

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.40pm**

Prior to the Parish Council Meeting Mr S Barber (MGWSP) gave a demonstration of different types of Speed Indicator Devices, the merits of each type and discussed suggested locations.

**Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr R Briggs, Mr C Burt, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan,

**In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk).

**Apologies for absence:** Mr Chapman, Mr Mead, Mr Mearns, Mr M Vaughan, Cllrs D and S Hughes, Police.

**Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the August Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mrs Robinson, 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. The Police had reported to the Clerk that a motorcycle had been confiscated. Reported crime in August was two burglaries (other than dwellings). Over the previous three months 15 crimes had been reported, of which four were still being actively investigated, 3 detected (resolved). Of the remaining 8; 2 had been filed as the injured party did not support police prosecution.

**Comments from Electors:** 2: No members of the electorate were present.

**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: **War Memorial.** The Clerk reported that he had received information from the contractor to satisfy outstanding conditions and forwarded the details to English Heritage. Confirmation was still awaited regarding the suitability of the information.

6: **General Noticeboard.** Contact had been made with Pendred's and also the manufacturers of the Jubilee sign. Responses were still awaited.

7: **Dog Bin Church St** (West end). Mr Powell had written strongly objecting to a dog bin being placed near his property giving similar reasons to those raised against the provision of a bin at the opposite end of the street. Those present decided not to pursue the matter further at this stage.

8: **Grounds Maintenance.** ENC had written informing that work was continuing to develop a new consortium of Councils, in order to place a new Grounds Maintenance Contract at the end of the 2015 season. One major participant of the current consortium had withdrawn. A further update would be due in November. Councillors agreed to take no action at the present time agreeing that a consortium offered best price at present.

9: **Roads.** The Chairman reported that he and a number of Councillors had met with MGWSP to discuss road markings (near Daventry Close), village gateways (structures and road markings) relocation of School warning sign (Addington Road), speeding, and the lack of drainage and poor state of Newtown Street. It had been suggested by the representative that the markings could be carried out fairly soon with physical gateways being phased over a period of time (e.g. one per year). The poor state of Newtown

and associated flooding would initially be dealt with by cleaning out the gullies to see if an improvement occurred. This would be confirmed in writing shortly.

**Planning Issues:**

- 10: Plans commented upon since last meeting  
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 11: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions  
 a) **7 The Moorings** Single storey side and rear extension 14/01050/FUL. **Permitted**
- 12: New Planning Applications  
 a) **Rebuild 33,000v overhead line** across Nene Valley from Thrapston to Irthlingborough. **14/01582/OHL**. This would be underground north of Woodford Lock and South of "Broadpole" bridge, the central section would be over ground to cope with the water crossings. **No Objection.**

**New Correspondence:**

- 13: **WREN**. The Clerk reported that the WREN funding source had now closed down.
- 14: **Jubilee Committee**. The Jubilee committee had written suggesting that a future fundraising initiative could be for improved landscaping around the War Memorial. Councillors discussed various options but agreed to seek views of the village regarding landscaping around the greens. The Clerk was asked to include a piece in the next Saints Alive magazine. Additionally the Clerk was asked to write to the WDJC and suggested that Council had no objections to them raising funds but scheme should be for landscaping around the village green as opposed specifically to the War Memorial at this stage.

**Finance:****Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£3,636.69
High Interest Account	£3,303.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,940.27</b>

**Less**

913 Mr P Bird – Clerk’s Salary	£229.90
914 Mrs D Bosworth – litter-picking (15 hrs)	£75.65
915 Mr D Cullum – grass-cutting (16 hrs)	£96.00
916 The Post Office - (HMRC)	£292.40
917 E.on – Lighting Power	£225.26
918 Mr D Cullum – fuel reimbursement	£27.75
	<u>£946.96</u>

**Balance Carried forward**

**£5,993.31**

- 15: Mrs Robinson proposed, Mr Briggs seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Donation to Royal British Legion:**

- 16: Mr Vaughan proposed, seconded by Mr Sharples that a donation of £100 is made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. All in agreement. Mrs Cooke withdrew from the meeting following this agenda item.

**Village Plan Group Proposals:**

- 17: The village plan group had prioritised three further recommendations.  
 a) The Parish Council was asked to promote the use of the Club premises and create a committee to oversee the development of the club and playing fields. The Chairman confirmed that a committee already existed to oversee the Playing Fields and included members of the Club, sports teams and the Parish Council, additionally the club buildings

were the property of the Club (not the Parish) and would only become a Parish facility if there was a default on the lease.

- b) Parish Council to lend support to an all weather connection to the Greenway (railway footpath). The Clerk confirmed that a request for an improved surface on the bridleway was made to ENC approximately one year ago Councillors requested the Clerk to pursue the request. It was commented that the bridleway crossed a scheduled monument so was unlikely to be improved for the whole length. (The track from the river to the rear (north) of the shrubbery is designated as a footpath so is not a legal right of way for cyclists)
  - c) The PC to ask the Parish Path Warden to confirm the finding of the audit. The Clerk was asked to contact the Warden and to pursue this matter.
- 18: A number of councillors queried the priority of these items given that item (b) above was only requested by 17 out of over 200 returns.
- 19: A draft protocol for reporting the progress had also been submitted, and whilst agreeing that some form of reporting method was required it was felt that the suggested method was complex. Comment was also made that the timescales should be set by the Council (report commissioners) rather than the report compilers.

**Any other Business:** 20: **Speed Indicator Device.** Councillors discussed the earlier presentation and agreed in principle that the purchase of a unit from MGWSP should be pursued. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Barber of the proposal and contact Cllr S Hughes regarding some funding towards the purchase of the equipment.

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

Signed

Dated