

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 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, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples and Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr D Stevens, Mr R Goodband, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr M Vaughan. Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr S Hughes (NCC).
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the September Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Burt, seconded by Mrs Robinson, and agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr M Vaughan had sent apologies.
- Police Report:**
- 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that the Police were continuing to pursue speeding through the rural areas and, with the temporary closure of Midland Road Thrapston and the resulting increased traffic through Woodford would spend more time in the village. Reported crime in September was eight incidents comprising one burglary dwelling, two burglary outbuilding, four criminal damage and one theft from a motor vehicle.
- 3: The Clerk informed the meeting that a complaint had been received via the MP and police about graffiti in the children's playground. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price for "touch up" paint from Wicksteed Leisure.
- 4: The Clerk reported that PC Tomlinson had been temporarily moved to Oundle and it was unlikely that he would be replaced
- 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: **Jubilee Group.** The work to install the village sign would now take place in early 2015.  
The Clerk's letter to the Jubilee Group outlining the council's plans for the memorial and village greens was read out.
- 9: **Grant for Speed Sign.** Cllr S Hughes had agreed to support the purchase of a sign with a donation of £500, and the Clerk confirmed the application had been submitted.
- 10: **Village Green.** Since the council's request for public input into landscaping around the village green one suggestion had so far been received, suggesting a low wall be constructed around each of the grassed areas, and trees and flower beds be incorporated.
- 11: **Seat Church Green.** A complaint that the seat at the top of Church green had still not been replaced was read out. The Clerk was asked to speak to Mr Brown.
- 12: **War Memorial.** English Heritage had requested further data regarding the materials to be used for the refurbishment of the memorial. This information had been requested from the stonemasons and would be forwarded to English Heritage immediately on receipt.

- 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) **Passive House**, Addington Road Ringstead 14/01181/FUL.  
**Application withdrawn.**  
 b) **13 Church Street**. Rear two storey extension 14/01488/FUL.  
**Application withdrawn.**
- 15: New Planning Applications  
 a) None

**New Correspondence:** 16: There was no new correspondence.

**Finance:**

**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£2,689.73
High Interest Account	£3,303.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,993.31</b>
<b>Plus</b>	
Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment)	£7,150.00
	<b>£13,143.31</b>

**Less**

919 Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£230.10
920 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£98.90
921 Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£65.90
922 E.on Energy Lighting Power	£218.00
923 E.on Energy Lighting Maintenance	£306.49
924 Royal British Legion Donation	£100.00
925 BDO Stoy Hayward Audit Fee	£120.00
926 NCC (Licence re Speed Device)	£220.00
	<b>£1,359.39</b>
<b>Balance Carried forward</b>	<b>£11,783.92</b>

- 17: Mr Hurst proposed, Mrs Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 18: The audit report had been received and contained no observations or comments from the auditor.

**Purchase of Speed Indication Device:**

- 19: Mrs Robinson proposed, Mr I Vaughan seconded and all agreed that the Speed Indicator Device shown at the previous meeting should be purchased, and that the licence agreement to site the product should be completed by the Clerk and submitted with the above payment.
- 20: The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Mr Barber to agree the sites within the village where the device could be located.
- 21: Furthermore Mr Sharples suggested that cut outs of Police Officers be investigated as a speeding deterrent.

**Village Plan Group:**

- 22: The next three recommendations were to hand. Councillors concurred with the village litter-pick and this would be arranged in the Spring in conjunction with the VP group.
- 23: A leaflet advising of walks around Woodford was suggested and once again agreed by the Council. VP group to produce a draft. (Clerk to search for previous versions and forward to the group).
- 24: Lastly an information sheet / leaflet for new residents to be produced. A discussion took place re identifying new residents, and it was felt that word of mouth and local knowledge would be the best option.

- Toddler Playground Equipment:** 25: Mr Hackney asked that the Council considered more equipment for younger children toddlers etc in the children's playground. Clerk to investigate and report back at next meeting.
- Any other Business:** 26: Mr Chapman asked who was responsible for cutting the lower recreation field. The chairman said that the Playing Field Committee comprising members of the WMC, registered clubs using the field and the Parish Council Representative.

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

Signed

Dated