**Minutes of a Meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 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 J Hathaway, Mrs C Hughes, Mr M Hurst, Mr Sharples, Mrs S O’Donnell, Mr I Vaughan and Mr M Vaughan.
	2. One member of public, Cllr D Maxwell (NNC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
2. **Apologies for absence:**
	1. Mrs Fothergill, Mr Swiecicki, Ms Southcombe.
3. **Minutes of last Meeting:**
	1. The minutes of the December Parish Council Meeting (subject to the correction of a date in para 7.1 to 30 January) were approved.
4. **Public Participation:**
	1. **Electors.** None
	2. **Police Comments.** The Police were not in attendance.
	3. **Councillor D Maxwell (NNC**). Cllr Maxwell advised that the £640m for regeneration of Kettering General Hospital had been withdrawn and the eearliest the project would commence would be 2030.
	4. A large solar farm of over 2,000 acres between Wellingborough and Newport Pagnell was in the planning stage but would be a government decision and not local council.
	5. Mention was made of the forthcoming Unitary Elections and the fact that Woodford would not be in the Thrapston ward.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
	1. **Kettering Energy Park.** No further development.
	2. **Great Addington Plan.** Contents noted, but no comments to be made.
	3. **Community Speedwatch.** The scheme had been advertised and some volunteers had come forward. Mr M Vaughan reaffirmed his agreement to co-ordinate the scheme.
	4. **Tree in memory of Queen Elizabeth II / Platinum Jubilee.** This tree had been cared for since purchase and the clerk had now secured a suitable tree guard at a reasonable cost. Agreed to plant by end of January on Church Green near DeCapel House.
	5. **Trees near Woodford House.** NNC had responded that if the trees were not “within the highway” they were the responsibility of the landowner and Highways would only intervene in the event of an emergency. Councillors requested the Clerk to write to the landowner advising of public concerns with the state of some of the trees and request confirmation that the trees were monitored on a regular basis.
	6. **Saints Alive.** A message of thanks had been received from the Editor re the Council’s donation.
	7. **Speed Signs**. The Clerk advised he had sought advice re the Speed identification Device and had been advised to seek a new model. Funding was still available through PFCC Office. After discussion it was agreed Clerk complete an application for funding and obtain a range of quotations for different styles of devices.
6. **Planning Matters:**
	1. **Planning Decisions**:
		1. None
	2. **New Planning Application(s):**
		1. **Woodwell**. Construction of three dwellings in principle NE/24/01270/PIP. **Objection** on grounds of building on flood plain, not in character with surroundings, insufficient evidence that bridge will be structurally sound for increased traffic use, no details of how septic tanks will be relocated.
		2. **12 Mill Road**. Dropped kerb for off road parking. NE/24/01216/FUL. **No Objection**.
	3. **Other Planning Matters:**
		1. **Land adjacent to 1 The Moorings**. It was apparent that the rejected application, NE/23/00429/FUL had been subject to an appeal, and that appeal had been upheld by the Planning inspectorate. The Parish Council had not received any details of the appeal with the last information on file being the Refusal Notice. Clerk to raise concerns with NNC.
7. **New Correspondence / Clerk’s announcements:**
	1. **Woodford Sports and Social Complex re maintenance.** Letter requesting approval to carry out renovation of club roof. Clerk to respond that the council had no objection. Cllr Maxwell suggested that the Club approach NNC re potential funding.
	2. **Saints Alive.** Complaint re lack of articles in Saints Alive. A resident had complained that the council was not submitting articles to Saints Alive. Clerk had responded that copy dates do not always coincide, articles are published on website as are the minutes which are the official record.
	3. **Highways England –** A14. Notification that there would be overnight lane closures between junctions 10 and 13 of the A14 for bridge repairs between 12 and 13 between 28 January and 3 February. Signposted diversion route A6 and A45 or vice versa.
8. **Accounts For Payment:**

 Balance end of December 2024 **£19,238.31**

 **Less**

 2616 Mr P Bird – Clerk (hours) £460.00

 2617 Mr D Bosworth (11 hours) £114.64

 DD134 Yu Energy £48.76

 DD135 Yu Energy £417.55

 £1,040.95 **£18,197.36**

1. **Playing Field Report**
	1. Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
2. **Local Area Partnership**
	1. Mrs Hathaway reported on a recent meeting and was pleased that multi agency targeted work was now being implement in some of the deprived areas of the district.
3. **Appointment of Police Liaison Representative**
	1. Mr M Vaughan agreed to fulfil this role and this was unanimously agreed by those present.
4. **Other Business for future meetings**
	1. Clerk reminded Councillors that the next round of Parish Council elections would take place on 1 May 2025 and further information would be disseminated as received.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed Date