

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th December 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 M Hurst, Mr J Mead, Mr B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk), Mr R Goodband
- Apologies for absence:** Mr M Vaughan, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the November 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 had not received a report from the Police this month
- Comments from Electors:** 2: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:** 3: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:** 4: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 5: **Speed Indicator Device.** Based on the first set of data collected from the SID in Thrapston Road it appeared that not only did more traffic enter the village from the Thrapston direction than the other two roads into the village. Additionally, the speed passing the SID appeared to be higher. It was agreed to ask the Police once again to take some enforcement action on speeders through the village. The Clerk was asked to forward details of speeding statistics to the council's JAG representative for use at the next JAG meeting.
- 6: **Defibrillator.** The Clerk reported that the application for a defibrillator had been successful and the equipment would be delivered in the New Year. Mr Sharples expressed concern that the location would not be adequate for the whole village.
- 7: **War Memorial Restoration Grants.** The Clerk reported that the Woodford General Charity (Temperance Hall) Trustees had agreed and paid a grant of £933 towards the overall cost of the project. The Clerk reported that a completion report had now been compiled and submitted to the War Memorial Trust and the payment of £2,795 was imminent.
- 8: **War Memorial Fence.** Sheringham Town Council had responded that their fence had been constructed by a local man as opposed to a local business, almost ten years ago.  
The Clerk had written to the Jubilee Committee further to posters being displayed suggesting that a fence around the War Memorial was a "fait accompli", advising that the decision had yet to be made.
- 9: **Solar Powered lamp – Constable Walk.** A quotation had been received for a solar powered lamp - £4646. This was only marginally less than an electrically powered lamp.
- Planning Issues:**
- 10: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions  
a) None.
- 11: New Planning Applications  
a) **7 The Moorings.** Tree work to rear garden 15/02237/TCA. **No objection**  
b) **4 Church Street.** Tree work in rear garden. 15/02201/TCA. **No Objection**
- 12: Other Planning Matters  
a) **Kettering Energy Park - Scoping Document.** The Council had produced a document comprising local issues which would need to be addressed if an application was submitted. Issues included: traffic, transport, environment, ecology noise, vibration, history, hydrology geology and socio-economic.

- New Correspondence:**
- 13: **East Northants Council Print Services.** ENC had written advising that the minimum printing fee would now be £57.18 representing one hours cost.
- 14: **East Northants Recycling.** In an attempt to increase food waste recycling a monthly prize draw had been instigated.
- 15: **Highway Verges 2016.** Northamptonshire highways had written asking if the Council wished to continue maintaining the verges within the 30mph zone. It was unanimously agreed that this arrangement continue. In doing so the council would be reimbursed £442.65.
- 16: **Primark, Islip Furnace Site.** Mr T Pursglove MP had written outlining the steps taken by the company to mitigate complaints from local councils regarding the construction of the new warehouse. The Clerk was asked to write to the MP advising that Woodford Parish Council had not objected to the development. Additionally the Clerk was asked to mention the potential development at Kettering Energy Park, advising that this might be a situation in which the MP's input would be welcomed.
- 17: **Police Commissioner "Delivery Report" –** Copies circulated.

**Finance:****Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£1,966.61
Interest Account	£4.81
	<b>£1,971.42</b>

**Plus**

Woodford General Charity (Temperance Hall)	£933.00
War Memorial Trust	£2,795.00

**Less**

<sup>9</sup> Mr P Bird – Clerk salary	£295.00	
<sup>10</sup> Mrs D Bosworth – Litter Picking	£69.70	
<sup>11</sup> E.on Quarter Lighting maintenance	£306.49	
<sup>12</sup> ENC Verge Cutting April – October	£1,868.71	
<sup>13</sup> The Post Office – HMRC	£77.40	
DD2 Opus Energy Lighting Power - one month	£309.04	£2,926.34

**Balance Carried forward****£2,773.08**

- 18: Mr Hackney proposed, Mr Mearns seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Report from  
Highways Rep.**

- 19: Mr Stevens advised that he had not received any updates from KierWSP regarding white lining within the village, village gateways, relocation of warning signs etc.

**Budget and Precept  
2016-17**

- 20: **Precept.** A draft budget had been prepared by the Clerk and circulated prior to the meeting. It was anticipated that the Council's reserves would be close to extinction by the end of the financial year. Following a lengthy discussion and vote Councillors agreed (10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) to an unchanged total budget of £16,600. This would require a reduction to contingency sums, a major increase of £800 to lighting power, and minor adjustments to other budget headings. However, due to reduced reserves in order to meet this expenditure, an increase to the Precept of £1,000 to **£15,600** would be required.

**Improved footpath  
to Greenway**

- 21: Mr Stevens proposed that he work with the footpath warden, Mr Lindsay and Mr Goodband (joint chair village pan group) to investigate the possibility of an improved surface on the PE6 and PE24 between Church Street and the Greenway at the lock. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that initially the feasibility of improving the surface on the suggested route be investigated, along with the route through the shrubbery (PE2 and PE7) and also from the opposite end of the Church Street utilising PE 10 and PE11 to the Mill (nr Ringstead). Attention was drawn to the fact that PE6 and PE24 do not follow the route defined on

the definitive map.

- 22: The Clerk informed the meeting that he had raised a query with the definitive map officer re the designation of the PE24 route as a bridleway, as historic documents from the 1950's and 1960's suggested that the bridleway was incorrectly routed.

**Any other Business:** 23: Mr Hurst drew attention to County Council Budget cuts and requested that the matter be discussed at the next meeting

There being no other business the Chairman wished those present a "Merry Christmas and Happy 2016" and declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

Dated