

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

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr G Banham, Mr N Chapman, 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:** Mrs A Fothergill, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the December 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: JAG. Mr M Vaughan reported on the recent JAG meeting and it was agreed that parking obstructions should be raised as an issue with the police as a priority for the future three month period.
 - 2: Speeding. The Clerk reported that the SID was presently located in Mill Road and was recording speeds in excess of 60 mph. The issue of speeding was requested to be raised with the JAG.
- 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: **Building Work Prince of Wales.** Concern was raised at the continuing building work at the Prince of Wales. The Clerk was asked to raise with ENC Planning dept.
 - 7: **Car Parking Dukes Arms.** The Clerk produced a draft letter which was read to the Council, and following approval would now be delivered. It was understood that a new landlord had taken over the premises.
 - 8: **Church Street Closure.** This had taken place with no major issues.
- Planning Issues:**
- 9: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **32 Mill Road** First Floor Rear Extension and porch 16/02218/FUL **Permitted.**
 - b) **10 Addington Road.** Retrospective permission for 3 commercial Buildings 16/01945/FUL **Permitted** with the condition that the individual units are only used for their present uses, i.e. Vehicle Storage, Vehicle Repair and Refurbishment and Plant Distribution and admin.
 - 10: New Planning Applications
 - a) None
 - 11: Other Planning Matters
 - a) ENC had advised that in advance of a "Call for Sites" as part of the creation of a new Local Development Plan, a proposal had been lodged with ENC that the field to the South of "The Paddocks Development (i.e. between the Paddocks and the Playing Fields) had been proposed by the owner HBH Developments. ENC had advised that at this stage this was for information only until the official Call for Sites was made later in 2017.
- New Correspondence:**
- 12: **Best Village Competition.** Details had been received but after discussion Councillors decided not to participate.
 - 13: **Summer Verge Maintenance Programme.** Details of the Summer Programme were to hand totalling £1421, which included 8 verge cuts and 16 cuts of the amenity land in The Paddocks. As the Council had already opted out of the County Scheme and agreed to administer locally it was Resolved that the Clerk sign the document and return to ENC.

- 14: **Bridleway – north of Woodford Lock (“Greenway extension”)**. Mr Goodband had written drawing attention to the erosion to part of the railway line caused by tractors at Grange Farm. The Clerk had contracted Drayton Estate who had advised they would sweep the area and temporarily fill potholes before making a permanent repair in spring. The Clerk had advised Mr Goodband.
- 15: **Trees removed on Riverbank**. Mr Hawes had emailed regarding the removal of trees along the riverbank planted by the Parish Council about 25 years ago. The Clerk advised he would visit the site, and take up the matter with Drayton Estate.
- 16: **New Street Lighting Required**. The Clerk advised that six lamps had recently been repaired in the village, but the mounted on the building next to the Dukes Arms needed the control box replacing and also a new power supply at a cost of £517. It was resolved that the Clerk place the order subject to speaking to the householder to ensure there was no objection before placing the order.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£6,025.87
Interest Account	£6.05
	£6,031.92

Corrections

The following transactions were omitted

From the June minutes in error

VAT refund (2015/16)	£156.20	
Highways Reimbursement (2015/16)	£442.65	
Less Opus Energy (Dir Deb. Inv not rec'd at time)	-£274.02	£324.83
		£6,356.75

Plus

NCC Grant (verge clearing)	£660.00
	£7,016.75

Less

2077 Mr P Bird Clerk	£320.00	
2078 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£100.80	
2079 NCC Verge Clearance Thrapston Road	£660.00	
DD14 Opus Energy Lighting Power	£363.88	£1,444.68
		£5,572.07

Balance Carried forward

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

Defibrillator and CPR Training:

- 18: Mrs Hathaway advised Mrs Fothergill would take up the subject with the WI to gauge an interest in training.

Annual Litter Pick:

- 19: Mr Stevens requested the support of the Council for the annual village litter pick which he suggested could take place on 1 April. This was agreed.

Report from Highways Rep:

- 20: Mr Stevens had no report this month.

Any other Business:

- 21: **Dog Fouling Church Yard**. The issue of Dog Fouling in the Churchyard was discussed. The Clerk was asked to write to the Church advising that concerns had been drawn to the attention of the Council.
- 22: **Footpath The Leys**. Mr Sharples drew attention to the overgrown footpath at the end of The Leys – Clerk to investigate

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed

Dated