

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th August 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, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P Colson, Ms K Hull, Mr R Goodband (VPG), Mr D Stevens (VPG), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Robinson, Mr M Vaughan, PC M Tomlinson, PCSO G Cross, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr S Hughes (NCC),
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the July Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Hurst, seconded by Mr Burt, and 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 crime report had been sent to the Clerk which summarised three violent offences, one incident of theft, one theft from motor vehicles and one burglary of outbuilding. The Clerk was asked to obtain “clear up details” for the next meeting.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 2: Ms Hull complained about the faulty street lamp in West Street and showed a photograph of a gentleman who had sustained injuries falling in the dark. The Clerk said the lamp had originally been reported for repair on or about 6th August and despite follow up emails and phone-calls the repair had still not been effected. He asked for a copy of the photo in order that it might be forwarded to E.on in an attempt to raise the fault on the priority list.
- Cllr S Hughes’ (NCC) Comments:**
- 3: Cllr S Hughes was not present.
- Cllr D Hughes’ (ENC) Comments:**
- 4: Cllr D Hughes was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 5: **General Noticeboard.** Mr Patel and Mr Boast had agreed to a general noticed board being placed near the gable end of the “Chip Shop” house in front of the post office. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations with a view to including the “Jubilee Sign Logo”. The Clerk was asked also to gain approval from the Jubilee Committee to use their design. Councillors were undecided whether the board should be covered or uncovered; consequently quotations for both types were required.
 - 6: **War Memorial Grant.** The grant for the War Memorial renovation had been awarded (£2,795) subject to conditions, and the Clerk was asked to contact the contractors requesting the information to answer the queries raised by English Heritage.
 - 7: **Jubilee Sign.** The Clerk had now received a “categorical response” from NCC that the erection of the sign would need to be supervised by an accredited person under s67 of NRSWA 1991. The Clerk had informed the Jubilee Committee.
 - 8: **Dog Bins.** The Clerk’s letter to residents at 2 and 36 Church St regarding the siting of a dog bin at each end of the street was read out. A verbal response received from the resident at number 36 was that the provision of a bin would not encourage dog walkers to pick up faeces, and those that already did had a bin to use approximately 150 yards away in Bakers Lane.
 - 9: **Inscription on War Memorial.** The Clerk’s letter to Mr Howlett explaining the Council’s views on changing the inscription for Private H Spencer was

read out. The Clerk said he had checked the records of approximately half of those men listed, but had yet to find another with a gallantry award.

- 10: **Meeting with Highways Rep.** The Clerk advised that the meeting with a member of MGWSP would be the following day (20th August) at 2.00pm. Meet at the Village Green.

Planning Issues:

- 11: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 12: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) Land Rear Carriage House, Club Lane. Erection of two dwellings. 14/00883/FUL. **Permitted.**
 b) **Addington Road New stable block** 14/01083/FUL. **Permitted** N.B. Original application not received by Council for comment.
 c) **Land Mill Marina Thrapston** (Woodford Parish) – Erection of Chandlery building 07/01693/FUL & 11/01228/RWL. **Withdrawn.**
 d) **8 Alledge Drive.** Replace flat garage roof with hipped roof 14/01001/FUL. **Permitted.**
- 13: New Planning Applications
 a) **Land south of Burton Latimer** Solar photovoltaic farm. KET/2014/0540. No objections raised in principle as site was well screened from surrounding areas. The Clerk was asked to respond with comments suggesting the panels be raised higher than the proposed 600mm to permit grazing.
 b) **Wold Lodge, Cranford Road, Great Addington** (Woodford Parish). 14/01440/FUL. New light industrial unit. **No Objection.**
 c) **7 The Moorings.** Single storey rear and side extension. 14/01050/FUL **No Objection.**
 d) **13 Church Street.** Two storey rear extension 14/01488/FUL. **No objection** to extension but it was agreed that extension should be constructed of stone or reproduction stone. As a minimum on the south west elevation but ideally on the south and southeast elevations too.
 e) **Addington Road Ringstead.** 4 bedroom “underground” house. 14/01181/FUL. Due to the low impact on the skyline and visibility from the river valley. **No Objection**

New Correspondence:

- 14: **Open Gardens.** Mr Mearns, on behalf of St Mary’s Church had written asking for permission for a plant and ticket stall to be located on the village green on Sunday and Monday (24th and 25th August) for the Open Gardens. No objections from those present.
- 15: **Hedge at 1 Highfield.** A Mrs Wilkinson had written complaining about the width of the hedge at 1 Highfield, blocking much of the footpath. Mr Hackney reported this hedge had now been cut back.
- 16: **Car Park at Prince of Wales.** Mr Sharples advised he had been approached by residents about the state of the car park at the Prince of Wales querying whether it was permitted to use it as a private “dumping ground” for old furniture etc. After discussion it was agreed that generally there is not a problem with this however, as the land is in a conservation area the Clerk was asked to contact the ENC Conservation Officer for his views.
- 17: **Nene and Welland Connect.** Details of the revised service had been received. Leaflets to be left at Post Office and Doctor’s surgery.

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£4,980.26
High Interest Account	£3,303.17
	£8,283.43

Total		£8,283.43
Plus		
Interest		£0.41
		<u>£8,283.84</u>
Less		
905 Mr P Bird – Clerk Salary	£230.10	
906 Mrs D Bosworth - 17 hrs litter picking	£85.87	
907 Mr D Cullum – 12 hrs grass cutting	£72.00	
908 ENC Printing Village Plan Summary	£13.56	
909 ENC Replacement Dog Bin Thrapston Rd	£116.78	
910 E.on Month's lighting power	£225.26	
911 St Mary's Church - Donation	£500.00	
912 Thrapston Town Band – Donation	£100.00	
		<u>£1,343.57</u>
Balance Carried forward		<u>£5,414.55</u>

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

Future of Village Plan Group:

19: A discussion took place regarding the future of the group with various options being discussed. It was agreed that some of the recommendations made by the group would legally need to be carried out by the Council, although a number could be completed by the group, especially where manpower was required. Further it was agreed that the group would elaborate upon three more recommendations and forward these to the Council for action or approval in time for the September meeting.

Any other Business:

20: It was agreed that the representative from NCC who would be coming to the next meeting to discuss speed signs should attend from 7.00pm on 16th September 2014. Meeting point to be arranged and advised with agenda.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed

Dated