

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th February 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 B Mearns, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Mead, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the January Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present with the exception of the following paragraph. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Woodford Feast.** Mr Bugg had confirmed that the fair would be on the village green from Sunday 10th July until Monday 18th July, opening on the evenings of 13th – 16th July.
- Police Report:**
- 1: The Clerk had not received crime figures for January.
 - 2: **Police Joint Action Group (JAG)** Mr M Vaughan suggested that speeding be again raised at the forthcoming JAG meeting. This was agreed. It was also understood that the sergeant from Thrapston had now moved to Rushden, and PC Cowley had retired from the force after 30 years.
 - 3: **Speed Indicator Device.** Traffic in Thrapston Road topped the highest speed recorded, highest average speed, highest 85th percentile speed and also highest volume. Clerk to forward data to Police.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- 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: **Dog Fouling Hotspot poster.** ENC had responded that another order was likely to be placed shortly and they would advise the Parish Council when they were available.
 - 8: **Litter Pick 9th April.** Mr Stevens reminded those present that a litter pick would take place on 9th April and volunteers were still required. Mrs Fothergill informed the meeting that the volunteers could receive free refreshments at the Pickwick Tearoom in Addington Road. It was also agreed that the clerk should request a litter pick outside the 30mph zone hopefully to coincide with the aforementioned event.
 - 9: Line Markings. The Clerk had written to NCC requesting that the Bus Stop on the west side of the green be marked to provide a safe place for buses stop and also provide the opportunity for service buses to turn at the top of the village green
 - 10:
- Planning Issues:**
- 11: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) None
 - 12: New Planning Applications
 - a) None
 - 13: Other Planning Matters
 - a) None
- New Correspondence:**
- 14: **Northants Best Village.** Judges were required for this completion and the Clerk was asked to advertise on the noticeboard.
 - 15: **Verge Cutting.** The contract for the forthcoming year was to hand and it was proposed by Mr I Vaughan, seconded by Mr Sharples and

unanimously agreed that this be signed and returned to ENC. The cost of verge cutting and the amenity land in The Paddocks would be £1422. This would be offset by a grant from NCC for £442.65

- 16: **Clean for the Queen.** This national litter picking event was timetable for the first weekend in March although other dates could be chosen. Clerk to forward information to Mr Stevens.
- 17: **Best Village Competition.** The Competition was discussed, but of those who voiced an opinion they were unanimous that the entry fee could be better used this year.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£2,086.55	
Interest Account		£4.81	
			<u>£2,091.36</u>

Less

¹⁶ Mr P Bird Clerk's Salary	£295.00		
¹⁷ Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£64.20		
^{DD4} Opus Energy Street Lighting Power (Jan Inv)	£337.24	£696.44	

Balance Carried forward£1,394.92

- 18: Mrs Robinson proposed, Mr Hackney seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 19: The Clerk expressed concern that the Opus Invoices had increased significantly over the past two months and were in danger of exceeding the old supplier's bills. There did not appear to be any correlation between the number of days in the month or daylight hours, and as such he had lodged a query with the company.

Highways**Representative:**

- 20: Mr Stevens reported that he had finally made contact with Mrs Barnwell and would be meeting her later during the week in Woodford.

Link to Greenway:

- 21: Mr Stevens reported he, Mr Goodband and Cllr D Hughes had met with Drayton Estate. Drayton were reasonably in agreement with the proposal that an improved surface be laid along the line of PE24. The Clerk had walked the line of this Right of Way with Mr Lindsay and Mr Stevens and identified points where the line of PE24 deviated from that shown on the definitive map. Mr Stevens informed the meeting that a meeting was proposed with the Definitive Map Officer to discuss the way forward.

**Replacement lamp
Constable Walk:**

- 22: The Clerk reported that Western Power had now agreed to reinstate the power supply to the lamp in Constable Walk, if the Council arranged a the installation of the new lamp. Furthermore, the clerk had spoken to Councillor D Hughes (ENC) who had agreed to fund the cost from his empowerment fund. Mr Chapman proposed and Mrs Robinson seconded a proposal to place the order with E.on as soon as possible (£580), and that the Clerk should complete the appropriate application form for funding. All in agreement.

Any other Business:

- 23: **Boat at Woodford lock.** A derelict boat was on the bank at the Woodford Lock. It was suggested that it could be a danger to children especially as more will visit the area once the days lengthen.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed

Dated