

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th November 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 J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Members of the Village Plan Group, Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mr C Burt, Mr Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, PC M Tomlinson, PCSO G Cross, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr S Hughes (NCC),
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the October Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Chapman, seconded by Mr Briggs, and agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Presentation by Village Plan Group:** Mrs V Overson presented the findings of the recent questionnaire which had been delivered to every house in the village. Preliminary analysis had taken place and the group would now be splitting into sub groups, each group taking responsibility for furthering different aspects of the results. An information afternoon for the whole village was planned for the afternoon of Saturday 4th January 2014, at the Woodford Community and Sports Complex. A summary of the presentation was circulated to all councillors; a copy is appended to the minute book. The chairman thanked the group for their work, also commenting that many of the items identified were well documented within Council minutes over the past years.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr M Vaughan had no matters to report.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that Crime Figures for November included one burglary and two acts of criminal damage.
3: Mr Chapman reported that a television tube had been smashed in the centre of the MUGA. The Clerk reported that he had been advised of the issue earlier in the day and had asked the litter picker to attend to the matter at earliest convenience. Further the local Police had been notified and asked to increase their presence in the area when in the village.
- Comments from Electors:** 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr S Hughes' (NCC) Comments:** 5: Cllr S Hughes was not present.
- Cllr D Hughes' (ENC) Comments:** 6: Cllr D Hughes was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 7: **War Memorial.** The Clerk reported he had met with a representative of Weldon Stone and they had provided a quotation of £3833 to carry out work on the memorial. Work included replacing the top step, re-pointing and replacing a number of stones in the face. The company advised against the cleaning of the "monument" atop of the steps. A further quotation was being obtained.
8: **A510 Woodford Turn.** NCC had inspected the site did not agree that any modification was needed either to the road layout, or the signage. There had been no reported accidents within the benchmark three year period, consequently no funding could be allocated for safety improvement. Clerk to

- inform Mr Bosworth, who raised the issue with the Parish Council
- 9: **Asset of Community Value.** The Clerk had written to ENC regarding the listing of the Prince of Wales as an asset of Community Value. A response was still awaited as to whether it would be possible to nominate the building.
 - 10: **Horses in The Leys.** Drayton Estate had confirmed that the horses in the paddock on The Leys, were now there legitimately.
 - 11: **Road Marking – Woodford – A510 junction.** Following a reminder to NCC that the lining work between Woodford and the A510 had been scheduled for the summer of 2013 a response now informed that insufficient budget meant that the work had been rescheduled to summer 2014.
 - 12: **Service 16.** The Clerk had written to NCC re the reliability of the Service 16. NCC had confirmed that they no longer subsidised the route however, did monitor the service. The information sent by the Parish Council would be recorded and passed used in the monitoring process. Further information would be gladly received. The Clerk was asked to include an item in the Saints Alive.

Planning Issues:

- 13: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 - a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 14: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **33 Alledge Drive** – Additional windows and new porch. 13/01490/FUL. **Permitted.**
- 15: New Planning Applications
 - a) None

New Correspondence:

- 16: **2014–15 Budget.** ENC had written advising that the Precept for the Council would need to be requested by 17th January; consequently it would be necessary to set a budget at the December meeting. The Clerk advised a draft budget would be made available prior to the December meeting.
- 17: **Urban Grass Mowing.** Northamptonshire Highways had written to offer the Parish Council the opportunity to continue maintaining the verges within the 30mph zone. £442.65 would be reimbursed to the Council. Mr Sharples proposed, Mr Chapman seconded and all agreed that the Council would continue to maintain the verges.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£7,405.65
High Interest Account		£3,301.94
Total		£10,707.59
Plus		
Interest		£0.41
		£10,708.00
Less		
848 Mr P Bird – Clerk Salary	£216.00	
849 Mrs D Bosworth – litter picking 15 hrs	£75.65	
850 E.on Lighting Power	£224.83	
851 Mr D Cullum – Grass cutting 7 hours	£40.40	
		£556.88
Balance Carried forward		£10,151.12

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

Any other Business:

- 19: The Clerk reported that a street lamps in Constable Walk, Newtown and

Addington Road had been referred for repair

- 20: **Footpath to rear of former Infant School.** Mr M Vaughan informed the meeting that a tree overhanging the footpath obscured a view of the light from part of the footway. Other Councillors suggested this was not a major issue as the light was not completely obscured and this did not place the path in complete darkness.

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

Signed

Dated