

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th August 2015 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mr M Hackney, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Hurst, Mrs Robinson, Mr D Stevens, Mr M Vaughan, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the July 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 report from Mr M Vaughan was read out concerning the recent JAG meeting update.
  - 2: Crime in July comprised one sexual offence, one theft from a motor vehicle and one violent offence. Total incidents since April was now sixteen, the same as last year.
  - 3: The Clerk reported that in early August a large quantity (several bin bags) of meat was dumped at the junction of Kettering Road and Mill Road. This had been reported to Environmental Health (ENC) and the Police.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 5: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 6: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 7: **Cairn – Village Green.** NCC had advised that responsibility for the cairn had been passed to the Parish Council following construction. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a replacement platen.
  - 8: **Litter Bin – The Paddocks.** The cost of installing a litter bin was £199.81 plus an annual charge of £53.02 for weekly emptying. It was agreed that a bin would not be installed at the moment, but the litter pickers would be asked to monitor the amount of litter in that area.
  - 9: **Community Enhancement Gang.** The workmen had visited and carried out some remedial works including tidying around the trees in the High Street, digging out a number of drain gullies, cutting back shrubs around road signs and tidying of the verge near the ford. (As only hand tools had been available it had not been possible to cut back the suckering hedge on the verge in Thrapston Road, however, items outside the scope of the gang were reported back to the office.)
  - 10: **Speed Identification Device.** Statistics were shared with those present regarding traffic recorded leaving the village. The statistics showed very little difference between traffic entering or leaving the village.
  - 11: **War Memorial.** The clerk affirmed that based on the latest information received, the work on the war memorial would take place towards the end of August, early September.
  - 12: **Project Thunderbird.** A visit to the Islip Furnace site had taken place and those who attended had found the experience to be on a scale which was difficult to comprehend. The Clerk was asked to write to McAlpine thanking them for allowing the visit to take place.
- Planning Issues:**
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
    - a) **8 Church Street.** 15/01151/FUL **Construction of new summerhouse. Permitted.**
  - 14: New Planning Applications
    - a) **Car Park – Rear Prince of Wales.** 15/01485/FUL **Construction of two dwellings.** This was a revised application for two properties rather than the “three dwelling” application, which had been

withdrawn. Whilst this application addressed the overdevelopment, on-site parking and to a certain degree access to the highway. It did not address the wider issues of increased traffic, sustainability of Prince of Wales, construction of dwellings would lessen opportunity for other residents to park on highway. The development site of the car park was noted in the Conservation Area. A viability report for the Prince of Wales as a business contained a number of questionable statements. The traffic survey submitted was flawed due to the location used and the plan of neighbouring streets omitted a private road which housed a number of vehicles. **Objection** on the aforementioned grounds.

- b) **Barns at Manor House Farm** 10 Addington Road. **Conversion to dwelling.** Following discussion there was **No Objection** to this application.

**\*\*\* Declaration of Interest \*\*\***

Mrs Fothergill declared an interest as a personal friend of the applicant and took no part in this discussion

**New Correspondence:**

- 15: **Tea Room.** The new Tearoom at Manor Farm had been given the postal address of Pickwick Tearooms, 10B Addington Road.

**Finance:**

**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£2,742.79
Interest Account		£3,304.81
		<b>£6,047.60</b>

**Less**

981	Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£295.00	
982	Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£76.68	
983	E.on – Lighting Power one month	£332.33	
984	Thrapston Town Band, Donation re Feast	£100.00	
985	Help for Heroes in Lieu of Audit	£50.00	
986	Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£55.30	£909.31
			<b>£5,138.29</b>

**Balance Carried forward**

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

**Report from Highways Rep**

- 17: Mr Stevens had provided a written request in his absence that the Council considered obtaining a quotation for the spraying of all kerbs within the village and also obtain "speed awareness signs". The council welcomed the latter comment, but agreed that the spraying of all verges would be beyond the value of unallocated funds in the Council's budget. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the appropriate authority regarding the spraying procedures / frequency etc.

**Siting of High Street / No Parking on Green sign:**

- 18: A discussion took place regarding the re-siting of this sign. Agreed that the No Parking sign be installed near the cairn on the village green. As the high Street sign was in a poor state of repair and a location was not agreed it would be retained in storage.

**Replacement lamp-Constable Walk:**

- 19: Despite reminding the E.on engineer, a quotation had not been received.

**Adult Fitness Equipment:**

- 20: A discussion took place regarding the provision of adult "outdoor gym equipment". A conclusion as to the merits was not reached with various issues being raised including location, target audience and cost. (Equipment with moving parts cost approximately £4,000 to £5,000 per item). The clerk was asked to include an item in the Saints Alive newsletter to gauge interest within the village.

**Any other Business:**

- 21: None

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Dated