

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th November 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, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr J Mead, Mrs S Robinson, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Hackney, Mr Hurst, Mr Mearns, Mr Sharples, Mr Stevens, Police and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the October 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 Crime report for October indicated that there had been five crimes reported comprising one of burglary other, criminal damage, "other offence", theft/handling and violence. The total for the year was now 28.
 - 2: It was agreed that Mr Vaughan continue to press for action over the shed burglaries and speeding at the forthcoming JAG meeting.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 4: Cllr Hughes drew attention to work progressing at the Angel Street site in Northampton to consolidate County Council officers within one location in the town. With regard to the district council, he discussed the forthcoming budget, and the progress at Rushden Lakes.
 - 5: Councillors asked whether he would be able to contribute towards the cost of a new street lamp in Constable Walk. He advised a small contribution might be available but a more suitable source might be Cllr Mrs Hughes who could "tap into" County Funds. He also suggested that some form of insurance could perhaps be taken out against a claim being made from the absent / unrecorded owner of the land in Constable Walk.
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 6: Cllr S Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 7: **Motocross.** Drayton Estate had advised that the current agreement with the Corby and District motocross Club offered exclusive access (not to be sublet) but restricted use of the site to ten events per year between 1 February and 31 October each year. There was no provision for any other use.
 - 8: **Lamp Constable Walk.** A letter from Mrs Gudge was read out requesting replacement of the lamp in Constable Walk. The Clerk had acknowledged the letter and expanded upon the reasons for the delay in replacing the lamp
 - 9: **Solar Lamp Constable Walk.** The Clerk had requested quotations for a suitable lamp but had yet to receive a firm quotation however, he envisaged that the cost would be in the region of £3,000. ENC grants officer had advised there were no longer Community Safety Grants available and that the likelihood of finding a grant which could be used for improved lighting was slim as this was seen to be a "core responsibility for Councils"
 - 10: **War Memorial.** This work had now been completed with the exception of the painting of one set of names. Councillors agreed to authorise the payment, but this should not be dispatched until the work was completed. Councillors expressed sincere thanks to the contractors for the work carried out and asked that the Clerk convey these comments to Underwood and Weston. The Clerk advised that in order to obtain the grant from the War Memorial Trust an illustrated Completion Report would need to be compiled detailing the work carried out.
 - 11: **Provision of Defibrillator.** Mrs Hathaway drew attention to information she had received concerning free of charge defibrillators. It was agreed by those present that the Clerk complete the application for the equipment

and submit as soon as possible with the preferred location being the telephone box on the village green.

Planning Issues:

- 12: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
- a) **7 High Street** Property to rear **15/1776/OUT**. Outline planning permission **approved**. A large number of conditions were attached including items to safeguard, trees, neighbours privacy, parking arrangements, drainage, highway access, working hours.
- 13: New Planning Applications
- a) **15 Club Lane** Reduction of several trees, **15/1821/TCA No Objection**
- 14: Other Planning Matters
- a) **Kettering Energy Park**. Following consultation with councillors since the previous meeting a letter of concerns had been sent to Kettering Borough Council detailing the Councils views on the proposed refrigerated warehouse proposed on the Finedon Rd. The main concerns the Council wished to be considered were the access junction to the site, A510 junction with roads to Great Addington and Woodford, loss of historic heritage site, weight limits to be installed to avoid Woodford being used as an alternative route, there would also need to be a method of controlling water run of, and noise and fumes emanating from the site. The letter was read out and the contents approved by those present.
- b) **New properties in Club Lane**. The rear boundary wall in Bakers Lane was being reconstructed, but there was no sign of the memorial plaque in Club Lane as yet. It was understood that the planning department had noted these outstanding issues so that they would be apparent in any land searches.

New Correspondence:

- 15: **Precept 2016/17**. East Northants Council had requested that precept requirements be submitted by 22nd January 2016.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£4,168.79
Interest Account	£3,304.81
	£7,473.60

Less

⁵ Mr P Bird Clerk's Salary	£295.00
⁶ Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£75.00
⁷ E.on Replacement Lamp in Mill Road	£384.00
⁸ Underwood and Weston re Memorial	£4,473.60
^{DD} Opus Energy (6 Nov)	£274.58
	£5,502.18

Balance Carried forward

£1,971.42

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

Any other Business:

- 17: Mrs Robinson drew attention to design of the low fence (featuring poppies) around the Sheringham War Memorial and indicated that the Jubilee Committee would be interested in raising funds towards a similar scheme around the Woodford War Memorial. The Clerk was asked to investigate further with a view to discussing at a future meeting.

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

Signed

Dated