

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th September 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, 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:** Mr G Banham, Mrs Hathaway.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the August 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: Mr Vaughan reported that the next Join Action Group meeting would be on 6th October.
 - 3: There had been a spate of vehicle related crimes at Warmington and Titchmarsh.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:**
- 5: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:**
- 6: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 7: **Memorial Seating.** An order had been placed for two seats. The Jubilee Committee would arrange installation. A meeting was arranged between Parish Councillors and Jubilee Committee to agree locations on 22 September at 10am.
 - 8: **Playing Field Drainage Works.** The Clerks letter to the Playing Fields Committee supporting the proposed drainage works grant application was read out.
 - 9: **Playground Inspection.** In answer to the Clerk's enquiry, Playground Supplies had advised the cost of their safety inspection would be £125.
 - 10: **Centrebus 16.** The Clerk had written to Centrebus requesting whether "through-fares" had been agreed, and whether consideration would be given to improving the service between Woodford and Thrapston. No reply.
 - 11: **Addington Road Safety.** Northants Highways had responded to the council's query to the number of accidents on this stretch of road by referring to www.crashmap.co.uk. Only accidents with Police involvement at recorded. No data is held on the number of cars which "run off the road". There were insufficient incidents to warrant further investigation.
 - 12: **Bollard Sunnyside.** Northants Highways advised this may be possible depending upon the underground services located under the pavement. The cost would however, fall to the Parish Council and would be £500 minimum, more if traffic management was required. Suggestion was made that a concrete planter be installed. The Clerk was asked to make an enquiry as to the cost and legality.
 - 13: **Proposed Kennels.** The Clerk had written to Wellidog suggesting they attend a Council meeting once their application had been submitted to ENC.
 - 14: A letter had also been sent to "objectors" advising their comments would be considered once a formal application had been made.
 - 15: **NALC advice re Grit Bins.** The NALC sent an information sheet to the Council re the pitfalls of adopting Grit Bins. The Clerk advised that he had written to Kier advising the Council would adopt the bin on the footpath between Alledge Drive and Thrapston Road. The legal agreement was now awaited.
 - 16: **Gate and Woodford Mill.** The gate had now been installed, and the slope reprofiled. Councillors agreed that signs advising "no cycling" be provided to a design agreed with Glebe Farm. The Clerk would write to Cllr S Hughes

to advise the project was now complete and thank her once again for organising the grant.

Planning Issues:

- 17: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) **28 Mill Road.** Rear Extension 18/01385/FUL. **Permitted.**
 b) **52A High Street.** Pruning of trees in conservation area 18/01432/TCA. **Permitted.**
- 18: New Planning Applications
 a) None
- 19: Other Planning Matters
 a) None

New Correspondence:

- 20: **Parking on Village Green.** Two letters of complaint were read out regarding the number of cars which parked on the village green during certain summer weekends. Comments suggested a lack of respect and potential damage to the green surface. The Clerk was asked to look into legality of engaging a private wheel-clamping company. It was acknowledged that as the grassed is technically classed as "highway" this may complicate matters.
- 21: **"Yarnbombing Village Green"**. The Woodford WI had written requesting permission to decorate the village green during the Fete and Feast week with knitted bunting etc next summer. The Council had no objection so long as the items were not left in place throughout the whole summer and that the WI took responsibility for the removal after the event.
- 22: **Kennels** – Addington Road. A further complaint had been received regarding the proposed kennels. The Clerk advised he had acknowledged, and that the matter would be discussed once a planning application was submitted.
- 23: **Barclays Bank Closure.** It was noted that the Thrapston Branch where the Council's account was held is to close in early October.
- 24: **Pound Lane footpath.** A resident of Daventry Close had removed a pile of debris from outside the site, and tidied the area. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the resident and thank him for his efforts, but advise the Council may make minor alterations to retain the full width of the footpath.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£5,378.01
Interest Account	£6.05
	£5,384.06

Add

Wayleave payment – Western Power	£22.57
	£5,406.63

Less

2185 Mr P Bird - Clerk	£350.00
2186 Mrs D Bosworth - Litter Picking	£86.13
2187 Mr D Cullum - Groundsman	£54.40
2188 E.on Lighting New lamp Newtown	£816.00
2189 Mr D Cullum – Fuel reimbursement	£34.28
2190 HMRC – Income Tax	£34.00
2191 Gladstone Construction Gate Woodford Mill	£2,488.75
DD35 Opus Energy – Lighting Power	£268.60
	£4,132.16
Balance Carried forward	£1,274.47

- 25: Mr Chapman proposed, Mrs Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Report from Highways Rep:
Report from Playing Field Rep'tative:
Any other Business:

- 26: Mr Stevens had nothing to report.
- 27: Mr Chapman had nothing to report.
- 28: **Hedge at 70 Highfield.** The Clerk as asked to write to the residents requesting the hedge which almost covered the path, be pruned back.

29: **Kennelling.** Clerk was asked to make a "Freedom of Information" enquiry to Borough of Wellingborough Council re representations made to Council regarding kennel facilities at Grendon.

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

Signed

Dated