

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 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, Mrs S Robinson, Mr A Sharkey, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs Robinson, 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 subject to an amendment to paragraph 11 "charge approximately £3.00 per bag". It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Police Report:**
- 1: No Police present, although a response had been received from the Inspector regarding the Council's concerns; however this broadly reiterated the comments received in the first letter, with the exception that the local PCSO would arrange to meet with the Clerk. This had not occurred to date. Additional website information was also provided and links to these sites would be incorporated into the Parish Council website.
  - 2: Mr M Vaughan also asked whether the Council could query Spires Homes letting policy with regard to tenants from outside of the village gaining priority over those from within the village.
- 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: **Primark Delivery Vehicles.** Correspondence had been received from Primark and also NCC. Both parties were committed to improving signage to and from the site, and Primark would also pursue a separate postcode to ultimately aid satnavs directions.
  - 7: **Path Warden Scheme.** The Clerk had written to Kier asking about the future of the Path Warden Scheme following the resignation of the Parish Path Warden.
  - 8: **Street Lighting.** The inventory had been updated to incorporate the recently adopted lamps in Paddock Road and Windmill Close and Western Power had been advised in order that the new power usage could be calculated and forwarded to Opus Energy.
  - 9: **Replacement Street Lamps.** Lamps in Rose Terrace and Pound Lane had been replaced.
  - 10: **Accounts Year Ending March 2017.** The Clerk had submitted the Accounts to the external auditor.
  - 11: **Defibrillator Training.** The Clerk had spoken to the WI who had previously advised they would pursue defibrillator training. This had not yet occurred, however the training centred upon CPR rather than the use of the defibrillator. Further investigation revealed that training in the use of the defibrillator only forms a small part of the overall CPR Training. The Clerk had further ascertained that if on dialling 999 advice is given to use the defibrillator, the emergency services are fully aware of the model available and give step by step instructions over the phone in addition to the instructions provided by the machine itself.
  - 12: **Grass in High Street.** Mr Bester had confirmed he would cut the small piece of grass adjacent to his property if the Council did not cut it. He was keen that it should remain and that the Council did not spray it.
  - 13: **Woodford Feast Fair.** Councillors commented on the tidy state in which the village green was left in following the visit of the fun fair. The Clerk said he had been made aware that a number of advertising posters had

been removed soon after posting.

- 14: **Gravel from drives 19 / 21 High Street.** There was still no improvement. Clerk to refer matter to "Street Doctor"

**Planning Issues:**

- 15: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions  
 a) **21 Paddock Road.** Proposed rear extension 17/00994FUL **Permitted.**  
 b) **20 Thrapston Road.** Single Storey side and rear extension 17/01044/FUL. **Permitted.**

**\*\*\* Declaration of Interest \*\*\***

- 16: New Planning Applications  
 a) **The Rectory. 4 Church Street.** Removal of trees to rear of property. 17/01322/TCA **No Objection**  
 b) **The Rectory 4 Church Street.** Installation of lightning conductor and restoration of steps to rear. 17/01311/LBC **No Objection**  
 \*\*\* Mr Sharkey declared an interest and took no part in the discussions relating to the above applications \*\*\*  
 c) **Rose Paddock opposite No. 1** Construction of Wall and Garage. 17/01098/FUL. Insufficient plans and information were available on the ENC website to make comment. Clerk to advise ENC.

- 17: Other Planning Matters

a) None

**New Correspondence:**

- 18: **Village Signs / Gateways.** Correspondence from Mrs Kemal was read out regarding the lack of a gateway in Mill Road, speeding and the poor "Woodford" Sign. The Clerk had responded with regard to the speeding and also the history behind the "Gateway" Mr Stevens had investigated the cost with regard to village entry signs and these were priced at approximately £50 each plus fittings. It was agreed that an order be placed for the replacing of the Addington Road and Mill Road Signs. Further, Mr Stevens agreed to discuss gateways with Mrs Barnwell (Kier). It was noted that the posts for the 30mph signs and the current village sign had been replaced in Mill Road. Mrs Fothergill queried the cost as it was vastly different to the cost of a direction sign to the Church. Mr Stevens suggested the above cost did not include fitting or excavation and investigation work to identify a suitable location for a post and sign.
- 19: **Extension to Greenway.** ENC were seeking funding for the extension of the Greenway from Woodford Lock to The Woolpack at Islip, and were seeking letters of support. The Council wholeheartedly agreed to support this venture. The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.
- 20: **Trees – Back Green.** Mr Blount had written expressing dismay at the fact that tree guards had been removed from trees he had planted on the green for the Parish Council and the WI and also strimming had damaged the bark of the trees. The Clerk was asked to mention to the Groundsman.
- 21: **Parking Newtown.** A letter complaining about parking and lack of access to properties in Newtown was read out. The Clerk was asked to respond that parking enforcement of double yellow lines was carried out by the County Council; however, issues of obstruction should be notified to the Police. The Clerk was asked to include a paragraph in the next Saints Alive.

**Finance:**

**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£9,023.15
Interest Account		£6.05
		<b>£9,029.20</b>

**Less**

2108	Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£335.00	
2109	Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£90.00	
2110	Mr D Cullum Groundsman	£66.40	
2111	Mr P Bird reimbursement - safety barrier costs	£86.40	
2112	Eon Lighting Maintenance Contract	£306.49	
DD21	Opus Energy Lighting power	£243.43	£1,127.72

**Balance Carried forward****£7,901.48**

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

**Report from Highways Rep:**

23: The rusty posts in Mill Road had been replaced (above) but the new school sign in the High Street was still awaited.

**Link to Greenway:**

24: Sport England had written advising that the Council's scheme to provide an all weather footpath to the Greenway did not meet the objects of their scheme. The Clerk was asked to pursue the Primark Community Fund and Woodford Temperance Hall Charity for assistance.

25: Glebe Farm in the meantime had agreed to do the first hundred or so metres outside the farmhouse.

26: Mr Stevens proposed that the scheme be henceforth known as a partnership between the Parish Council and Glebe Farm. All agreed.

**Contribution to Saints Alive:**

27: The Clerk was asked to find out the current cost of printing Saints Alive so that the value of a donation could be discussed again. Also the Council was asked to contact the St Mary's Church treasurer to find out about the status of the Churchyard accounts for the last financial year.

**Any other Business:**

28: **Posters.** Mrs Fothergill commented on the number of "obsolete" posters that remained on lamp posts around Woodford. Clerk asked to include a request in press report for those who put up advertising posters to remove them after the event.

29: **Post Office.** It was understood that Mr Patel was to be leaving the Post Office imminently. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of appreciation for his services to the village over the past thirteen years.

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

Signed

Dated