

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), ~~Mr P Colson~~, Mrs M Colson, Mr J Hawes, Mrs S Hayman, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan, ~~Mr N Walbridge and Mr D Woods.~~
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr Colson, Ms Blanchard, Mr Walbridge & Mr Woods.
- Declaration of Office:** The Chairman welcomed Mrs Robinson to her first Council meeting and Mrs Robinson signed her declaration of office.
- The Chairman read out a letter from Ms Blanchard tendering her resignation as she had moved from the village. Clerk reported that Ms Blanchard had attended 28 out of 33 meetings. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Ms Blanchard. Clerk reported that Notice of the Vacancy had been posted in accordance with regulations and East Northants Council had been informed. The date for calling an election would be 11 May 2010. If an election was not called the Council would be free to co-opt. Agreed that in order to allow time to advertise plus the heavy agenda of the May meeting the co-option would first be considered at the June meeting.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Hawes, seconded by Mrs Colson, and agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Youth Forum Update:**
- 1: The Clerk reported that no one had contacted him as a result of the articles in the Evening Telegraph and the Saints Alive Magazine. Mrs Robinson said one of her sons was interested in the Youth Forum. Article to be repeated in the next Monthly article.
  - 2:
- Police Report:**
- 3: PCSO Cross was in attendance. He reported that crime for the year to end of March was 50 incidents compared to 81 in the previous year.
  - 4: Councillors discussed various acts of anti social behaviour which mainly occurred over the Easter Holidays. Acts included noise and litter in Church Green, a skip overturned at the Working Men's Club, broken beer bottles in the Children's playground, and a storage shed damaged at the Pre School. PCSO Cross said a resident in Church Green had suggested a litter bin might address the littering. Clerk to investigate. PCSO urged Councillors to inform the public that if these events were not reported he was very limited in what he could do.
- Comments from Electors:**
- 5: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:**
- 6: Cllr Langley was not present
- Cllr Hughes Comments:**
- 7: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 8: **Burton Wold Windfarm.** Volkswind had responded informing that the possibility of a visit was still proposed but a date had yet to be set.
  - 9: **Parking Restrictions.** The Clerk had met an NCC representative to clarify the Councils proposals regarding Parking Restrictions in Mill Road. He also confirmed the other proposals made by the council were being progressed.

**Planning Issues:**10: Planning Committee Comments

- a) **The Moorings** – Pair Semi Detached properties EN/10/0318/FUL. **Objection** based on increase traffic, height of buildings, not in keeping with the surroundings, potentially exceeded the allowed property density applied at time of original construction. Chairman drew attention to the considerable correspondence received from local residents objecting to the development of the site.
- b) **Glebe Farm, Addington Road.** Creation of calving unit in former Dutch barn EN/10/00213/ PNA. **No Objection.**
- c) **Riverview House Church Green / Addington Road.** Extension to workshop/garage EN/10/00490/FUL. **No objection** as long as the building does not become a separate property.

11: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions

- a) **Land off Mill Road (Paddock Road).** Construction of 50 dwellings (outline) EN/09/01980/OUT. **Rejected.** Primary reason being that the site is outside of village development zone. Chairman thanked Clerk for attending Planning meeting and speaking out against development.
- b) **Daventry Farm / Pound Lane.** Construction one dwelling and garage. EN/10/00260/FUL. **Permitted.**

12: New Planning Applications

- a) No new applications were discussed at the Council Meeting.

13: Other Planning Matters

- a) **2 Rectory Lane** Appeal EN/09/00587/OUT. Appeal for a dwelling adjacent to 2 Rectory Lane had been upheld.
- b) **Planning Committee.** Clerk raised the issue of circulation of plans to planning committee members between Council meetings, and suggested following technological advances, all councillors (rather than the planning committee) could be advised of the existence of an application electronically, and comments could be sent back to the Clerk for onward transmission to ENC so long as a consensus was reached as at present. Councillors without internet access, if they so wished, could still see a paper copy of the plans. If there was a major disagreement then the matter would be delayed until the following meeting and ENC be requested for an extension for the submission of comments. Unanimously agreed by those present and Standing order amendments to be agreed at Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**New Correspondence:**

- 14: **NALC membership.** Councillors discussed membership but discounted it due to the cost.
- 15: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
  - a) Northants 50+ network news
  - b) NALC Publications
  - c) Clerks and Councils Direct
  - d) ENC Minutes and reports

**Finance:****Account balances brought forward**

Current Account	£1,710.14
High Interest Account	£4,542.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,253.06</b>
Plus	
Interest (March)	£0.93
Rent Fair (Use of Green 2009) John Bugg	£60.00
End of Financial Year Balance 31 March 2010	<b>£6313.99</b>

**Less**

608	Mrs D Bosworth (Litter Picking)	£116.74	
609	Mr D Cullum Hire of Lawn Mower	£270.00	
610	ABB Lighting Maintenance	£234.21	
611	Mr P T Bird (Clerk's Fee)	£240.00	
612	Mr D Cullum (Grass Cutting)	£82.81	£943.76

**Balance Carried forward****£5,370.23**

16: Mrs Colson proposed, Mr Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Any other Business:**

- 17: **Verges.** The Clerk reported that the March cut had not taken place as the grass had not started growing.
- 18: **Additional Post Box – Rose Terrace.** Mrs Robinson asked about the provision of an additional Post Box in Rose Terrace. Clerk to investigate.
- 19: **Dog Fouling.** Mrs Robinson raised the issue of dog fouling in Constable Walk adjacent to the allotments and dogs free of their lead allowed to access and foul her garden. Clerk to report to the Dog Warden

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

Signed

Dated