

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th July 2014 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, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mr I Vaughan, Police
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the June Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Police Report:**
- 1: A Police Officer was not present. A written update was to hand outlining 2 outbuilding break-ins involving the theft of pedal cycles, tools, a generator and a pallet of bricks. There had also been three domestic incidents.
 - 2: It was understood a large party had been planned in the shrubbery and a considerable amount of debris was still evident, however, the early intervention of the Police prevented any large scale anti-social behaviour.
 - 3: The Clerk advised he would be attending a Joint Action Group meeting. Councillors agreed that motorcycle nuisance should be a priority especially as there may be an increase in use during the summer holidays and children visiting the lock.
 - 4: Northamptonshire Police were encouraging residents to become "Special Constables". The new scheme would see volunteers being linked to their own parish. Full Training would obviously be given.
- 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 was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **War Memorial Grant.** The Clerk confirmed that the War Memorial Grant Application had now been lodged with the War Memorial Trust. Comment was made that once the memorial has been renovated the
 - 9: **Footpath PE20.** An order had now been made to divert this footpath around the boundary of Ivy Cottage, instead of through the garden.
 - 10: **Electronic Speed Sign.** An NCC representative was willing to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the sign, however, He was unable to attend before the September meeting (15th September).
 - 11: **Dog Waste Bin Cost.** ENC had confirmed the current cost was £139.44, installed. It was also necessary that the Parish Council would agree to maintain them and that nearby residents had been consulted prior to installation.
 - 12: **Hedge Mill Road.** ENC had still not acted with regard to the missing hedge in Mill Road citing that this particular case was lower priority. The Chairman had received a verbal complaint regarding the footpath and the Clerk was asked to write to the landowner requesting proper reinstatement as soon as possible, an in any event once the crop was harvested.
 - 13: **Burton Wind Turbines.** Kettering Borough Council had apologised for not consulting the Parish Council, and had agreed to include the Council on a list for future consultations.

- 14: **Line Markings** Woodford to Finedon. The Clerk reported this was still scheduled to take place this summer.

Planning Issues:

- 15: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 16: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) **Orchard House Church Green** Removal of Mountain Ash Tree 14/00726/TCA. **Permitted.**
- 17: New Planning Applications
 a) **8 Alledge Drive** Replacement of flat garage roof **14/01001/FUL**. The application involved the replacement of a flat roof with a hipped roof. **No Objection**
 b) **Islip Furnace Site Reserved matters.** Councillors discussed the proposed revised layout of the site and asked that comments relating to the reduction in noise and lighting be considered from the site, and that sufficient action be taken to avoid the warehouse being a reflective surface for traffic noise from the A14. Comment was also made that the as the breakdown of vehicles attending the site was now different from the original projections upon which the S106 agreement had been drafted in 2012, and this should be reconsidered. As a result of the increase in motor vehicles it was likely more would travel through Woodford and as a result traffic calming / speed reductions would be a beneficial use of the funding.
- 18: Other Correspondence
 a) **Rectory Lane Postal Numbering.** The new property adjacent to 2 Rectory Lane would be known as 2A Rectory Lane.

New Correspondence:

- 19: **Drains Church Street, Bakers Lane, Club Lane.** A letter was to hand complaining about the state of the drains. The chairman said that many of the drains had recently been marked and it was assumed in preparation for cleaning. The clerk was asked to forward the letter to NCC.
- 20: **War Memorial Inscription.** A letter had been received from a Mr W Howlett regarding the inscriptions on the War Memorial and in particular Mr Herbert Spencer. Mr Howlett asked whether mention could be made to Mr Spencer's Military Medal. Following discussion it was agreed that given that no honours were mentioned on the memorial all of the fallen had been treated equally, all having paid the same price. Additionally it would be unfair to include the additional inscription for one soldier without considering the remainder. Consequently it was agreed to acknowledge the letter and in the interim not follow up the request until the circumstances surrounding all of those mentioned were investigated. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- 21: **Individual Electoral Registration.** ENC had produced a briefing sheet regarding the new registration process for Parish Councillors. The Clerk suggested it be emailed out to councillors.

Finance:

Account balances brought forward	
Current Account	£3,454.95
High Interest Account	£3,303.17
Total	£6,758.12
Plus	
Wayleave (Western Power)	£21.94
VAT Refund 2013/14	£2,436.76
	£9,216.82

Less		
899	Mr P Bird – Clerk Salary	£229.90
900	Mrs D Bosworth – Litterpicking	£65.63
901	Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£84.00
902	E.on Energy – Power	£218.00
903	E.on Lighting Maintenance	£306.49
904	Mr D Cullum Fuel Reimbursement	£29.37
		£933.39
	Balance Carried forward	£8,283.43

- 22: Mrs Cooke proposed, Mr M Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 23: The Clerk provided Councillors with a statement showing the unspent budget presently to hand. Uncommitted expenditure was presently estimated to be £4,000.

**Donation to
Thrapston Town
Band:**

- 24: Following the band's performance at the Woodford Feast it was proposed by Mr Hurst that a donation of £100 be sent to the band. This was seconded by Mr Chapman and agreed by all.

**Donation to St Mary's
Church:**

- 25: Further to a letter from Mr Goodband Church Treasurer in December requesting that the Council include within the Precept a sum which could be used to support the maintenance of the Churchyard. It was proposed by Mr Chapman and seconded by Mrs Robinson that a donation of £500 be made, this being equal to the increase in the precept. Agreed by all present.

**Proposals from
Village Plan Group:**

- 26: Proposal from the Plan group prioritised the provision of a public noticeboard, six extra dog bins and Traffic Calming measures. Councillors discussed the matters concluding as follows:
- a) **Dog Bins.** Proposed dog bins at Mill Road, The Green and Newtown, were dismissed on the grounds of not on public footpath (Mill Road and Green), Visually intrusive (Village green) Newtown, on private property. Proposed locations each end of Church Street were close to residential properties and the occupiers would need to be consulted, there was some doubt as to the actual need due to the close proximity to the fields. The bin on Church Green had been ordered. The Clerk was asked to write to resident at each end of Church Street.
 - b) **Village Noticeboard.** Agreed the Clerk should approach Mr Patel and Mr Boast re-siting the board near the gable end of the chip shop house near the post office.
 - c) **Traffic Calming.** It was agreed to meet with a representative of MGWSP to discuss the various items. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting.

Any other Business:

- 27: Mr Vaughan drew attention to the large number of "red tags" given out in what appeared to be an indiscriminate manner with many properties in Mill Road being affected. It had been suggested that this was as a result of the lorry being full and not being able to take on any more recycling.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

P J Bird

Dated 19 Aug 2014