

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2015 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr R Briggs, Mr N Chapman, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr S Hughes (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk).
- Apologies for absence:** Mr C Burt, Mrs S Cooke, PC M Tomlinson, PCSO G Cross, Cllr D Hughes (ENC),
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the December Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mr I Vaughan, 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.
 - 2: The Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain any crime figures for Woodford this month, although it was known there had been some break in of out buildings again. He had raised the lack of recent Crime statistics with the new Sector Inspector at the recent Joint Action Group and it was understood recruitment to fill the post recently vacated had now been agreed and would take place shortly.
 - 3: The Clerk reported that the Police Commissioner, Andy Sawford MP and County Council Road Safety Team Representative had been at the Joint Action Group Meeting. Speeding and unauthorised use (weight of vehicles) on rural roads had been the main topic. The Police were also launching the Parish Constable scheme. This is an updated “Special Constable” scheme whereby a volunteer would carry the same powers as a regular constable, and would be trained and have full communication access to the local Police. The main difference between the old “Specials” and the new Parish based scheme would be that the priorities for the constable would be set by the Parish / Town Council. Additionally unless there was a significant major incident, the Constable would not be called away from the Parish. There is no age limit, although candidates would need to pass the Police fitness test.
- Comments from Electors:**
- Cllr S Hughes’ (NCC) Comments:**
- 4: No members of the electorate were present.
 - 5: Cllr Hughes advised that both NCC and ENC were in the middle of the budgeting process. Public consultation would be taking place with regard to NCC.
 - 6: Cllr Hughes advised that the Rushden Lakes project was on target although the make-up of the individual units was presently being reassigned through the planning process.
 - 7: Money had now been set aside for work on the Chown’s Mill Roundabout, although what the scheme would involve had not yet been agreed. Redevelopment of the Diamonds Centre was currently subject to outline planning.
 - 8: Other matters discussed included the state of the road markings between Woodford and the A510, potholes, state of verges in Thrapston Road and footpath between Woodford and new warehouse site at Islip Furnace Site. Clerk was asked to send annotated map identifying areas involved.
 - 9: Lastly Cllr Hughes mentioned that the Empowerment Funding scheme

would closed towards the end of February due to the forthcoming election so any applications should be made as soon as possible.

- Cllr D Hughes' (ENC) Comments:**
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 10: Cllr D Hughes was not present.
 - 11: **Noticeboard.** The noticeboard had been ordered from Pendreds.
 - 12: **Garage Site redevelopment.** The Clerk's letter sent to the consultants acting on behalf of Spire Homes was read out. A copy had been sent to Spire Homes.
 - 13: **Footpath between Thrapston Rd and Alledge Drive.** The dip in this pavement which freezes in bad weather had been reported to NCC.
 - 14: **Precept.** The Clerk had forwarded the precept request to East Northants Council.
 - 15: **War Memorial.** The Clerk reported that he was attempting to get a sample of the replacement York Stone which would be used so that a comparison could be made for English Heritage.
 - 16: **Seat installation Church Green.** Mr Brown had advised the Chairman this would be carried out as time in his work schedule permitted.
 - 17: **Alledge Drive Street Lighting.** The clerk had complained to E.on regional manager about the service the Council had received, and an apology had been received. See also paragraph 28 below
 - 18: **Speed Sign.** The Clerk had received notification that the Section 50 Notice was being processed.
 - 19: **Code of Conduct.** The Clerk confirmed he had informed the monitoring Officer that the Code of Conduct had been adopted.
- Planning Issues:**
- 20: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 - a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
 - 21: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) 13 Church Street
 - 22: New Planning Applications
 - a) **15 Paddock Road.** Side extension to incorporate front lobby. 14/02368/FUL. **No Objection.**
 - b) **Club Lane/ De Capel Close** 15/00027/VAR. Variation to 12/00198/RWL. A variation to windows and doors was proposed. **No Objection**
 - c) **Shooting Club Rear Manor House Farm.** 14/02362/VAR. Variation to conditions 11/01299/FUL. Retention of three portacabins and longer opening hours. **No Objection.**
- New Correspondence:**
- 23: **Planning Procedures.** ENC had written advising that with effect of April all Planning Consultations would be carried out electronically. If there was a need for large scale printed plans then on a case by case basis ENC would provide copies. Contents of letter were noted
 - 24: **Fair.** John Bugg had written advising that would be in Woodford from Sunday 5th – 12th July. This was once again a week earlier than normal and the Clerk advised that he had asked Mr Bugg to confirm these dates as if the fair was at Cambridge for the midsummer fair (24 June to 29 June, it would be impossible to fit Kettering into the time scale). Mr Bugg confirmed that the fair would be in Woodford on 5th July.
 - 25: **Verge Cutting.** Kier WSP had written asking whether the Council would be taking on the verge cutting within the 30mph zone. Mrs Robinson proposed, seconded by Mr Chapman and agreed by all

Finance:	Account balances brought forward	
	Current Account	£7,482.18
	High Interest Account	£3,303.58
	Total	£10,785.76
	Less	
	937 Mr P Bird – Clerk’s Salary	£229.90
	938 Mrs D Bosworth – Litter Picking	£88.30
	939 E.on Energy – Lighting Power – month	£225.26
	940 E.on Energy – Lighting Maintenance (1/4)	£306.49
		£849.95
	Balance Carried forward	£9,935.81

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

Parish Path Warden Appointment:

27: Mr Patrick Lindsay had expressed an interest in the position. Mr Mead proposed and all agreed that the Clerk forward the nomination to the Right of Way team. Additionally, the Clerk was asked to obtain a “job description” for Mr Lindsay.

Alledge Drive Lighting:

28: E.on now advised that not only was it not possible to maintain mercury lamps the orange sodium lamps used throughout most of the village were no longer available and the new lamps would need to be compact fluorescent. Two examples had been provided by E.on and the difference between the two was minimal. The Clerk was asked to find out if E.on recommended one lamp in preference to the other. If this was not the case then the Clerk should request that the new lamps should be the Phoscp p567A 42W PLT

Any other Business:

- 29: **Dog Mess Highfield / West Street.** Mr M Vaughan said he had received a number of complaints about dog mess in Highfield and West Street. It usually appeared overnight. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Dog Warden.
- 30: **New Lamp West Street.** Mr M Vaughan asked whether an additional street lamp could be considered in West Street towards the bottom opposite the garages. The chairman reminded Councillors that this had been requested once before but had been deferred until all the obsolete mercury lamps had been replaced. Given that a quote for the final batch of mercury lamps was now being requested, the Clerk was asked to include the lamp with the above request.
- 31: **Verges – Thrapston Road.** Mr Sharples asked whether Drayton Estate could be approached to trim the overgrown verges of Thrapston Road.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

Dated