

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 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,
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr G Banham, Mr M Vaughan, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the February 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.
- Comments from Electors:** 2: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:** 3: Cllr Hughes was not present but had emailed advising that due to the increased engagements he had been attending as Chairman of NCC he was unable to attend but hope to increase attendances after May 2018.
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:** 4: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 5: **Children's Playground.** The order for the work to be carried out on the Multiplay unit had been placed.
- 6: **Lighting Eady's Row.** The order for the replacement lamp had been placed.
- 7: **Gate at Ringstead / Woodford Mill.** Mr Stevens and the Clerk had met with the contractors regarding this work and discussed the landowners' requirement which had resulted in an increased quotation of £2,073.96. As a result, due to the level of increase from £1,026 an order had not been placed. Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Temperance Hall Charity should be requested to release the remainder of the £6,000 originally promised (so far £5,536.75 had been claimed) and that the Clerk request that the Trustees give consideration to further funding. In the meantime, place the order with the contractor. This was proposed by Mrs Fothergill, seconded by Mr Sharkey and unanimously agreed by those present. The Clerk reminded the Council that once the order had been placed it would more than likely preclude any further applications for funding as these usually have to be made before an order is made.
- 8: **Litter Picker.** The Clerk reported that the litter picker was now back at work following her injury.
- 9: **Speed Identification Device.** It was agreed that following a spell in Thrapston Road the device should be located in the High Street, near the phone box targeting southbound vehicles.
- 10: **Sports and Community Complex.** An email was to hand advising that the club had been successful in their bid for funding thereby enabling car parking and landscaping improvements to take place.
- 11: **Verge Cutting Contract.** The amended verge cutting contract had been completed and returned to East Northants Council.
- Planning Issues:**
- 12: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions  
a) None
- 13: New Planning Applications  
a) **21 West Street.** Construction of Conservatory to rear. **No Objection**
- 14: Other Planning Matters  
a) None

**New Correspondence:** 15: **Tree Pruning, Church Green.** Western Power had written seeking permission to prune a tree between Pound Lane and Church Green. The Council had no objection however, advised that in replying the Clerk should advise WP that as the tree was in a conservation area, they should contact ENC too.

<b>Finance:</b>	<b>Account balances brought forward</b>		
	Current Account		£8,002.43
	Interest Account		£6.05
			<b>£8,008.48</b>
	<b>Less</b>		
	2148 Mr P Bird Clerk	£335.00	
	2149 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£60.00	
	2150 Wicksteed Leisure, Playground Inspection	£54.00	
	2151 Woodford Baptist - Hire of meeting room	£72.00	
	2152 Mr P Bird, Clerk Expenses for year (Blue book)	£73.61	
	2153 Help for Heroes (Donation in lieu of audit fee)	£60.00	
	2154 Mr D Cullum underpaid fuel bill	£4.66	
	2155 Mr D Cullum hire of mower	£560.00	
	DD29 Opus Energy Lighting Power supply	£330.98	£1,550.25
	<b>Balance Carried forward</b>		<b>£6,458.23</b>

16: Mrs Robinson proposed, Mr I Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Report from Highways Rep:** 17: Mr Stevens advised that he had reported a number of potholes around the village to Street Doctor.

**Report from Playing Field Committee Rep:** 18: Mr Chapman advised a meeting was taking place in the next few days.

**Any other Business:** 19: Mr Stevens reminded those present that the village litter pick was to take place on the following Saturday.  
 20: The Clerk advised he was looking into how the new Data Protection Act would affect the council.  
 21: The recent road closure near Dodson and Horrell was due to a number of gas leaks, and work was nearing completion.  
 22: Mrs Robinson drew attention to a number of children who were playing dangerously in the Rose Terrace, Whittlesey Terrace and Club Lane areas of the village. Mrs Fothergill agreed to mention at a forthcoming school governors meeting. Mention was also made of a petrol or battery powered go-cart, which was being driven around the streets which due to its height was almost invisible to drivers. Clerk to report to the Police.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Dated