

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th January 2016 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, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Ms M Lowe (East Midlands Ambulance Service), Mr P Lindsay (Path Warden), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr B Mearns, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the December 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: Mr M Vaughan reported on the recent Police Joint Action Group and it was noted that the Police would continue to tackle rural speeding. The JAG group had also set up their own Twitter account.
 - 2: The SID continued to provide evidence that the busiest and fast road into Woodford was Thrapston Road.
 - 3: Reported crime in December was three violent offences, one theft / handling and one theft of a motor vehicle. The total for the year (since April) was now 35.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 4: No members of the electorate were present, however Ms Lowe EMAS, led a discussion re defibrillators and the process for use. The equipment was anticipated to be delivered by mid February.
- 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: **Precept.** The precept for the sum of £15,600 had been submitted to East Northants Council.
 - 8: **War Memorial Grant.** This grant had been received the day following the last Council meeting.
 - 9: **Link to Greenway.** Mr Stevens reported that a meeting with the landowner's agent was imminent
 - 10: **Lamp - Constable Walk.** The Clerk report he had spoken to E.on and they had responded that they did not believe that the indemnity insurance option was a viable. They had agreed to look at the trenching cost again. It was also suggested that the Clerk ask Western Power, as they had removed the power source, whether there was any obligation to replace it.
- Planning Issues:**
- 11: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **4 Church Street.** Tree work in rear garden. 15/02201/TCA_ Permitted
 - 12: New Planning Applications
 - a) None
 - 13: Other Planning Matters
 - a) None
- New Items & Correspondence:**
- 14: **Bakers Lane.** A Closure order had been received since the December meeting for the temporary closure of Bakers Lane for carriageway repairs. This had been carried out.
 - 15: **Flooding – Windmill Close.** The Clerk had received telephone calls relating to ownership of land to rear of Mill Road and Windmill Close. Water runoff from recent heavy rains had caused the gardens in Windmill Close gardens to flood.

Finance:	Account balances brought forward	
	Current Account	£2,768.27
	Interest Account	£4.81
		£2,773.08
	Less	
	¹⁴ Mr P Bird Clerk's Salary	£295.00
	¹⁵ Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£85.80
	^{DD3} Opus Energy Street Lighting Power (Dec Inv)	£300.92
		£681.72
	Balance Carried forward	£2,091.36

16: Mr Hurst proposed, Mr I Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Report from
Highways Rep:**

17: Mr Stevens reported that he had not been able to make contact with Mrs S Barnwell, KierWSP.

Any other Business:

- 18: **Damage to Village Green near Daventry Close.** A complaint was received regarding the damage to the green by buses. The Clerk reported this was due to confines of the road layout and the car parking near Daventry Close. Additionally buses could no longer turn at the top of the green due to vehicles parking at the old bus shelter kerb. It was suggested the Council requests the bus stop markings are reinstated for the school buses from Irthlingborough, which would prevent general vehicle parking. Clerk to write to KierWSP.
- 19: **Dog mess, West Street.** Following the loss of the "No Dog Fouling Sign" from West Street the problem was once again increasing. The Clerk was asked to try and obtain another sign from ENC
- 20: **Verges Highfield.** The state of the verges in Highfield was discussed. It was suggested that the Highways Rep raise the matter with Mrs Barnwell (KierWSP) the next time they met.
- 21: **Litter Pick.** The former Village Plan group had organised a litter pick for 9 April.
- 22: **Highway Issues.** The Clerk was asked refer a buddleia growing in the road surface in Club Lane, and overgrown ivy on a wall which obstructed visibility at the Rectory Land junction (previously reported)

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

Signed

Dated