

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2013 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr R Briggs, Mr C Burt, Mr N Chapman, Mr M Hurst, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr S Hughes (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Signing of Declaration:** Mr Mearns signed his office of declaration and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr Mead, Mr Sharples, PC M Tomlinson, PCSO G Cross
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the August Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Hurst, 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 M Vaughan informed the meeting that work commitments had precluded him from following up the Youth Forum over the past couple of months.
 - 2: There was a potential visit for local young people to Parliament.
- Police Report:**
- 3: A Police Officer was not present.
 - 4: The Clerk reported that there had been four thefts from motor vehicles and one violent offence during the month of August. The majority of the motor vehicle offences involved the theft of catalytic converters.
- Comments from Electors:**
- Cllr D Hughes' (ENC) Comments:**
- 5: No members of the electorate were present.
 - 6: Cllr Hughes reported that new directives had been issued by the government regarding funding and expenditure, the effect of which was still being analysed.
 - 7: House building was on target for the present plans, however, there was likely to be an increased need before the present plan expired.
 - 8: Cllr D Hughes was on the NCC Scrutiny Committee and they were presently looking into improvements to the "Looked after children scheme"
 - 9: There was still funding available for through the Empowerment fund.
 - 10: Nene Valley News would cease at the end of March 2014 as a result legislation prohibiting certain publications by Local Authorities.
- Cllr S Hughes' (NCC) Comments:**
- 11: Cllr S Hughes reported that she was on the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee.
 - 12: The Councillor reported that CIL funding would be reduced to 15%
 - 13: Mr Chapman asked what was happening about the road surface in Highfield, near Orchard Court. Cllr Hughes said she would follow up.
- Village Plan Group:**
- 14: Mr Mearns informed the meeting that the Village Plan Group were now analysing the returned questionnaires. An estimated 250 returns had been received.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 15: **Relocation of Grit Bin.** NCC had replied to the council's objections regarding the relocation of the grit bin from Woodwell to Highfield and the relocation would take place shortly. The request for a bin in Paddock Road could not be considered until the road became an adopted highway.

- 16: **Help for Heroes.** The charity had acknowledged receipt of the cheque sent by the council in lieu of the internal auditors fee..
- 17: **Quotation for new street lamps in Alledge Drive.** The Clerk had received a verbal quotation for the upgrade of lamps in Alledge Drive at £295 per lamp. A written quote was awaited and this would be an agenda item in October.
- 18: **Track at end of Church Street.** The track to the shrubbery from Church Street had been confirmed by NCC as an unadopted road, and consequently did not need to be classed as a bridleway.
- 19: **Junction with A510.** The Clerk had written to the County Council about improved safety / signage, but a response had not been received to date.
- 20: **Bus Service 16.** A response from NCC requested that bus service failures be recorded by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to include the item in the next Saints Alive article.
- 21: **Tree Pruning High Street.** No objections had been raised with regard to the pruning of the trees and the statutory period had now passed. Work on the trees was scheduled for 25th September, and the Clerk said he would contact local residents to advise them.
- 22: **Telephone box / Bus shelter.** The Clerk reported that painting was now underway.

Planning Issues:

- 23: Plans commented upon since last meeting
a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 24: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
a) **1 The Moorings** 13/01091/FUL First Floor / ground floor extension. **Permitted.**
- 25: New Planning Applications
a) **40 West Street.** 13/01418/FUL Detached Workshop / Garage / Hobby room. **No Objection.**

New Correspondence:

- 26: **Greenway.** The footpath along the old railway line from Woodford lock to Irthlingborough (known as the Greenway) was to be extended from Woodford to Islip. ENC were bidding for funds and requested a letter of support from the Parish Council if the Council was in agreement. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support and ask for consideration to be given for a link to be provided to Woodford in the future.
- 27: **The former White Horse.** Notification had been received from East Northants Council that the “White Horse Inn” would now be known as the “Carriage House”.
- 28: **The Shrubby footpath.** Mr Hawes had written asking for the surface of the footpath in the Shrubby (Newtown end) to be improved underfoot prior to the winter months. The Clerk was asked to follow up with NCC

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£4,553.65
High Interest Account		£3,301.94
Total		£7,855.59
Less		
829 Mr P Bird Clerk	£216.00	
830 Mrs D Bosworth (Litterpicking)	£59.48	
831 E.on – Power	£224.83	
832 BDO LLP (External Audit)	£120.00	
833 Mr D Cullum (Grass cutting)	£34.60	
834 Mr D Cullum (Fuel)	£313.77	

835	The Post Office HMRC Income Tax	£242.80	
836	Harry Stebbing (Jubilee Sign)	£3,508.80	£4,438.28
Balance Carried forward			£3,417.31

29: Mr Chapman proposed, Mr Briggs seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

30: The External audit was now complete and no significant matters had been raised. The invoice is included above.

Donation to Royal British Legion:

31: Mr Chapman proposed, Mrs Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed by those present that the donation this year should be £100.

Any other Business:

32: **War Memorial.** A discussion took place regarding the cleaning of the War Memorial, and it was suggested initially that the Clerk contact “Weldon Stone” at Corby for their comments (as the memorial came from that quarry).

33: **Missing Hedge.** Mr Hurst asked about the former hedge alongside the footpath north of Mill Road. The Clerk said he was still awaiting a comment from ENC and would follow it up again.

34: **Foodbank.** A “foodbank” had been set up in Irthlingborough; anyone needing further details should contact Mr M Vaughan.

35: **Road Markings.** Mr Hurst asked about the white line painting between Woodford and the A510. The Clerk was asked to follow up with Street Doctor.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

P J BIRD

Dated 15 – Oct - 2013