

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr P Colson, Mr M Hackney, Mr J Hawes, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan and, Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk), Mr P Lindsay, Mr M Riddle.
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Hayman, Mr N Walbridge, Mr D Woods, Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC).
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the January Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr Hawes, seconded by Mrs Robinson, 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 had no comments to make.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that During January there had been two incidents of burglary (Non house), one act of criminal damage and two of violence taking the total to 49 for the financial year.
3: Mr M Vaughan reported that youths in the children's playground after dark were throwing stones at vehicles passing to the Working Men's Club. He also reported a silver car which frequently speeds in Mill Road. Mr D Sharples reported that a number of cars had been tampered with in Newtown. Clerk to report to Police.
- Comments from Electors:** 4: Members of the electorate present had no comments..
- 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: **Painting Playground Equipment.** The Clerk reported that the application for a Community Safety Grant from ENC towards the repainting of the playground equipment had been successful and the full amount requested totalling £1000 had been awarded. Additionally Cllr Langley had offered to provide funding for the balance from the Councillors Empowerment Scheme. Two quotations had been received to date and a third was still awaited. The Clerk advised that in order to qualify for the ENC grant the work would need to be completed and invoiced before 31 March. Mr M Vaughan proposed and Mr J Hawes seconded the proposal, and Councillors agreed that the Clerk should place an order with the lowest priced provider received by 28th February.
8: **Drayton Estate.** The Estate's land agent had written with regard to the recent events surrounding the trees on Back Green and apologised for not supporting the Council in this regard. They went on to thank the Council for the support offered to the estate within the village and sought to continue to work together where possible.
- Planning Issues:** 9: Planning Committee Comments
a) The Planning Committee had not commented on any plans since the last meeting.
10: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council

11: New Planning Applications

- a) **Rose Terrace - Land to Rear of Dukes Arms** Construction of Two Dwellings EN/10/01578/FUL A second amended application had been received, but the minor changes did not address any of the Councils previous objections. Clerk asked to **Object** once again.
- b) **Tree on land to South of the Moorings.** To cut crown of Willow tree EN/11/00175/TCA. **No objection**

12: Other Planning Matters

- a) **Rear 91 Mill Road Garage and Snooker Room** EN/10/02019/FUL **Withdrawn.**

New Correspondence:

- 13: **Internal Audit.** Advice was to hand from NALC advising that the effectiveness of internal audit be reviewed each year. Item to be recorded as an agenda item for next meeting.
- 14: **Big Tree Plant.** The opportunity to apply for a grant for tree planting around the village was discussed and Councillors were asked to consider potential locations. The grant could be applied for now, but the tree planting need not take place until the autumn. To be discussed again at the April meeting.
- 15: **Payphones.** The Clerk reported that a revised contract had been issued by BT for the telephone kiosk. And due to time constraints had been signed by the Chairman and returned to BT. The contract change meant that the light inside the kiosk would be paid for by BT for the initial years and transferred at a later date.
- 16: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
- a) North Northants Planning Document.

Finance:**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£4,275.81	
High Interest Account		£5,045.14	
Total			£9,320.95
Less			
656 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£89.89		
657 P T Bird Clerk Fee	£250.00		
658 E.on Lighting Power	£233.50		
659 Wicksteed Leisure Playground Supplies	£3,265.20	£3,838.59	
Balance Carried forward			£5,482.36

- 17: Mr Hawes proposed, Mrs Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Location of New Seats:

- 18: The Clerk reported that one request for a seat had been received for a seat to be placed on the old Bus Shelter concrete plinth in Mill Road and a further suggestion that a seat be placed in the Recreation field but not close to the children's playground. Councillors discussed various locations for the four new seats and concluded that the a replacement seat for the slab in Rectory Lane (facing the Green), Mill Road Bus Stop, Recreation Playing Field on existing concrete plinth, village green adjacent to the War Memorial. Clerk to publicise locations in the Saints Alive and to ask Mr D Cullum to quote for the installation costs.

Removal of Tree in Pound Lane

- 19: Mr Hackney drew attention to the swift removal of the Field Maple tree in Pound Lane and commented that one of the conditions covering its removal was that permission was required from the owner. As the Council had planted the tree and rented the land it stood on it could be implied that the Council owned the tree. Concern was also raised that the stump was still in situ.

Agreed that the Clerk write to ENC planning to explore options available.

Any other Business: 20: Mr P Colson drew attention to a DHL initiative to assist with local community projects.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Dated