment.
	4. **Bus Service to Rushden Lakes**. A new daily service was now in place although no formal notification had been received. Clerk to follow up and produce a poster advertising the service.
	5. **Skips on Playing Field**. The Clerk had written to the club advising of the council’s concerns regarding the dangers to field users, and requested a written response, or a verbal response to this meeting as to when the area would be cleared and made safe. No communication received, despite a reminder being sent.
6. **Planning Matters:**
	1. **Planning Decisions**:
		1. **4 The Moorings.** Installation of EV Charger NE/24/00752/FUL. **Permitted.**
		2. **1 Church Street.** Re-pollard Lime Tree. NE24/00745/TCA. **Permitted.**
	2. **New Planning Application(s):**
		1. None.
	3. **Other Planning Matters:**
		1. None.
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
	1. A copy of a letter sent to the chief executive re noise from the Dukes Arms was read out. Clerk to respond advising sender how to complain about noise issues.
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

 Balance end of June 2024 **£26,643.83**

 **Less**

 2592 Mr P Bird – Clerk (19 ½ hours) £460.00

 2593 P J Brett Grounds Maintenance £190.00

 2594 R&G Verge Maintenance £558.06

 2595 PKF Littlejohn Auditor £252.00

 2596 Ady Pendred Signwriter £228.00

 2597 HMRC £15.60

 2598 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking (6 hours) £68.64

 DD128 Yu Energy Lighting Power £45.99

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 £2,121.90 **£24,521.93**

It was resolved that these invoices and amounts be approved for payment.

* 1. PKF Littlejohn (external auditors) had signed off the accounts for year ending March 2024. Their report contained no observations or recommendations.
1. **Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**
	1. Unanimously agreed that the sum of £100 be donated to the Royal British Legion, (unchanged from previous year)
2. **Meet and Greet Proposal**
	1. It was agreed that councillors would hold an event at the Reading Room with a proposed date of 16th November for 2-3 hours. Ms Southcombe provided a draft poster, and will organise and liaise with Reading Room. A rota would be arranged for the period.
3. **Playing Field Report**
	1. Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
4. **Report from Joint Action Group**
	1. Mr M Vaughan had nothing to report.
5. **Other Business for future meetings**
	1. None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed Date