

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mr M Hackney, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs A Fothergill, Police and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the September 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: The Clerk reported that figures previously supplied to the Council had been for the Woodford Ward as opposed to the Woodford Parish. Consequently, the correct crime figure total to the end of September was 23 which was three lower than reported for the same period in 2014. August had been a crime free month.
  - 2: Mr M Vaughan reported on the recent JAG meeting and that the Community Police would be concentrating on speeding and break-ins.
- Comments from Electors:**
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 3: No members of the electorate were present.
  - 4: Cllr Hughes drew attention to the need for foster carers in the county. Asylum seekers were putting additional pressure on the present scheme. The number young people receiving care from the County Council had risen from 850 to 1200.
  - 5: Work was progressing on the new Council buildings in the centre of Northampton which when complete would enable John Dryden House to be sold.
  - 6: ENC was carrying out an appraisal of leisure facilities in the district.
  - 7: Work was continuing at Rushden Lakes, and approval had recently been given for a cinema instead of a garden centre.
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: Cllr Hughes was not present
  - 9: **Wall in Bakers Lane.** Both new houses in Club Lane appeared to have been sold. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Planning Enforcement Officer advising that the conditions regarding boundary wall in Bakers Lane and memorial plaque in Club Lane had yet to be met.
  - 10: **Defibrillator.** A response from the local health centre had advised that either British Heart Foundation or St John Ambulance be contacted for further information which the Clerk had obtained. This would be circulated by email.
  - 11: **Satellite Dish – Eady’s Row.** The Clerk’s email to the Eady’s Row resident advising that the Council would not be following up the complaint was read out.
  - 12: **Street Lighting Power.** Opus Energy had taken over the supply of power from 20 September, and the contract would last for one year.
  - 13: **War Memorial.** The War Memorial Trust had written advising that the grant period was close to expiring and wished to receive an update. The Clerk had responded indicating the delays encountered, and had also contacted the stonemasons reminding them of their commitment to completing the work before 8<sup>th</sup> November and outlined the potential problems with funding if the deadline was not met.
  - 14: **Mechanical Road Sweeping.** ENC had responded that there was no strict timetable for street sweeping which was now carried out on a “need” basis. However, the whole village was swept towards the end of September.

**Planning Issues:**

- 15: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
- a) **Land rear of 33 High Street (Prince of Wales)** 15/01485/FUL Construction of two dwellings. **Refused.**
  - b) **20 Mill Road** 15/01484 Application for Dropped Kerb. **Permitted.**
  - c) **10 Addington Rd** 15/01477/FUL Conversion of stable building to single dwelling. **Permitted.**
- 16: New Planning Applications
- a) **Land rear of 7-9 High Street** 15/1776/OUT Councillors had forwarded comments to the Clerk since the previous meeting which had had been forwarded to ENC confirming there was **no objection** subject to a number of comments, including privacy of neighbours, design to be appropriate to the conservation area, parking must be accommodated within site, visibility splays must be introduced and work should be carried out within the working week. No further comments were made.
  - b) **Pruning/felling of trees in field south of church** 15/01872/TCA. **No Objection.**
- 17: Other Planning Matters
- a) None.

**New Correspondence:**

- 18: **Motocross.** A complaint from a resident of Alledge Drive re the noise from the recent Motocross Event. The Clerk had contacted the Estate regarding conditions within the lease however, a response was still awaited.

**Finance:**

<b>Account balances brought forward</b>	<b>£2873.60</b>
Plus Precept	<u>£7,300.00</u>
	<b>£10,173.60</b>
<b>Less</b>	
<sup>996</sup> Mr P Bird Clerk's Salary	£295.00
<sup>997</sup> Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£91.10
<sup>998</sup> Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting	£74.00
<sup>999</sup> E.on New lamp West Street	£1,476.00
<sup>000</sup> Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£100.00
<sup>001</sup> BDO Stoy External Auditor	£120.00
<sup>002</sup> Mr D Cullum fuel reimbursement	£24.01
<sup>003</sup> E.on Power – part month	£214.40
<sup>004</sup> E.on Lighting Maintenance	<u>£306.49</u>
<b>Balance Carried forward</b>	<b><u>£2,701.00</u></b>
	<b>£8,597.00</b>

- 19: Mr Mearns proposed, Mr I Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 20: External Auditors Report. The External Audit had taken place and the auditors had not raised any issues for consideration or action by the Council

**Highways Report Mr Stevens:**

- 21: **Road Marking – Woodford to A510.** This had been carried out but to a very poor standard. The Clerk and Highways Rep had contacted KierWSP and the work would take place (under a road closure) on 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- 22: **Road Markings near Daventry Farm.** This had been referred to Area Engineer.
- 23: **Temporary Speed warning signs** – Five temporary speed reminder signs had been installed around the village.
- 24: **Speed Identification Device.** The Clerk advised that in November the Speed Identification Device would be moved to Thrapston Road.

**Replacement Street Lamp. Constable Walk:**

- 25: **Public Lamp Constable Walk.** A quotation for the replacement of this lamp had at last been received and indicated a price in the region of £5,220. The majority of the cost would be the installation of a power supply. Councillors agreed this was considerably more than funds permitted, and an alternative source of power, e.g. solar; or funding

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would be required. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

**Nomination of  
Temperance Hall  
Trustee:**

26: Mr Sharples' term as a trustee had expired. He said he would like to continue, and Mr I Vaughan proposed, seconded by Mr M Vaughan that he remain a trustee. There being no other nominations it was resolved that Mr D Sharples remain a nominative trustee of the Temperance Hall Charity.

**Any other Business:** 27: Concern was raised over gravel from a newly created driveway in the High street spreading onto the footpath and road. The Clerk was asked to refer to the Street Doctor.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Dated