
Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th August 2011 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr N Chapman, Mr P Colson, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mrs W Iversen, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan, Mrs D Winn and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC), Police.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the July 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.
- Youth Forum Update:** 1: Mr M Vaughan reported he was looking to engage the Youth of the village once again and had held initial talks with the Working Men's Club as a location for future meetings etc.. Mr Chapman suggested that an area of the Playing field be adapted for Bicycle Motor Cross. No other views expressed – (see minutes July 2008 para 28).
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present due to shift patterns not coinciding with the Council meeting. The Clerk reported that the crime figures for July comprised one burglary of dwelling, one burglary other, one incident of theft, one theft of motor vehicle, one violent offence and three acts of criminal damage.
- 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: **Junction Lines adjacent to White Horse.** Clerk reported that this had been reported to the Street Doctor.
7: **Double yellow lines** adjacent to Church Green Junction in Addington Road. The erosion of these lines had been reported to the Street Doctor.
8: **Playground fence.** The outcome of the grant application was still awaited.
- Planning Issues:** 9: Plans commented upon since last meeting
a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
10: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council
11: New Planning Applications
a) Adjacent to 16 Whittlesea Terrace 11/01050/FUL. One Dwelling. Garage would be demolished and a "Victorian" style property would be constructed instead. Councillors noted correspondence from residents in the locality (Messrs Lee and Stevens). **No objection** to the new property was voiced however; access to the parking spaces using the private land / road to the east of the site should be agreed prior to permission being awarded otherwise parking for two properties could be all located on the road.
12: Other Planning Matters
a) Land rear Prince of Wales. 11/00915/FUL. This would be heard at the

Development Control Meeting at ENC on 17 August.

- New Correspondence:**
- 13: **Playground Inspection.** Wicksteed had written to offer a playground inspection service. It was agreed an unaccompanied inspection be ordered.
- 14: **Bus Service.** New Timetables would be introduced from the beginning of September. Minor changes to the times of buses had been made as the service no longer called at Twywell, Slipton or Lowick.
- 15: **Polling Station Review.** Polling Stations have been reviewed as to their suitability by ENC. The Parish Council had no comments.
- 16: **Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan.** This had now been adopted by ENC.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£2,788.93	
High Interest Account		£5,045.14	
Total			£8,392.75
Less			
686 Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting / Ground work	£39.20		
687 Mrs D Bosworth Litterpicking	£76.86		
688 P Bird Clerk	£200.00		
689 E.on Lighting Power	£242.62	£558.68	
Balance Carried forward			£7,834.07

- 17: Mr Woods proposed, Mr M Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.
- 18: Councillors discussed the current bank mandate and also the restrictions that would apply once it was updated. Mr Chapman proposed, Mr I Vaughan seconded and it was unanimously agreed that no change should be applied at present.

War Memorial Landscaping:

- 19: The construction of a fence around the war memorial was discussed following receipt of an estimate for the fencing being received at a cost of £3,340. This did not include the cost of installing a row of slabs around the base of the memorial to fix the fence to. The provision of a seat was suggested as a method of stopping people sitting on the memorial was also discussed. It was agreed that the matter be included on the next month's agenda and in the meantime the clerk obtain a further quotation for the fencing at a lower height of 30 inches/800mm.

Upgrading of Street Lighting:

- 20: Discussion took place regarding how the mercury street lamps should be upgraded, and Councillors agreed that the West Street area and Highfield should be addressed first. Clerk to contact E.on to obtain quotations.

Donation to Thrapston Town Band:

- 21: Thrapston Town Band once again had performed outside of the Working Men's Club as part of the Feast Celebrations. As a consequence of inviting the band the Council was asked to make a suitable contribution to Band funds. Mr Sharples proposed and Mrs Cooke seconded that £75 be paid. All in agreement.

Declaration of Interest***Mr I B Vaughan***

(Mr I Vaughan being a member of the band declared a non prejudicial interest in the matter and took no part in the discussion.)

Any other Business:

- 22: **Litter Bins.** Clerk was asked to report the fact that since the introduction of the new Refuse Contract, litter / dog bins were no longer being emptied.
- 23: **Highfield.** Mr Chapman reported that Highfield had been patched in a

number of areas but not resurfaced. A large number of cracks and uneven surfaces remained. Clerk to Cllr Langley.

- 24: **Dead Tree Rose Terrace.** Mr Bird (Chair) said that Mr E Coales had offered to remove a dead tree in Rose Terrace. Thanks were offered by those present.
- 25: A report had been received that a tree at the top of West Street now had very low branches impeding pedestrians. Clerk to report to Street Doctor

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

Dated