

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th August 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:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the July 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 Police were not in attendance.
 - 2: The Chairman of Great Addington Parish Council had written regarding the introduction of a Parish Constable across several local parishes asking for the Council's views. The Clerk advised that all entries relating to Special Constables on the Police Website suggested that this was a scheme introduced by the previous Crime Commissioner and was presently on hold. Mr M Vaughan said he was of the opinion that recruitment and training of Special Constables had been postponed until April 2017. Clerk to respond, to Great Addington and Mr Vaughan to discuss at next JAG meeting.
 - 3: The makeup of policing at Thrapston had now changed with the PCSOs being transferred to Rushden. Three Officers would be located at Thrapston with two new PCSOs.
 - 4: Crime figures July totalled four. One non domestic burglary, two theft from motor vehicle and 2 violence with injury.
 - 5: **Motor Bikes** had been seen in the quarry near the Shrubbery. Drayton had advised that there was no permission for such activities and asked to be advised if observed in future.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 6: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 7: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 8: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 9: **Verge – Mill Road/ Old Kettering Road.** The Clerk had written to Mr Horrell asking whether he would have any objections to planting of trees on the verge. No response received.
 - 10: **Audit.** The Clerk had responded to the auditors regarding the queries discussed at the last meeting.
 - 11: **Flooding – The Paddocks.** No further information was to hand.
 - 12: **Defibrillator.** This had now been received and the Clerk had asked Little Addington PC who they had used to install their defibrillator. No response to date. It was agreed that the clerk include an item re CPR training in the next Saints Alive, and also include an item on the next Agenda.
- Planning Issues:**
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **4A Thrapston Road** Rear Extension – 16/01215/LDP – certificate of Lawful Development
 - b) **66 High Street.** Conversion of garage to form living accommodation 16/01115/FUL. **Permitted**
 - 14: New Planning Applications
 - a) **Manor House Farm.** Conversion outbuilding to dwelling 16/01518/FUL. **No Objection.**
Mrs Fothergill declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.
 - b) **6 Rectory Lane.** Rear balcony extension 16/01310/FUL. **No Objection.**

- c) **The Old Rectory.** New doors to existing outbuilding. 16/01358/FUL. **No Objection**
- d) **4 Thrapston Road.** Conversion of garage to nano-brewery / change of use. 16/01417/FUL. **No Objection.**

15: Other Planning Matters

- a) None

**New
Correspondence:
Finance:**

16: None.

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£6,341.88
Interest Account	£6.05

	£6,347.93
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Plus

Wayleave (Western Power)	£22.55
	£6,370.48

Less

2050 Mr P Bird – Clerk	£320.00
DD9 Opus Energy	£237.28

	£557.28
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Balance Carried forward

	£8,597.00
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17: Mr Mead proposed, Mr M Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Repairs to
Playground:**

18: A further discussion took place with regard to the repairs to the children's playground. It was agreed that the clerk circulate the full report to Councillors who would themselves inspect the equipment before the next meeting.

**Report from
Highways Rep:**

- 19: Mr Stevens reported that despite assurances being received over past twelve months (and more), with the latest being received in June, the line marking in the village had still not taken place and suggested that a letter of complaint be written to the Councillor with the transport portfolio. Those present agreed with this course of action.
- 20: The Clerk reported that an email was to hand from a Mr Langford of Daventry Close complaining about the lack line markings and lack of care shown by drivers in this area. The Clerk had responded outlining the actions they Council had taken.

**Access to
Greenway:**

- 21: Mr Stevens presented a report outlining the findings of the Access to the Greenway Group. Due to the challenges posed by the route to the north (Church Street to Woodford Lock) i.e. distance and routing of path the favoured route was now in the southern direction. This would provide a shorter route and would be achievable at a lower cost. The suggested route would be via footpath PE10. This provided a drier route above the valley floor and already had a concrete surface for part of the route. This route was also a more direct route to Stanwick Lakes. The Council agreed to endorse this latter option and the Clerk was asked to apply to the East Northants Community Facilities Fund.
- 22: The Clerk was asked to write to the group offering the thanks of the Parish Council for the work they had carried out in producing the report.

**Co-option of Parish
Councillor:**

23: Four candidates had come forward and were proposed for the vacant position. Mr Guy Banham, Mr Chris Burt, Mr Andy Sharkey and Ms Angel Valentine. Following a ballot Mr Guy Banham with 8 out of the possible 12 votes was declared co-opted.

**Donation to
Thrapston Town
Band:**

- 24: Two values; £120 and £125 were proposed and following a vote five voted for the former and four for the latter.
- 25: The clerk reported that he understood only nine persons attended to listen, consequently it was agreed to review the provision of this tradition

in early 2017.

Any other Business: 26: There was no other business

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

Signed

Dated