

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st July 2009 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mr P Colson, Mrs M Colson, Mr J Hawes, Mrs E Reid, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk), PCSO G Cross.
- Apologies for absence:** Mr D Sharples Mrs S Hayman, Cllr A Langley (NCC).
- The Clerk reported that Mr Holben had now missed six consecutive meetings thereby losing his position by default. Mr M Vaughan reported that Mr Holben had now moved from the village. Furthermore the Clerk reported that Mr Clifton's position would also need to be declared vacant as he had missed more than six meetings and there were no special provisions for long term illness. Councillors agreed the Clerk formally declare the vacancies and post the appropriate notices and inform the appropriate authorities. Additionally the Clerk was asked to write to both gentlemen thanking them for their service to the village.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mr I Vaughan, 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 Vaughan had nothing to report.
- Police Report:** 2: PCSO Cross reported that there had been just one crime in June but two had already been reported during July, both connected with the building site at Daventry Farm. Mention was once again made of the illegal use of motorcycles/quadbikes in the Shrubbery and on the bridleways around the village.
3: PCSO Cross informed that with the August Saints Alive priority cards were to be issued to all residents enabling villagers to record the types of crime that affect them. Cards to be returned to collection boxes around the village.
4: Inspector N Lyall had sent his apologies but would attend the August meeting of the Parish Council.
- 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: The Chairman congratulated Cllr Hughes on his recent election to the County Council representing Raunds. Cllr Hughes drew attention to the reduced funding that would be provided by Central Government to both the County Council and District Council. Cllr Hughes also suggested that various grants available from the authorities would be significantly reduced over future months.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 8: **Leylandii Trees at Laburnum Cottage.** The Clerks letter to the residents of Laburnum Cottage, Church Green was read out. Drayton Estate had confirmed that permission for the planting had not been given.
- 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) **Sub Division of grounds at 2 Rectory Lane EN/0900587/OUT**

Refused. Not in keeping with the street scene irregular width plot.

11: New Planning Applications

- a) No new planning applications had been received.

12: Other Planning Matters

- a) Cranford Landfill Site. NCC had given permission for the revision of the restoration contours and the siting of a gas flare stack.
b) ENC had provided a list of outstanding Planning permissions which had been awarded but the works remained incomplete.

New Correspondence:

13: **Parish Enhancement Gangs.** MGWSP (Highways contractors) had introduced Parish Enhancement Gangs. These teams would visit each Parish in the county once per year to carry out general maintenance, e.g. sign cleaning kerb repairs, strimming, painting bollards etc. Councillors welcomed the scheme and agreed to produce a list of potential tasks in preparation for the as yet un-timetabled visit.

14: **St Mary's Church.** A set of accounts for the year ending December 2008 were to hand showing a net deficit of £1643 for the year. After much discussion Mr Colson proposed and Mrs Reid seconded that a donation of £250 (as last year) be made to the Church. All in favour.

15: **Conservation Area Review.** ENC wished to consult with the Parish Council regarding the introduction of a Conservation Area within Woodford. The proposed date being 28 July at 2.00pm Messrs Bird and Hawes and Mrs Reid agreed to attend the meeting with the Clerk. A proposed plan was circulated to Councillors. The plan showed properties which would be included, most of which were the older properties in the village. Three zones were identified – south of the village green, properties around the village green and north of the green. Important open views within the village were also shown. Conservation Area status generally restricts development within the zone, but also gives additional powers to allow for improvements to the area. Clerk / Chairman to report to PC following the meeting with ENC once further information was to hand.

16: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:

- a) EMDA News
b) EMDA Partial Review
c) Clerks & Councils Direct
d) Village Viewpoint Magazine
e) ENC Minutes and reports

Finance:

Account Balances brought forward

Current Account	£9,041.77
High Interest Account	£42.27
	£9,084.04

plus

E.on Wayleave	£19.59
	£9,103.63

Less

560 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£106.52
561 E.on Lighting Power	£229.23
562 P Bird Clerk	£240.00
563 Mr D Cullum (shortfall last month)	£2.74
564 Mr D Cullum 8 hrs grass-cutting @6.60 +24.74 fuel	£77.54
	£656.15

Balance Carried forward

£8,447.48

17: Mrs Reid proposed, Mrs Colson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Traffic Flow and Parking

- 18: **Double yellow lines.** The Chairman reported on the meeting he had attended with the Clerk and Cllrs Sharples, Reid and Hawes with County Council Officials. Areas viewed included Club Lane, Church Green, High Street, Newtown and Mill Road. All suggested areas for inclusion of additional double yellow lines, or the removal of double yellow lines were permissible and it had been suggested that a public consultation be had in order to gain public opinion before making proposals to the County Council. Clerk to write to potentially affected households, and post notices in the Evening Telegraph and Saints Alive.
- 19: **Village Gateways.** The Clerk had enquired about the provision of village gateways and had been told that due to the distance these needed to be set back from the edge of the road the verges around Woodford were not sufficiently wide enough to accommodate them.

Any other Business:

- 20: **Hedges along Mill Road / Thrapston Road.** Mr Hawes mentioned the flailed hedges in Thrapston Road, Mill Road and Old Kettering Road. Clerk to follow up with Natural England.
- 21: **Litter Bin adjacent to School Gate.** Clerk said that the School Governing Body had requested that the bin be moved from the main gate. The bin was little used due to its location and was unsightly. There were two bins located within 50 metres of the location so was surplus to requirements. Councillors agreed that the bin did not serve a purpose and suggested that the Clerk write to ENC requesting its removal.

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

Signed

Dated