

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th November 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:** Mr G Banham, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the October Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present. Proposed by Mr Hurst, seconded Mr M Vaughan and unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Police Report:**
- 1: Mr Vaughan reported on the JAG conference call. There had been an increase in outbuilding break-ins in Irthlingborough. Ringstead and Stanwick.
 - 2: The Police had advised that crime figures were available from the Police website, although it was acknowledged that this data was about two months out of date.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 4: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 5: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 6: **Defibrillator Safe.** An order had been placed with Roger Norman Ltd to install the safe in the Telephone Box
 - 7: **Parking on Village Green.** A letter had been drafted to The Dukes Arms requesting assistance in preventing vehicles parking completely off the road on the grass.
 - 8: **Employees Pension Scheme.** The Clerk had investigated the various options. Some involved a start up fee of £500, whilst others charged a monthly sum. Further still other schemes deducted a percentage from the recipient's benefits. Given the various charges involved and the small sums to be paid in (approximately £1.00 per month), the Clerk was asked to discuss the situation with those involved and report back as appropriate at the next meeting.
 - 9: **Rectory Lane.** The Issues surrounding the overgrown plot at the junction of Addington Road and Rectory Lane had been reported to ENC Environmental Health and Street Doctor.
 - 10: **Road Signs A510.** The obscured and dirty road signs between the A14 and Woodford had been reported to Street Doctor.
 - 11: **Dog Mess.** Replacement signs had been installed in Alledge Drive and West Street. The Clerk from Braunston had reported that their "Paint-a-Poo" scheme was run by Daventry District Council for the month of September. One Parish Councillor was charged with spraying offending items of dog mess with bio degradable paint for the length of time the scheme was in operation. Councillor suggested the scheme be referred to ENC for their view on the subject.
 - 12: **Link to Greenway.** The Clerk had responded fully to Mr Lewin regarding his comments on the choice of link path to the Greenway.
 - 13: **Grant for Link to Greenway.** The Clerk had received notice that subject to EN Policy and Resources Committee approval the Council would be passed on to Stage 2 of the application process.
 - 14: **Construction without approval.** Following the Council's comments regarding unapproved construction work and retrospective planning applications at the previous meeting ENC had responded that there was no "precautionary" measures that could be taken against such

developments and the Enforcement Team would investigate matters referred to them by members of the public.

- 15: **Direction sign to Church.** The installation of a sign to the Parish Church had been agreed by KierWSP at a cost of £600. Installation would be required to be carried out by a Highways authorised contractor in order to meet their standards; however, no budget remained for this type of signage this year. Mrs Fothergill asked for the full details in order to refer to the PCC.
- 16: **Primark Sign.** Primark had responded informing that a large totem sign had received approval earlier in the year and construction would be taking place shortly. Regarding other matters raised, there had been no meeting for local councils as suggested in correspondence to the Parish Council and the transport plan was designed to keep traffic out of Thrapston.
- 17: In correspondence from KierWSP highway signage could not be used to identify business locations, as it would be difficult to create a policy identifying eligibility.
- 18: **Dropped Kerb Alledge Drive.** KierWSP had advised there was no further funding for such works this financial year, but the location would be considered in a future year. Clerk to respond to Mr Woods.
- 19: **Overgrown Verge Thrapston Road.** Drayton had agreed to maintain the verge on a three yearly cycle one the overgrown shrubs were removed from the area. The Clerk informed the meeting that following receipt of this confirmation he had applied for the funding to clear the verge.

Planning Issues:

- 20: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **Pump House Addington Road** 16/01765/FUL. Refurbishment of, and single storey extension. **Permitted.** NB Application not seen by Parish Council.
- 21: New Planning Applications
 - a) **1 Sunnyside** – 16/02124/FUL - Conversion of outbuilding to form shower room. **No objection.**
- 22: Other Planning Matters
 - a) None

New Correspondence:

- 23: **Fox Hounds.** An email from Mrs Sharkey drew attention to fox hounds running loose through gardens in parts of the village earlier that day. The Clerk also referred to an email from Rev Bond on the same subject and informed the meeting that he had already responded to the two writers advising this was not a Parish Council matter but one of public order and as a result any issues should be referred to the Hunt or the Police.
- 24: **Dog Waste Bins.** A housing officer had written requesting a further dog bin be installed in Highfield to supplement the existing two bins. The Clerk had responded that there was a third in West Street and if a fourth was required could a suggested site be recommended. The officer had responded that three could well be enough and that the existing bins probably needed more frequent emptying. The Clerk was asked to investigate the current frequency with East Northants Council
- 25: **Saints Alive Funding** The editor had written the Council advising that there was a shortfall in the income against the costs for this publication. He suggested that the three Parish Councils should contribute to the shortfall and pro rata Woodford should contribute £200. Current production costs are approximately 19p per copy (gross) and the shortfall is 3p per copy. The matter was discussed at length. It was noted the Council's budget for donations had already been spent this year although there was a sum still available within the contingency element. Councillors agreed to add item to next month's agenda.
- 26: **Street lighting Paddock Road.** A complaint was to hand from Mr Williams regarding a faulty street lamp in Paddock Road. As the lamps had yet to be adopted the Clerk had forwarded the message on to William Davis.
- 27: **Street lighting Rose Paddock.** A quotation had been received for a

replacement lamp destroyed during a tree felling exercise. The Clerk was asked to forward this to Mr Warne who had agreed to reimburse the Council for the cost of replacing the lamp. The Clerk was asked to order the replacement lamp.

- 28: **Precept 2017/18.** East north ants Council had written advising that the Parish Council's precept for the following year would be required by 20th January. The Clerk was asked to include this as an agenda item at the December meeting and provide a preliminary draft budget as a basis for discussion at that meeting.

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account		£11,270.42	
Interest Account		£6.05	
			<u>£11,276.47</u>
Less			
2065	Mr P Bird Clerk	£320.00	
2066	Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picker	£93.60	
2067	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£100.00	
DD	Opus Energy Street Lighting	£323.40	£837.00
	Balance Carried forward		<u>£10,439.47</u>

- 29: Mr I Vaughan proposed, Mr Mead seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 30: **Audit 2015/16.** The clerk reminded councillors that Mrs Davies had carried out the internal audit for the Council earlier in the year, and historically the Council had donated the sum of £50 in lieu of her services. Mr Sharples proposed and Mr Mead second, with all in agreement that this should happen again this year. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Davies advising her of the decision.

**Boundary
Commission
proposals:**

- 31: Councillors had been advised of various proposals since the last meeting. The Boundary Commission proposed that Irthlingborough be removed from the Corby Parliamentary constituency and to Wellingborough, and Fined be removed from Wellingborough to Kettering. Tom Pursglove MP now suggested that the same net movement of electors could be achieved by realigning the boundary between Corby and Kettering. This would leave the East Northants portion of the constituency unchanged. Councillors agreed with this proposal and the Clerk was asked to write to the Boundary Commission supporting this proposal and also the secondary proposal that the name be changed to Corby and East Northants.

Tree Planting:

- 32: A date for the delivery of the trees was still awaited so the planting date could not be publicised, however, once the trees were received, the Clerk agreed to publicise the event as widely as possible.

**Report from
Highways Warden:**

- 33: Mr Stevens had nothing to report

Any other Business:

- 34: The faulty street lamp at the old Bus Shelter site in the High Street had been reported to E.on.
- 35: The Clerk reported that former Parish Councillor, Mr E Wildman, whom two months previously, the Council had congratulated on reaching his 100th birthday, had recently passed away.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Dated