

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mr J Hawes, Mrs S Hayman, Mrs E Reid, Mr D Sharples, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Police Inspector N Lyall, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P Colson, Mrs M Colson, Mr I Vaughan, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC),
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mrs Reid, seconded by Mr M Vaughan, and 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 reported that he would be meeting with Mrs Reid to discuss revitalising this forum
- Comments from Electors:** 2: No members of the electorate were present.
- Police Report:** 3: The Chairman welcomed Inspector Lyall to the meeting. The Inspector took charge of the East Northants SCT on 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Inspector discussed the crimes recorded during the past twelve months and was confident that crime levels would fall this year in Woodford, following actions taken by the Police and Spire Homes. Crime for the period April to July across North Northants was in fact 300 incidents less. The Inspector revealed that additional officers would be joining the Community Policing Team during the autumn, additionally confirming that he did not have limitless resources and had to deploy officers to the areas of greatest concern. He did however; stress the need for residents to complete the cards recently circulated to all villagers to highlight what they thought should be Police Priorities. Councillors raised a number of low level concerns around the village including untaxed cars, Police vehicle parked on restricted areas (Great Addington) and motorcycles and quadbikes using the Shrubbery.
- 4: Crime figures for the month of July totalled four incidents (1 Burglary, 1 Criminal Damage, 2 Theft/handling) bringing the total for the year to 16
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 5: Cllr Langley was not present.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 6: Cllr Hughes was not present.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 7: **Former Councillors.** The Clerks letters to Mr Holben and the family of the late Mr Clifton was read out (Mr Clifton had died three days following the last meeting, one day short of his eighty eighth birthday.)
- 8: **ENC Refuse Vehicle.** ENC had responded to the Council's complaint about the damage caused by the refuse wagon to kerbs and verges in Highfield and West Street refuting the allegations. The Council suggested that any damage caused should be reported immediately to the ENC when it happened so that it could be investigated.
- 9: **Laburnum Cottage.** The resident had responded regarding the planting of the trees, apologising for not seeking permission, but requesting that some form of planting be allowed. Councillors agreed to refer the matter to Drayton Estate for their comments.
- 10: **Playground Inspection** – Order Acknowledged
- Planning Issues:** 11: Planning Committee Comments  
a) The Planning Committee had not commented on any plans since the last

meeting.

12: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions

- a) **Land adjacent 10 Long Row** Construction of dwelling. EN/09/00770/REM Reserved Matters **Approved.**

13: New Planning Applications

- a) **43 Highfield** Construction of conservatory to rear EN/09/01134/FUL. **No Objections Raised**

14: Other Planning Matters

- a) The Appeal for 1 Rectory Lane had been heard but the result was not known.

**New Correspondence:**

- 15: **Horses in The Shrubbery.** A letter had been received from Mrs Ellmer complaining about the horses going off the bridleway in the Shrubbery. Damage is being caused widening the “courting walk” footpath. Courting Walk Footpath. The Clerk had received complaint from Mr K Clipston that the “Courting Walk” footpath was totally overgrown and was difficult to walk along. Clerk to write to Drayton and also Right of Way team advising of the problem and asking whether it would be possible to erect any form of sign.
- 16: **Footpaths from Railway Line.** Mr Stevens (Whittlesea Terrace) had written complaining about the damage being done to gates and footpaths in the area adjacent to the lock and the former railway line by wheeled vehicles. Clerk to inform correspondent that the matter is frequently referred to the Police and the landowner and would be once again.
- 17: **Standards Board Member.** The Council had a ballot paper to take part in a ballot for a new member and of the local Standards Board and the after duly considering all three candidates a representative from Harringworth Council was chosen.
- 18: **Public Telephone Box.** Correspondence was to hand from British Telecom offering the ‘phone box to the Council for £1.00. The equipment would be removed but the box could then be used for whatever purpose the Council wished. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk pursue this matter. (No calls had been made from the box during the previous twelve months and BT indicated that at least four mobile phone networks were accessible from this location.)
- 19: **Rectory Lane Junction.** Mrs Lewis of Rectory Lane had written requesting a mirror to aid visibility opposite the junction of Rectory Lane and Addington Road. Councillors agreed to discuss this matter with when looking at the parking restriction issues, junction safety.
- 20: **Street Lighting.** A quote was to hand for re-plumbing PL14 in Highfield and replacing the lamp on PL39 in the High Street for £120 and £245 respectively. Mr Vaughan Proposed, Mr Hawes seconded that the work be carried out and this was unanimously agreed.
- 21: **ENC Community Development Team.** Details of changes to this team were to hand and detailed changes in responsibility amongst the officers involved.
- 22: There were no items of correspondence to be circulated.

**Finance:**

**Account Balances brought forward**

Current Account		£8,405.21	
High Interest Account		£42.27	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£8,447.48</b>
<b>Less</b>			
565 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking		£64.02	
566 Mr P Bird Clerk		£240.00	
567 E.on Lighting Power		£229.23	
568 St. Mary’s Church (upkeep churchyard)		£250.00	
569 Mr D Cullum Grass-cutting		£46.20	£829.45

**Balance Carried forward****£7,618.03**

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

**Conservation Area Status:**

24: The Clerk and Mrs Reid had met the Conservation Officer from East Northants Council. The Council's (ENC) proposal was to make much of Woodford that was Edwardian or earlier a conservation area with exceptions where certain properties had been substantially altered. A report was being compiled to gain Council approval to pursue Public Consultation.

**Parking Restriction Consultation:**

25: The Clerk reported that he had written to many households informing them of the Councils Proposals but had not received many responses to date. A full report would be provided to the next meeting.

**Any other Business:**

26: **Prince of Wales Public House.** Mr Sharples suggested the Council write to the present manager of the Prince of Wales commending him on the cleanliness of the area since he took over. Agreed by all.

27: **Litter – Footpath to Rose Terrace from High Street.** Mr Hawes mentioned the litter in this footpath to the rear of the old Infant School. Clerk to take up with litter picker.

28: **Hedge** – corner of Highfield / Mill Road. Mr Vaughan reported that this hedge had still not been cut back. Clerk informed meeting that it had been reported to Street Doctor, but he would follow up.

29: **Fallen fruit.** The Clerk had received a complaint about fallen fruit on the pavements around Rose Terrace. Clerk to refer to Street Doctor.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed

Dated