

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr I Vaughan (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples and Mrs D Winn.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P J Bird, Mr P Colson, Mr M Vaughan, Mrs W Iversen, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC).
- The Chairman read out a letter of resignation from Mr Paul Colson. The Clerk reported that Mr Colson had been a Parish Councillor since June 2003 attending approximately 68% of meetings since that date. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr Colson.
- The Clerk reported that a formal vacancy had been advertised and East Northants Council notified.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Sharples, seconded by Mrs Robinson, and agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr Vaughan (in his absence) had advised the Clerk that a introductory meeting of the Youth Council would take place on 9th February in the Scout Hut. A draft constitution was circulated to councillors. A question was raised as to whether Mr Vaughan had a CRB certificate. The Clerk said he understood so, but would confirm.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that reported crime in December totalled two incidents (one burglary other, one violent offence) Total of 28 since April 2012.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley was not present
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 5: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 6: **Parking in High Street.** The Clerk reported that the appropriate form had been submitted to NCC requesting a review of parking arrangements in the vicinity of Mill Road, High Street and Thrapston Road.
- 7: **Community Plan.** A public meeting had been arranged for 25 February at the Sports Club and the Clerk would draft a flyer for distribution with Saints Alive. Clerk to co-ordinate with Mrs Cooke.
- 8: **Jubilee Tree.** Mrs Cook had received information from Mr Blount suggesting an English Oak, Evergreen Oak, Lime or London Plane. Councillors agreed that an evergreen Oak would be the best option and Mr Blount should be requested to assist in obtaining and the planting of the tree.
- 9: **Grants to Working Men's Club.** The Clerk had responded to Mr Warne regarding payments for the upkeep of the playing field. Parish Council Minutes indicated that the last grant payment from NCC was received in 1995 and the amount was passed on to the Playing Fields Committee / WMC.
- 10: **Noticeboard** The Clerk had obtained prices ranging from £580 - £700 for a

noticeboard for the Paddocks. Early indications were that the price was very much dependent upon size and material rather than manufacturer. Questions raised included why the Paddocks and not other areas of the village, could funding be obtained to support the cost. Clerk reminded Councillors that William Davis Ltd had donated £1000 for the upkeep of this piece of land, also Cllr Hughes had £500 for Parish use. Clerk was asked to investigate other sources of funding and other prices of noticeboards.

- 11: **Resurfacing Highfield.** Mr Chapman had raised concerns that the areas identified in Highfield for resurfacing were not extensive enough. The Clerk had forwarded these comments to Cllr Langley who had forwarded to appropriate office. Work had yet to commence due to wintry conditions.

Planning Issues:

- 12: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council
- 14: New Planning Applications
 a) There were no new planning applications
- 15: Other Planning Matters
 a) None

New Correspondence: 16: There was no new correspondence.

Finance:

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| Account balances brought forward | | | |
| | Current Account | | £4,035.00 |
| | High Interest Account | | £5,049.56 |
| | Total | | £9,084.56 |
| Less | | | |
| 782 | Mr P Bird Clerk Salary | £208.00 | |
| 783 | Mrs D Bosworth Litter picking | £74.25 | |
| 784 | East Northants Council (Verges Apr – Oct 2012) | £1,782.49 | |
| 785 | E.on Lighting Power | £224.45 | £2,289.19 |
| | Balance Carried forward | | £6,795.37 |

- 17: Mr Sharples proposed, Mr Hurst seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Any other Business:

- 18: **Seats High Street** Mr Hackney suggested that more seats be installed in the High Street near the old bus shelter and under the trees. Clerk to initially consult with Drayton Estate.
- 19: **Footpath around The Leys.** Mr Sharples suggested the Council attempts to have a footpath installed around the edge of the top Leys. The Clerk suggested this may not be successful as a footpath normally had to “go somewhere” however, said he would write to the Right of Way Team
- 20: **Prince of Wales.** Mr Hurst said he understood the Prince of Wales had closed at the beginning of January. Mr Sharples understood the property had been emptied

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Dated

Woodford Parish Council