

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th November 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 J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples and Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mr B Mearns, Mr M Hurst, 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 Hackney, 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. Brief report had been received from PCSO Cross for the electoral ward, but following the departure of Bob Hill this was not Parish specific. It was unknown whether the Parish specific details would be available in future, although it was possible to compile statistics from the Crime mapping website, but this was approximately one month behind “real time”
- 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: **Street lamps – Alledge Drive.** The Clerk had written to E.on demanding an installation date for the Alledge Drive lamps ordered over twelve months previously. A response had not been received. It was agreed the Clerk should contact other Parish Council with responsibility for street lighting to find out which companies they would recommend to provide an alternative service. Approximate costings could then be obtained.
 - 6: **Seat Church Green.** The Clerk reported that he had spoken at length with Mr Brown about the seat. Mr Brown had expressed reservations regarding the location as it was located on a blind corner and was close to the road. He had suggested that the seat be located further down the hill. Councillors agreed to the seat being relocated below the trees but above the frontage of Laburnum Cottage. The Council agreed to reimburse Mr Brown for any reasonable expenses in the relocation of the seat.
 - 7: **Constable Walk Sign.** ENC had been notified and had ordered a replacement sign.
 - 8: **Footpath to Twywell** The Clerk had spoken to Mr Horrell and thanked him for leaving the uncultivated strip across the field, so that there was no doubt of the route for walkers. Mr Horrell had advised that he intended to have kissing gates installed at each end of the footpath, to keep out motorcyclists etc.
 - 9: **Speed Sign Grant** The Speed sign grant for £500 from Cllr S Hughes had been received by the Council.
 - 10: **Painting out graffiti – Playground equipment.** The Clerk had obtained quotations for suitable paint, which Wicksteed could provide at £20 per litre.

The Clerk was asked to investigate any other products and if not available order from Wicksteed Leisure.

- 11: **Speed Sign.** The chairman reported on a meeting with Mr Barber (MGWSP) regarding the location of a speed sign. It had been confirmed that there would be no problems locating anywhere in the high Street, Thrapston Road or Mill Road on suitable poles. It was agreed that the Village only sign be replaced on the green opposite Addington Road with a taller pole which would enable it to be used not only to hold the Village only sign but also the electronic device.
- 12: **War Memorial.** Further information regarding the type of paint to be used on the memorial had been requested by English Heritage but this had yet to be received. The Clerk would forward the information once received.

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) None
- 15: New Planning Applications
a) **13 Church Street**, rear two storey extension **14/02117/FUL**. Councillors noted the height of the extension was much reduced compared to the first application and the materials were sympathetic to the existing property. **No Objection.**

New Correspondence: 16: There was no new correspondence

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£8,480.34
High Interest Account	£3,303.58
Total	£11,783.92
Plus	
Grant for Speed Sign	£500.00
	£12,283.92

Less

927 Mr P Bird - Clerk Salary	£229.90
928 Mrs D Bosworth - Litter Picking	£57.10
929 E.on Lighting Power (month)	£225.26
930 ENC – Dog Bin Church Green	£167.33
931 E.on Lighting Repair Rose Paddock	£37.97
932 Mr J Mead (Use of WMC for VP group)	£20.00
	<u>£737.56</u>

Balance Carried forward

£11,546.36

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

Village Plan Group Proposals:

- 18: **Additional litter bins.** Consideration was requested for further litter bins to be placed in the High Street (west side of the green). Councillors asked the Clerk to find out how many requests and from which residents, as the residents would need to agree to a bin being placed close to their home.
- 19: **Footpaths west of green.** Support for improvements to footpaths on the west side of the green be given. The Clerk was asked to report to the County Council
- 20: **Bus Service issues.** The Clerk was asked to include details of the Centrebus complaints procedure on the village website and publicise any changes to the

timetable. Councillors agreed.

**New Village
noticeboard:**

21: The Clerk informed the meeting that one quotation had been received and the matter would be included on the next agenda for consideration.

**Appointment of
Parish Path Warden:**

22: Mr Dartnell had indicated to the Clerk that he no longer wished to continue with this role. Agreed to ask for nomination from the Village Plan Group.

Any other Business:

23: There was no further business

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated