

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th August 2008 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mr S Clifton, Mr P Colson, Mrs M Colson, Mrs S Hayman, Mr N Holben, Mrs E Reid, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15th July and 24th July, having been circulated were agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr M Vaughan had no comments to make at this stage.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that in the financial year to the end of July thirty crimes had been reported, with ten occurring in July, two of which were burglary.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley was not present.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 5: Cllr Hughes was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 6: **NCC Grant.** The Clerk reported that the grant of £1000 had been received from the County Council but had been made out personally to him; consequently the cheque would need to be returned. The Council agreed that now funding had been secured a "motorbike" Springer should be ordered from Playground Supplies who had carried out the recent repairs to the Playground.
- 7: **BMX Track.** The Clerk's letter to Mr S Jackson was read out, stating that all of the useable spoil would be reused around the play area. Whilst Councillors had not dismissed the idea entirely there were associated problems with such a scheme (see minutes last meeting).
- 8: **Mr A Packham.** The Clerk's letter of condolence was read out.
- 9: **Co-option of Parish Councillor.** The ENC Electoral Officer had reported that an election had not been called and the Council could take the co-option route. The Clerk reported that due to the conflict of holidays and the timetable for re-appointments it had been necessary to delay the advertisement of the vacancy and the matter would now be on the next meetings agenda.
- 10: **Youth Shelter.** The Clerk had responded to Master D Findlay regarding a Youth Shelter.
- 11: **Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan.** Brief discussion took place regarding additional submission regarding the plan. Mr Woods volunteered to assist the Clerk with a submission of additional comments.
- 12: **Multi Use Games Area.** This was now complete and the lines had been painted on the surface. Councillors reported that children were using the area frequently at all times of the day. Comment was made that puddles formed on the surface and the Clerk was asked to investigate before completing the Project Completion Form. Documents also needed to be completed for

submission to WREN in order that they would release the grant totalling £20,000. The invoice payment within these minutes assumes the balance of £20,000 will be paid direct by WREN rather than through the Parish Council

13: The Clerk reported that the Planning Application had been completed and submitted to East Northants Council. The Clerk had included a letter requesting that the Council confirm that and application was actually required before “listing” the application and commencing the application process.

Planning Issues:

14: Planning Committee Comments

- a) **Allotment 12 Thrapston Road.** Conversion of Agricultural Store. EN/08/01232/FUL. The conversion of this building to a plumbers store had been submitted again. The committee agreed that the same objections to the change of use should be submitted again; i.e. outside development area, poor entrance, constructed as an “agricultural store” but never used as one.
- b) **Club Lane / 3a De Capel Close.** Construction of a two storey dwelling and detached garage. EN/08/01228/FUL. Councillors once again questioned the need for the footpath in Club Lane, concern was expressed regarding the loss of street parking, concern property would still be dominant on the landscape and that when this site was originally earmarked for development it was for a bungalow with access from De Capel Close.

The meeting endorsed the above comments.

15: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions

- a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council.

16: New Planning Applications

- a) No further applications were to hand.

17: Other Planning Matters

- a) 48 High Street. The ENC Planning Enforcement Officer had responded that there was no condition within the Permission to prevent the conversion from being brought into use before the construction of the garage.

New Correspondence:

- 18: **Speeding Mill Road.** Mr Bosworth had written to the Clerk asking for traffic calming in Mill Road. The chairman said that this had been often requested. Agreed that the matter should be referred to the Police again.
- 19: **Fire and Rescue Control Centre.** The first of nine regional Control Centres would shortly be going “on line” based at Castle Donington Leics. This would cover the whole of the East Midlands Area.
- 20: **Big Tidy Up.** Keep Britain Tidy was launching a scheme to tidy the country. Agreed that this council would not take part as a Litter Picker is already employed.
- 21: There were no items for circulation.

Donation to Thrapston Town Band:

22: **Attendance at Woodford Feast Weekend.** The appearance fee for the Thrapston Band was discussed and Mr Clifton proposed that £100 be donated (as this was an anniversary year). This was seconded by Mr M Vaughan and agreed by those present.

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

N.B. *Mr I Vaughan declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion*

Balance brought forward	£29,939.73
Plus precept (Advance payment)	£5,500.00
Less	£35,439.73

506	Rainbow Safety Surfacing	£10,503.33
507	East Northants Council (Planning)	£85.00
508	Dales Sports Surfaces (Additional works)	£290.81
509	Mr P T Bird Clerk	£230.00
510	Mrs D Bosworth (14 ¾hrs + £3.60 exp)	£85.02
511	Play and Leisure (MUGA)	£20,481.10
512	Mr D Cullum (11hrs@£6.50+£20 fuel)	£91.50
		£31,766.76

Balance Carried forward**£3,672.97****Account Balances**

Current Account	£1,235.57
High Interest Account	£2,437.40
Total	£3,672.97

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

Any other Business:

- 24: **Footpath Thrapston Road.** Mr Colson drew attention to the poor state of repair of the footpath on the west side of Thrapston Road between Mill Road and the Doctors surgery. Clerk to refer to Street Doctor
- 25: **Sign at end of Thrapston Road.** Mr Woods mentioned that the sign on the old A604 near the junction with Alledge advising that the road to Twywell is unsuitable for HGV, actually obscures the vision line for vehicles leaving Woodford. Clerk to report to NCC / Carillon. The Clerk mentioned that on the other side of the junction (opposite turn to Slipton) the sign advising of the weight limit on the road to Woodford was obscured by trees / shrubs. Clerk to report to NCC / Carillon
- 26: **No Cycling Sign Eady's Row.** Mr I Vaughan said there was a "No cycling" sign missing from the top of Eady's Row.
- 27: **Street Sign for Club Lane.** The free standing street name – "Club Lane" at the junction with Church Street was no longer fixed in the ground. Clerk to refer to East Northants Council.

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

Signed

Dated