

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th December 2009 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mrs M Colson, Mr J Hawes, Mrs S Hayman, Mr M Hurst, Mrs E Reid, Mr D Sharples, Mr M Vaughan, Mr N Walbridge and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P Colson, Mr I Vaughan, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC), PCSO Cross.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Hawes, seconded by Mrs Hayman, 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 Vaughan had no comment in this respect.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present, but a report was to hand informing that the Speed Identification Device was still planned to be installed in the village. Councillors asked that it either be place in Thrapston Road or near the village green.
3: There had been 4 crime incidents reported during the month of November.
4: Mr Hurst said there had been a theft of lead from Grafton Underwood Church on the previous evening.
- 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: **William Davis Future Development.** The Clerk's letter to East Northants Council regarding the potential William Davis development being constructed outside the village development zone, and contrary to the proposed Rural North Oundle and Thrapston plan. No reply to date.
9: **Hedge Highfield.** Clerk reported that NCC were still attempting to resolve the issue of the overgrown hedge at the entrance to Highfield
10: **Phonebox.** No formal ideas had been formalised although Mr Sharples drew attention to a telephone box being used as a "library"
11: **Playground Fence.** Clerk reported he was still trying to obtain prices for fencing around the children's playground. He was asked to enquire whether there were any grants available from ENC or similar.
12: **Wind Farm – Ringstead** Volkswind had written detailing the responses received so far from the Windfarm exhibition for the proposed wind farm at Ringstead. A visit was proposed to the Burton Wold site and a number of Councillors expressed an interest. Clerk to pursue.
13: **Wind Farm – Cranford.** Twywell Parish Council had written to the Parish Council informing of a proposal to site four turbines between Cranford and Twywell. Councillors noted the correspondence but felt that the site would not be very visible from Woodford. Councillors did express surprise at the lack of co-ordination over the siting of various wind farms. Clerk said he understood that East Northants Council had included details in the latest Development Frameworks but these had been deleted by the inspector
14: **Islip Furnace Site.** The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting at East Northamptonshire House regarding the future development of the Islip

Furnace Site. Developers proposed four large warehouses on the Paragon site with one separate office block. It was seen by East Northants Council as an inevitable use for the brownfield site, and the Council was concerned that the site would be used for warehousing as oppose to a more hi-tech usage or giving local residents the potential for aspirational careers. The developers suggested in excess of a thousand jobs could be generated which would benefit the local economy. Critics suggested that employees would probably come from further afield thereby increasing the amount of traffic on what is an unsuitable approach road. Lighting of the site was also raised as a concern. It was noted however, that if the site was being developed in such a manner such environmental issues would need to meet the latest guidelines unlike the present site which has evolved over time thus not requiring certain criteria to be met. It was likely that most of the Planning Issues would be dealt with at Outline Planning Stage with the detail being dealt with by "Reserved Matters"

Planning Issues:15: Planning Committee Comments

a) The Planning Committee had not commented on any plans since the last meeting.

16: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions

17: **14 Whittlesea Terrace** EN/09/01642/FUL. Two storey rear extension. **Planning Permission granted**

18: New Planning Applications

a) **Jenny Wren Boat yard** – First Floor extension EN/09/01803/FUL A first floor extension was planned for this partly built building. **No Objection.**

New Correspondence:

19: **Fair 2010.** Mr Bugg had written confirming the fair would visit from 11th July until Monday 19th July, opening on Wednesday – Saturday, 14th – 17th July. Clerk asked to acknowledge.

20: **Street Lighting.** E.on had written advising that by 2015 new mercury lamp installations would be phased out and maintenance of such fittings may become difficult. Lamps on wooden poles were also due to be phased out and it was important that ownership of the pole was passed on to the Parish Council if the pole no longer carried power cables.

Finance:**Account Balances**

Current Account	3,207.98
High Interest Account	7,542.27
Total	10,750.25

Less

590 E.on Lighting Maintenance (quarter)	292.74
591 Mrs D Bosworth (Litter Picking)	86.44
592 ENC Verge cutting	1,390.93
593 E.on Months lighting months power	229.23
594 Mr P Bird Clerk's salary	240.00
	<u>2,239.34</u>
Balance Carried forward	8,510.91

21: Mrs Colson proposed, Ms Blanchard seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Conservation Area:

22: The idea of the proposed Conservation Area was discussed. Councillors welcomed the proposal in principle suggesting that this would be a good

opportunity to improve certain areas of the village. Clerk to respond appropriately.

**Budget / Precept
2010 / 2011:**

- 23: The Clerk presented estimates of projected expenditure for the forthcoming financial year. Following discussion and agreeing a budget (appended to these minutes the Clerk was asked to Precept the East Northamptonshire Council for £12,000. (£500 less than 2009/10)

**Trustees Woodford
General Charity:**

- 24: The chairman informed the meeting that two Trustees of the General Charity, appointed by the Parish Council, terms of office had expired. Councillors unanimously agreed to re-nominate Mr D Gill and Mr R Railton for a further term.

Any other Business:

- 25: **Potholes Highfield.** There were a significant number of potholes in the entrance to Highfield. Clerk to report to Street Doctor.
- 26: **Drain outside 10 Mill Road.** Mr M Vaughan reported that this drain was blocked. Report to Street Doctor.
- 27: **Potholes in Whittlesea Terrace / Club Lane.** A significant number of potholes had developed at the junction of Whittlesea Terrace and Club Lane – Clerk to refer to Street Doctor
- 28: **Potholes Mill Road.** Clerk was asked to refer a number of potholes in Mill Road to NCC
- 29: **30mph warning sign.** Mr Hurst asked about the possibility of installing a 30mph warning sign that illuminated when a speeding vehicle approached. The chairman explained that these had been investigated in the past but were cost prohibitive for a small Parish such as Woodford.
- 30: **War Memorial.** Chairman asked Clerk to obtain prices for remedial works to war memorial once weather improved. Work required includes re pointing and sealing stone work.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

Dated