

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan and Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P Lindsay, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs A Fothergill, Mr M Hackney, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr J Mead, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the August 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: Crime for August. 1 burglary dwelling, 3 burglary-other, 1 theft from a motor vehicle, 1 violent offence. Total for year to date 33 (previous year 25).
 - 2: Burglary of outbuildings and Speeding in Mill Road were considered as the most important issues to be raised at the forthcoming Police JAG meeting. The Clerk was asked to provide speeding statistics to Mr M Vaughan for the meeting.
 - 3: The Clerk reported that the large quantity of meat dumped in Kettering Road was apparently one of two such consignments dumped in the area. A further quantity had been dumped near the Woodwell junction.
 - 4: The Chairman reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had visited the village for a brief meeting in August and had discussed various issues relating to rural crime and road and traffic issues. This was part of a county wide series of meetings to gauge local issues.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 5: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 6: Cllr Hughes was not present.
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 7: Cllr Hughes was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **Islip Furnace Site.** The Clerk's letter of thanks to McAlpine was read out.
 - 9: **Cairn on Village Green.** Inspection of the cairn had revealed that the information sheet just needed cleaning. This had now taken place.
 - 10: **War Memorial.** The contractors had advised the Clerk that work would be completed by the end of October, (weather permitting).
 - 11: **Adult Fitness Equipment.** Due to copy deadlines it was not possible to include this item in the Saints Alive. It has been included in the following month's article. The Clerk had received some prices which ranged from approximately £1,000 for static equipment to £5,000 for equipment with moving parts.
 - 12: **Street Lighting Power.** Opus Energy had still not forwarded forms to transfer power supply. A reminder had been sent by the Clerk requesting the forms.
 - 13: **Community Defibrillator.** The Clerk had written to the medical practice once again regarding this issue.
 - 14: **Highway spraying.** The Clerk had raised the issue with ENC who had advised they would inspect the cleanliness of the roads.
 - 15: **Footpath PE20.** This footpath had now officially been diverted so rather than being routed through the garden at Ivy Cottage, it was routed around the outside of the boundary.
- Planning Issues:**
- 16: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) None
 - 17: New Planning Applications
 - a) **20 Mill Road** Vehicular Access 15/1484/FUL. **No objection** so long as visibility splays are included in design to cater for adjacent bus

stop.

18: Other Planning Matters

- a) **Satellite Dishes.** A complaint regarding a satellite dish erected on a pole on a house frontage in Eady's Row had been received. As this was not within the remit of the Council the Clerk had forwarded the complaint directly to ENC Planning Enforcement. The Enforcement Officer had responded he would act at the request of the Parish Council, but against the owners of all satellite dishes within the conservation area which had been erected without permission. Following discussion Councillors declined to make a formal request, but asked that the Clerk include a reminder within the next Saints Alive that all satellite dish installations in a conservation area needed planning approval. Clerk to respond to complainant.

**New
Correspondence:
Finance:**

- 19: **Nene Valley Festival.** Advertising Material was circulated.

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£1,833.48
Interest Account	£3,304.81
	<u>£5,138.29</u>
Correction Balance b/f overstated in May minutes	-0.96
	<u>£5,137.33</u>

Less

987 Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£295.00	
988 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£67.70	
989 Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£74.00	
990 E.on Lighting Power 1 month	£332.33	
991 E.on New Photocell Addington Rd	£28.16	
992 Mr D Cullum Fuel	£27.77	
993 Wicksteed Leisure Playground Repairs	£1,251.35	
994 ENC Election Admin	£81.42	
995 Post Office Ltd HMRC	£106.00	£2,263.73
Balance Carried forward		<u>£2,873.60</u>

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

**Donation Royal
British Legion:**

- 21: Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Resolved unanimously to donate the sum of £100.

**Comments from
Highways Rep:**

- 22: Mr Stevens advised that new white lines around the village were planned for this season and also renewal of lines between Woodford and the A510. Additionally, a centre line and "road edge" lines would be painted between Great Addington and Woodford.
- 23: Temporary speed reduction boards had been ordered and Mr Stevens advised he would install them once received.

**Comments from
Footpath Warden:**

- 24: Mr Lindsay produced a report (also forwarded to County footpaths team) of footpaths he had walked, and the findings were discussed. The main factor was the obscurity of some footpaths and Mr Lindsay suggested that a series of poles with a brightly painted top be installed at field edges where a footpath route across the field was not evident. The scheme was used in Leicestershire but was not favoured by the Northants footpath team. Councillors thought it a good idea and asked the Clerk to raise the matter on behalf of the Council. The chairman reminded councillors that in the 1970's a series of poles with a 9inch plain white disk on top were used.
- 25: Mr Lindsay also raised the creation of a hard surface path from Woodford to the lock. NCC had advised there was unlikely to be funding for such a scheme. Some Councillors voiced concern that it would increase the problem of motor cycles, additionally the route of the bridleway crossed pastureland and the Warren Hill. The Clerk reminded those present that

ENC were committed to joining local villages to the newly created Greenway project. (Railway line)

Replacement Lamp in Constable Walk: 26: Despite telephone and email reminders a quotation had not been received. As a result the Clerk had lodged a formal complaint with the depot manager.

Any other Business: 27: Mr Hurst drew attention to a broken window in a door in High Street which was a potential danger to pedestrians. The Chairman said this was not a matter for the Parish Council.
28: Comment was made at the number of locations where weeds had been removed from walls adjoining pavements giving a greatly improved appearance.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Dated