

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr P Colson, Mr M Hurst, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** PC Cowley, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Hawes, Mrs Colson, Mrs Hayman, Mrs Robinson, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Langley
- Minutes of Parish Meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Meeting, having been circulated were proposed as a true record by Mr M Vaughan, seconded by Mr I Vaughan and agreed by all.
- 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 M Vaughan was to meet Mr and Mrs Deacon of the Baptist Chapel Youth Group to discuss the potential for restarting the Youth Forum.
- Comments from Electors:** 2: Ms Colson and Mr Whalley representing the Preschool informed the Council of a number of occurrences of vandalism to the property.
- Police Report:** 3: PC Cowley discussed the Council's concerns about the vandalism presently being caused in the vicinity of the Working Men's Club and Pre School premises. The PC suggested some form of "delineation" – a form of exclusion zone for the youths around the building. Mr Colson asked whether the mobile CCTV camera could be installed for a period of time. PC Cowley to follow up. It was suggested that the Playing Field Committee meet in conjunction with the Police to come to some conclusion. Clerk to write to Mr Perkins to update him and request that any meeting held included the Parish Council's representative – Mr Colson.
- 4: There had been ten reported crime incidents in May 3 burglary of houses, 4 burglary other, 2 acts of criminal damage and 1 violent act.
- 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: **Woodford Working Men's Club.** Clerk's letter to the secretary suggesting that that matters of vandalism must be referred to the Police, not the Parish Council. (See para 2/3 above)
- 8: **Parking Restrictions.** NCC had written with proposals to amendments to the parking restrictions in the village. These replicated the Council's proposals of 2010.
- 9: **Vandalism to vehicle Highfield.** The Clerk's letter to Mrs Leadbitter, Highfield was noted.
- 10: **Seat, Church Green.** The missing seat had mysteriously re-appeared. It was believed a local resident had removed the seat due to youths congregating there. Councillors agreed that residents should report such "public nuisance" incidents to the Police; not take the law into their own hands.
- 11: **WI – Bulb planting.** The Clerk's letter to the WI advising the council had no objection to bulb planting was read out.
- Planning Issues:** 12: Planning Committee Comments

- a) The Planning Committee had not considered any plans since the last meeting.
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
- a) **2 Church Street.** Construction of Sun Lounge EN/10/00672/FUL **Permitted**
- b) **Riverview House Addington Rd.** EN/10/100490/FUL Extension to stores and partial conversion to sun room. **Permitted.**
- 14: New Planning Applications
- a) **2A Mill Road Woodford** EN/10/00660/FUL. Conservatory to the rear of property. **No Objection.**
- b) **13 Club Lane Woodford.** EN/10/01005/FUL Detached store playroom (adjacent to Bakers Lane). **No Objection.**
- 15: Other Planning Matters
- a) **William Davis Site Appeal.** The Clerk's response to the Planning Inspectorate was read out, citing reasons why the Council believed the site should not be expanded
- 16: **ENC Communication with local Councils.** ENC were holding a meeting with the "central" cluster of councils on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk had sent apologies as the meeting coincided with this meeting. A request for minutes etc had been made.
- 17: **Clerk's Salary.** The Clerk had written to the Council asking the councillors to reconsider the pay increase awarded at the last meeting. Councillors reconsidered their decision and unanimously affirmed it, thanking the Clerk for his efforts.  
*NB P T Bird withdrew from the meeting for this item.*
- 18: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
- a) Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine
- b) ENC minutes

**New Correspondence:**

**Finance:**

**Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£6568.66	
High Interest Account		£4543.85	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£11,112.51</b>
<b>Less</b>			
618 E.on Lighting Power (month)	£234.21		
619 E.on Lighting Maintenance (quarter)	£300.11		
620 Mrs D Bosworth Litterpicking (15 ½ hrs + £3.89)	£93.59		
621 Mr P Bird Clerking Services	£240.00	£867.91	
<b>Balance Carried forward</b>			<b>£10,244.60</b>

- 19: Mr Hurst proposed, Mr Sharples seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Co-option of Parish Councillor:**

- 20: Councillors were advised of two contenders for the present vacancy; Mr Hackney and Mrs Mearns. Following a secret vote Mr Hackney received 4 votes and Mrs Mearns 3 votes. Mr Hackney was duly elected. Clerk to inform both electors.

**Anti Social Behaviour : Use of Village Green by Scouts**

- 21: This agenda item was covered with the Police see paragraph 3 above.
- 22: Clerk reported that the scouts wished to collect scrap metal on or near the village green on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Councillors had no objection so long as scouts took responsibility for safety in the area. Clerk to respond accordingly.

**Any other Business:**

- 23: **Motocross.** Councillors expressed concern that the last Motocross event had resulted in a large number of vehicles parking on the road, which contradicted previous Police advice. Clerk to mention concerns to Police.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed

Dated