

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

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr R Briggs, Mr N Chapman, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan (arrived later).
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mr C Burt, Mr B Mearns, Mr M Vaughan (arrived later), PC M Tomlinson, PCSO G Cross, Cllr S Hughes (NCC),
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the September Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed by those present as a true record. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr M Vaughan had sent apologies.
- Police / Crime Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present.
3: **Playground Damage.** The Chairman reported that the playground gate adjacent to the road had been removed, by force pulling the hinge from the post and also “tearing” a piece of metal from the post. The Chairman had authorised emergency repairs and the gate had been replaced within about 48 hours. The Chairman suggested offering a reward for information leading to the successful prosecution of the offender; however, this was not formally proposed or seconded.
4: **Motor Scooters.** Councillors asked the Clerk to refer two motor scooters regularly driven around the village at high speed.
- Comments from Electors:** 5: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr S Hughes’ (NCC) Comments:** 6: Cllr S Hughes was not present.
- Cllr D Hughes’ (ENC) Comments:** 7: Cllr D Hughes reported that he still had empowerment funding money available for local groups. He reported that there would shortly be a detached Youth Worker working in the area.
8: Scrap Merchants should be registered from 1 November and anyone believed not to be registered should be reported to ENC.
9: The Nene Centre at Thrapston had now reopened, and the Pemberton Centre refurbishment was nearing completion.
10: On behalf of Councillor S Hughes (NCC) he reported that the potholes in Highfield had been investigated and were not found to be large enough. (i.e. 250mm (10 inches) diameter and 50mm deep (2 inches) deep. A representative of NCC would however, meet the Parish Council regarding the matter – Clerk to organise.
- Village Plan Group:** 11: Mrs Cooke reported that 236 questionnaires had been returned and the results were being analysed. It was hoped to be able to provide a draft report at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 12: **Service 16.** The Clerk had received a list of buses which had not run, or had run late, on dates since the middle of September. Councillors asked that the information be forwarded to the County Council.
13: **Rights of Way.** Road to east of Church Street. The County Council had confirmed that the unadopted road only extended to the Shrubbery, to join

the bridleway network.

- 14: **Hedge – Mill Road.** The Clerk reported this matter was still being investigated by East Northants Council.
- 15: **White Lines to General’s Corner (Woodford to A510 junction).** This was still listed as outstanding on the County Council website.
- 16: **Greenway.** The Parish Council’s letter of support to East Northants Council for the extension of the Greenway from Woodford Grange to Islip. The letter also drew attention to the Council’s wish to improve access from Woodford to the Greenway.

Planning Issues:

- 17: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 18: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) **91 Mill Road.** Construction of new garage and first floor snooker room. EN/13/01184/FUL **Permitted.**
 b) **12 Mill Road.** Construction of front porch EN/13/01807/FUL. **Permitted.**
 c) **Sycamore trees, High Street** 13/01280/TCA. **Permission** had been granted for pollarding the trees.
 d) **Cherry tree DeCapel House.** 13/01317/TCA. **Permission** had been received to carry out work on a Cherry tree and Beech Tree.
- 19: New Planning Applications
 a) **33 Alledge Drive.** Construction of front porch and installation of velux windows, internal remodelling. EN/13/01490/FUL. **No Objection.**
- 20: Other Planning Matters
 a) New Dwelling **Addington Road, Ringtead** Appeal. 12/01078/FUL. The Clerk reminded Councillors that when the original application had been discussed, no objections had been raised. Councillors requested that the Clerk reiterate this view to the Inspector.
 b) **40 West Street.** Detached workshop 13/01418/FUL. This application had been referred to the Development Control Committee.

New Correspondence:

- 21: **Speedwatch 2014/15.** A letter from the Police outlined that to take part in the new campaign over 200 signatures would need to be collected by 4th November and 10 volunteers would be needed for training. The timescale was not deemed feasible. Councillors suggested that the electronic speed indicators might be more applicable, and portable one which collected data may be more effective than brightly clad persons recording data. To be considered at budget setting in December.
- 22: **Bus Stop – Woodwell.** The Clerk had been made aware that the Centrebus had told a resident that they would no longer stop at the Woodwell junction. Investigation showed that whilst this was not a formal bus stop, local knowledge was that buses had stopped in the vicinity for over thirty years. Clerk to write to NCC.

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account		£115.37
High Interest Account		£3,301.94
Total		£3,417.31
Plus		
ENC Precept	£6,950.00	
ENC Precept (Support Grant)	£1,160.00	
Woodford Diamond Jubilee Sign Grant	£2,924.00	£11,034.00
		£14,451.31

Less

837	Mr P Bird – Clerk	£216.00	
838	Mrs D Bosworth Litterpicking	£75.65	
839	E.on Replacement Lamp – rear infant school	£1,002.00	
840	E.on Month - Power	£217.58	
841	E.on Lighting- ¼ Maintenance	£306.49	
842	Andy Durrant Painting Bus Shelter/Phone box	£750.00	
843	Tebbutt and Robinson Playground Gate repair	£108.00	
844	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£100.00	
845	Wilby Tree Surgeons Ltd – High Street	£792.00	
846	Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£46.00	
847	Mr A Cullum Clearing Playground Perimeter	£130.00	£3,743.72
	Balance Carried forward		£10,707.59

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

Upgrade to Street Lamps in Alledge Drive:

24: The Clerk presented a quotation for the upgrading of eight street lamps in Alledge Drive. The overall cost being £2360. Mr Sharples proposed and Mr Mead seconded the upgrade. All in agreement, and the Clerk was asked place the order.

Any other Business:

25: **Nag’s Head, Hargrave.** Mr Sharples drew attention to an article in the latest Nene Valley News about the listing of the village pub as a Community Asset under the Localism Act, which may be applicable with regard to the Prince of Wales. This gave interested parties a period of time to submit bids to retain the premises in their present form.

26: **Horses in the Leys.** The Clerk had been notified that some horses had been put into the paddock of The Leys, and the locks changed on the gate. The Clerk had made enquiries of Drayton Estate, who had confirmed that they should not be there and would be taking further action.

27: **Scouts use of Back Green.** The Scouts had requested to use Back Green as a firing range for catapults and pumpkins on Friday 18th October. There was no objection from Councillors.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Dated