

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr I Vaughan (Chair) Mr N Chapman, Mrs A Fothergill, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mr D Sharples, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Bird, Mr Hackney, Mr Mead, Mrs Robinson, Mr Stevens, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the June 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: No Crime Figures had been received from the Police
 - 2: Mr Vaughan reported Mr Pursglove MP would be attending the September JAG meeting.
 - 3: It was understood the Parish Constable scheme had frozen recruitment until April 2017.
- 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: **Bakers Lane Access.** The Clerk had written to the Scouts re the congestion caused in Bakers Lane by cars waiting to pick up children.
 - 8: **Flooding – The Paddocks.** A report from contractors acting on behalf of East Northants Council had been received following excavation work to the ditch west of Windmill Close. Whilst there had been some tree growth and general detritus in the ditch there was also evidence of Garden waste from neighbouring properties and bags of dog waste
 - 9: **Lay-by – Picnic Area.** The land at the top of Old Kettering Road was understood to be owned by "County Highways". NCC would be prepared to issue a licence in order that the Parish Council could set some trees and install a bench at the location. It would be dependent upon receiving written consent from the neighbouring land owner. Picnic tables etc would not be permitted.
 - 10: **Tree Planting Scheme.** Notice had been received that bids could be submitted to NCC for native trees (bare root saplings) to be planted in public areas
 - 11: **Road Markings.** Road markings still had not been carried out despite correspondence advising that the work would be carried out in early July.
 - 12: **Tree on Back Green.** A query had been lodged with East Northants Council regarding whether permission was required to prune the tree on the top corner of Back Green / Church Green, Rectory Lane side. A response was awaited.
 - 13: **Wicksteed Playground Safety Report.** A discussion took place regarding the advised repairs to the playground equipment but a decision deferred until the next meeting.
 - 14: **Fencing around memorial.** This had been organised by Mr M Vaughan and delivered in time of the fete and installed around the memorial and village sign. It was dismantled following the fair's departure. The Clerk had received positive comments from a number of villagers regarding this temporary installation.
- Planning Issues:**
- 15: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **4 Club Lane.** Replace Leylandii hedge with panel fence. 16/00971/FUL **Permitted.**
 - b) **16 Mill Road.** Application of exterior insulation. 16/00742/FUL

Permitted.16: New Planning Applications

- a) **Blacksmith Cottage** Conversion of garage / outbuildings to Annex. **16/01115/FUL. No objection** so long as property remains ancillary to main dwelling
- b) **The Old Rectory, Church Street** Alterations to some windows and conversion of garage to office. **16/01331/LBC. No Objection.**

17: Other Planning Matters

- a) None

New Correspondence:

- 18: **Dog Fouling Sign- West Street.** An email had been received advising that the Dog Fouling Sign had been removed by a West St resident using a broom. It was agreed that the Clerk would replace it, when possible
- 19: **Private Pumping Stations.** Anglian Water had written requesting details of any private pumping stations (if any) within the parish. There are none. These are shortly to be taken over by Anglian Water.
- 20: **Fair Vehicles.** A query regarding the number of Fair Vehicles compared to the number of attractions had been received suggesting that Woodford was being used as a "holiday spot" by some members of the fair. Investigation had revealed that each caravan was occupied by a separate family, and each family had responsibility for an attraction. One attraction had only been partially erected (due to space availability) leaving the other part in storage on the edge of the green. It was also learnt that Woodford Village Green is the only village location to receive a fair in Northamptonshire, and is one of only about half a dozen in the whole country.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£7,559.00
Interest Account	£6.05
	£7,565.05

Less

043 Mr P Bird Clerk	£320.00
044 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker	£93.60
045 Mr D Cullum Groundsman	£96.00
046 Mr M Vaughan (reimbursement) HSS	£86.40
047 Wicksteed Leisure Playground Inspection	£54.00
048 Mr D Cullum Fuel	£27.29
049 E.on Lighting quarter maintenance	£306.49
DD8 Opus Energy Lighting Power	£233.34
	£1,217.12

Balance Carried forward**£6,347.93**

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

22: **Audit Report.** The External Auditors had advised that the Council's valuation of assets was incorrect. There was the option to have the form returned for a fee of £30 allowing the return to be amended; alternatively a "Qualified Report" would be issued. Councillors opted for the latter.

Any other Business:

23: **Temporary traffic lights Thrapston Road.** Mr Hurst asked whether the Clerk could find out how long the temporary lights would remain in place at the end of Thrapston Road.

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

Signed

Dated