

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 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 J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs Fothergill, Mr M Hackney, Mr A Sharkey, Mr I Vaughan, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the January 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: No Police were present.
 - 2: Councillors with responsibility for the "Think before you park" scheme reported that no vehicles had yet been reported to the Police.
 - 3: Inspector Lyon had written advising that Sergeant Wildman was now an Acting inspector in Wellingborough. Acting Sergeant Mitchinson was now in charge at Thrapston.
 - 4: Mr Vaughan reported that the local priorities were to remain unchanged i.e. increased visual presence in this area.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 5: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 6: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 7: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **Speed Identification Device.** The Clerk confirmed the "on loan" SID was still located in Mill Road recording the speed of traffic leaving the village. The Council's own SID was located in Addington Road Woodford, operating in covert mode; i.e. recording data but not displaying vehicle speed. Recorded data has revealed that there was less than 1% difference in the number of vehicles exceeding 30mph, whether the speed was displayed or not.
 - 9: **Church Green sign.** The Clerk advised the sign was perfectly level and it was the undulating courses of stone work which gave the impression it was not.
 - 10: **New Gate near Greenway / Woodford Mill.** This work had still not progressed as a meeting with the contractors was still awaited but had finally been scheduled for later in the week to discuss the requirements laid down by the landowners.
- Planning Issues:**
- 11: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **Churchfield House Church Street.** Replacement Gates 17/02241/FUL **Permitted.**
 - 12: New Planning Applications
 - a) **26 Church Street** - Pruning of trees in conservation area. **No Objection.**
 - b) **Woodford Lodge Farm.** Upgrade of Garages to Granny Annex. The dwelling would always be ancillary to the main residence. **No Objection.**
 - c) **Woodford Sport Social Complex.** Upgrade of carpark, construction of patio, siting of container for cricket equipment. **No Objection** other than the container should be painted to merge in with adjacent hedge.
- New Correspondence:**
- 13: **Footpath to Greenway.** The area manager of Sustrans had visited the site with the Clerk and members of ENC. He had expressed admiration of the work done and wished to use the project as an example of public / private partnership working.

- 14: **Use of Village Green.** A request from the Church had been received regarding the use of the green for ticket sales at the open gardens, and for the fete in July. This was agreed unanimously.
- 15: **Verge Cutting Contract.** The new contract was to hand. The Clerk had taken the liberty of asking for additional grass cutting around the trees in the High Street etc between the telephone box and Eady's Row be priced. The additional sum would be approximately £25 for the season. Councillors agreed unanimously that this area be included for the forthcoming season.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£3,139.68	
Interest Account	£6.05	
		£3,145.73

Plus

VAT Refund year to date	£6,445.09	
		£9,590.82

Less

2145 Mr P Bird Clerk	£335.00	
2146 E.on Lighting Replacement lamp Pound Lane	£816.00	
2147 E.on Lighting repairs	£56.33	
DD Opus Energy	£375.01	£1,582.34
		£8,000.48

Balance Carried forward

- 16: Mr Banham proposed, Mr M Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 17: Donation to Internal Auditor. Mr Sharples proposed the donation should be increased to £60. Seconded by Mr Chapman and unanimously agreed. The Clerk was asked to thank Mrs Davies and ask if she had a preferred charity.

**Report from
Highways Rep:
Report from Playing
Field Rep:
Attendance of
Thrapston Band at
"Feast":
Risk Assessment
Report:**

- 18: Mr Stevens had nothing to report.
- 19: Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
- 20: It was agreed that the Clerk ask the Band to play on Sunday 8th July at the Club, (to which the Club had already agreed).
- 21: The clerk reported that having inspected the Council's assets, two items raised concern. Firstly, the telephone box paint work had faded and was flaking from the wooden door. Secondly a number of fence posts around the open area between Paddock Road and Windmill Close had rotted off at ground level. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for the replacement of the affected posts.

**Replacement of a
further mercury
lamp:
Playground Safety
Report:**

- 22: The Clerk outlined the existing mercury lamps requiring replacement and it was agreed that the lamp in Eady's Row be upgraded.
- 23: The safety report received revealed an increased amount of work being required on the "Multiplay unit" at a cost of £2,826. Following discussion, it was resolved that the work be carried out as soon as possible. This would put the whole piece of equipment into excellent condition. It was further agreed to defer the painting of the roundabout.

Any other Business:

- 24: Mrs Hathaway drew attention to the widening of the footpath south of Pound Lane being cut back to improve the width of the path. The Clerk was unaware who had carried this out.
- 25: Comment was made regarding the amount of moss on the footpath near DeCapel House. Clerk to refer to Street Doctor.

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

Signed

Dated