

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th March 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, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk), Mr P Lindsay.
- Apologies for absence:** Mr B Mearns, Cllr S Hughes, Police
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the February Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were 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 Clerk had spoken To PCSO Cross who had advised that due to a change in emphasis of policing and a reduction in local officers due to promotion / retraining, it was likely he would also be spending more time in Raunds, although he would remain the designated officer for Woodford.
 - 2: During February there had been a number of shed break-ins, the theft of a motorcycle from West Street and roof bars from a car in the high Street. This took reported crime to 53 since April 2014.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 3: The Chairman welcomed Mr Lindsay to the meeting and introduced as the Parish Path Warden. Mr Lindsay would be offering a report at the next Council meeting.
- Cllr S Hughes' (NCC) Comments:**
- 4: Cllr S Hughes was not present.
- Cllr D Hughes' (ENC) Comments:**
- 5: Cllr D Hughes drew attention to the fact that the County Council portion of the Council Tax would increase by 1.9%, but East Northants Council would not be increasing their share.
 - 6: The number of Temporary Social Workers was reducing along with the backlog of work.
 - 7: Construction of the new County Council Offices had commenced. Within East Northants the Rushden Lakes project had also started.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **Visit of the Fair.** Mr Bugg had now confirmed that the fair would arrive on a revised date of 12 July. The Clerk had advised the Fete Organising committee.
 - 9: **War Memorial.** The War Memorial Trust / English Heritage had now approved the stone to be used on the War Memorial and the Clerk had informed the stone masons who would schedule the work as soon as possible.
 - 10: **Electronic Speed Sign.** The electronic speed indicator sign had been installed, and appeared to be working well, presently recording traffic entering the village from Great Addington.
 - 11: **Village Noticeboard.** This had now been installed near the Post Office.
 - 12: **Lighting Quotation.** This was still awaited despite reminder phone-calls and emails.
- 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) No Decisions had been made by ENC since last meeting
- 15: New Planning Applications
- a) **Rear 8 Church Street** - Reduction in crown of walnut tree 15/00340/TCA. **No Objection.**
- b) **3A DeCapel Close / Club Lane** 15/00027/VAR. Variation to application 12/00198/RWL. Minor changes to footprint and reduction in height of property. **Objection** on the grounds of height of property and level of floor. Response that height of property and finished floor level be lowered to absolute minimum.
- c) **47 Mill Road.** New dropped kerb. 15/00432/FUL. **No objection.**
- d) **16 Whittlesea Terrace.** Internal alterations building approved planning permission 11/01050/FUL. 15/00410/VAR. **No Objection.**

- New Correspondence:**
- 16: **War Memorial.** English Heritage had written informing that consideration was being given to the listing of the memorial. Further information would follow once the memorial had been inspected.
- 17: **Community Enhancement Gangs.** NCC Highways were offering a day's work by the community gangs. Work carried out was restricted in as much that only hand tools would be available. It was agreed that clearing of gullies in the High Street and Club Lane be requested and improvements to the verges in Thrapston Road and the area around the ford. The Chairman asked that if any councillor had any further suggestions to contact the Clerk by 27 March.
- 18: **Lighting Power.** E.on had advised that power prices for Street Lighting would be increased (first time for nine years) by approximately 50%. There was the option of a fixed term contract which would be slightly cheaper. The Clerk was asked to pursue other suppliers for comparative costs.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£6,109.17	
High Interest Account		£3,303.58	
Total			£9,412.75
Less			
944 Mr P Bird – Clerks Salary	£229.90		
945 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£67.50		
946 E.on Energy Lighting Power	£203.47		
947 Mr P Bird Admin Expenses for year	£66.48		
948 Mr D Cullum Hire of Mower for Year	£520.00		
949 Help for Heroes – Donation in Lieu of Audit	£50.00		
950 Woodford Baptist Church – Hire of room	£72.00		
951 The Post Office – HMRC – Income Tax	£228.60	£1,437.95	
Balance Carried forward			£7,974.80

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

- Any other Business:**
- 20: The Clerk advised he would deliver nomination papers for the new Council once received from East Northants Council. These must be submitted to ENC by 9th April 2015. A number of posters had been put up around the village advertising the nomination process.

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

Signed

Dated

Woodford Parish Council