

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th October in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr G Banham, 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:** Cllr S Hughes (NCC), Mr P Lindsay (Path Warden), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC).
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the September Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present and unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Police Report:**
- 1: The Clerk had not received any crime figures.
 - 2: Mr M Vaughan reported that he had received notification that the "management" of the Police Force in East Northants would be split along the A14; however, the JAGs would remain unchanged in their present format.
 - 3: Mr Vaughan was asked to raise the issue of crime figure reporting at the next meeting.
- 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 drew attention to the proposal by Corby and East Northants Conservative Association that the Boundary Commission for England's initial new boundary borders would be challenged in order to affect less people (BCE proposed that Irthlingborough moved to Wellingborough Parliamentary Constituency, and Finedon was moved to Kettering. The CENCA proposal was that Irthlingborough should remain in Corby Constituency and that the Woodford Ward (Woodford and Addingtons) should move to the Kettering Parliamentary Constituency. This subject to be added to agenda for next meeting.
 - 7: Cllr Hughes drew attention to her offer to fund (£660) the verge clearance in Thrapston Road if agreement from the land owner to maintain the area was received from the landowner. The Clerk was asked to write to Drayton Estate and if the appropriate response was received make application to the County Council.
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **Line Marking.** The Clerk's follow up letter of complaint giving examples that previous correspondence and conversations had taken place was read out. Cllr Morris had responded that line marking had now been ordered for Addington Road for 17 October and the village lines would be remarked at the same time. Mr Stevens confirmed this had taken place, although Addington Rd had not been marked due to the insufficient width, the markings at the gateway had not been marked, and the "No waiting" at the old bus stop in the High Street had not been marked. The new school warning sign would be installed shortly
 - 9: **Defibrillator safe.** The Clerk had received one quotation to date from four requests, and that a further meeting was to take place late in the week.
 - 10: **Mr E Wildman.** The Clerk's letter congratulating Mr Wildman on his 100th birthday was read out.
 - 11: **Grounds Contract.** The Clerk reported that the footpath between High Street and Rose Terrace had not been sprayed and the matter had been referred to East Northants who had agreed to expedite the situation.
 - 12: **Playground Gate.** A new hinge had been made and would be fitted the following day. (Thanks to Chairman for manufacturing the part).
 - 13: **Playground Repairs.** Repairs to the Rocking Horse had been ordered

and were scheduled to take place before the first week of November.

- 14: **Tree Planting Area**, Mill Road Kettering Road. The Clerk had submitted a document formally requesting a licence to plant the verge in question. No response.
- 15: **Tree Planting**. The application for free trees had been approved these would be delivered in early November.
- 16: **Precept**. The second part (final) payment of the precept (£7,800) for 2016/17 had been received.
- 17: **Lighting Costs**. The Clerk confirmed he had renewed the Contract with Opus Energy for Street Lighting Power. There had been a small rise of about 0.8p per KW. The new price was fixed for three years.
- 18: **Speed Identification Device**. New batteries had been obtain Free of Charge from Mr Barber who had supplied the equipment in return for some software provided by the Clerk.
- 19: The Clerk apologised for not completing all tasks arising from the previous meeting but had been on two weeks holiday and had been subjected to significant IT issues requiring a computer rebuild from backups.

Planning Issues:

- 20: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **Church Green** 16/01463/TCA Raise crown to give two metre clearance – **Permitted**. Clerk to discuss work with Mr D Cullum.
 - b) **St Mary's Church**. Felling two trees 16/01770/TCA Removal of dead trees – permission not required. **Application withdrawn**.
 - c) **1 The Moorings** 16/01769/TCA The felling three trees. – **Permitted**.
 - d) **75 High Street** 16/01376/TCA Pollarding of corkscrew willow in rear garden – **Permitted**.
- 21: New Planning Applications
 - a) **Manor Farm Addington Road** – 16/01945/FUL **Retrospective application for three units**. Parish Councillors had **no objection** to these constructions but expressed disappointment that this was yet another retrospective planning application for this site. The Clerk was asked to convey these comments to East Northants Council
- 22: Other Planning Matters
 - a) None

New Correspondence:

- 23: **Addington Road Closure**. A road closure had taken place on 17th October for carriageway repairs.
- 24: **Rive Nene Waterscape Project**. A representative was invited to attend a Nenescape presentation at either Northampton or Oundle the following week. Mr Stevens agreed to attend (diary permitting).
- 25: **Code of Conduct Training**. Training was being offered by ENC. Noted.
- 26: **Damaged Lamp Rose Paddock**. PL72 had been damaged during a tree felling operation and the landowner had agreed to pay for the replacement lamp. A quotation from E.on had been received and would be forwarded to Mr R Warne.
- 27: **Land adjacent to Rectory Lane**. A complaint had been received regarding the state of a piece of land near Addington Road / Rectory Lane which had not only become a dumping ground but also the vegetation growth obscured visibility when leaving Rectory Lane.
- 28: **Primark Signage**. A letter from Mr Spaughton of Alledge Drive highlighted a problem with HGV missing the Primark site when leaving the A14 at J12 and arriving in Woodford only to turn in Alledge Drive and retrace their steps. The Council agreed that this problem was not acceptable, and the Clerk was asked to write to Primark and various Planning Authorities requesting appropriate action be taken as soon as possible.
- 29: **Mayday 2017**. The School had written requesting the use of the village green for Mayday on 15th June 2017. There was no objection.
- 30: **Dropped kerb at Alledge Drive**. A request for a dropped kerb to be installed for pedestrians at the entrance to Alledge Drive had been

received. There was one on the southern side of the junction but not the northern side. Clerk to forward to "Highways".

- 31: **Woodford Feast Fair.** Mr Bugg had written advising his fair would be in attendance from 9th - 16th July. Mr Stevens requested that the Clerk, in responding request that the large rides on the Addington Road side of the green are contained wholly on the grassed area rather than partially on the road.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£4,342.71
Interest Account	£6.05

£4,348.76

Plus Precept

£7,800.00

Less

£12,148.76

2059	Mr P Bird – Clerk Salary	£320.00	
2060	Mr D Bosworth - Litter Picker	£86.40	
2061	Mr D Cullum – Groundsman	£64.00	
2062	Mr D Cullum – Fuel reimbursement	£28.26	
2063	BDO Stoy – External Auditor	£120.00	
2064	Mr P J Bird – Steel for new hinge	£20.00	
DD11	Opus Energy	233.63	£872.29

Balance Carried forward

£11,276.47

- 32: Mr M Vaughan proposed, Mr S Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

External Auditors Report:

- 33: A qualified opinion was received from the external auditor as per previous correspondence drawing attention to the incorrect values of assets quoted in the return. The comments were noted and the Clerk was asked to rectify in the next annual return.

Report from Highways Warden:

- 34: Mr Stevens reported on the lines that had been laid down within the village but reaffirmed the missing areas which had not been marked. It was also noted that the disputed lines near Daventry Close, had now been re-installed in the original location, and not the half way between the current and original locations as shown in the plan provided by Highways. The meeting was delighted with the current location which offered good visibility from the remarked junction.

Donation to Royal British Legion:

- 35: Mr Hurst proposed and Mr Stevens seconded that the donation remain at £100 this year. Unanimously agreed

Any other Business:

- 36: Mrs Robinson drew attention to a road sign obscured by vegetation near the A14 / A510 junction. Clerk to report to Street Doctor.
- 37: Concern was expressed at the increased frequency patrons of the Dukes Arms were parking wholly on the village greens. The Clerk was asked to write to the landlord requesting that he supports the Council's request (sign on green) that they refrain from doing so.

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

Signed

Dated