

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 June 2011 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan (Chair), Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk), Mr P Colson
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P J Bird, Cllr Hughes, Police
- Minutes of 2011 Annual Parish Meeting** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting having been circulated, were agreed as a true record by those present. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman sign them as such..
- Minutes of last Parish Council meeting:** The minutes of the May 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: There were no comments from Mr M Vaughan
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present.
3: The Clerk reported that the total previously reported crime for April had now been reduced to five. However, two burglaries, three incidents of theft and one each of criminal damage and deception had occurred in May taking the total since 1 April to twelve.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley drew attention to the £30m investment in long term road repairs in the County
5: Cllr Langley agreed to investigate the status of the resurfacing work in Highfield
6: The Clerk drew attention to the recently painted yellow lines in Addington Road near Church Green which were already severely worn away.
7: Cllr Langley said that there had been many complaints about the switching off of street lights and the Council were now looking to pass over responsibility to local councils (as already occurs with many parishes) so that the responsibility would become a local issue.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 8: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 9: **Former Councillor Mrs S Hayman.** The Clerk had written to Mrs Hayman as requested at he last meeting thanking her for her (almost) 27 years association with the Council.
10: **Transfer of Land at the Paddocks.** The Clerk had sought an update from the solicitors but the matter apparently was presently with the vendors solicitors and a response was needed from them.
11: **Dropped Kerb Mill Road Junction.** The Clerk had referred this matter to NCC who would investigate the suggestion of introducing a dropped kerb at the Mill Road / High Street Junction.
- Planning Issues:** 12: Planning Committee Comments
a) No plans had been received since the last meeting.
13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
a) **32B High Street.** Alterations to single storey building. EN/11/00574/FUL Permitted.
b) **Old Station House, Old Kettering Road** Conversion of outbuildings to

annex. EN/10/00635/FUL. **Refused.** Creating new dwelling in open countryside.

- c) **78 Highfield** Single Storey rear extension EN/1100315/FUL **Permitted**
- d) **1The Moorings** Felling one plum tree and thinning of apple tree EN/11/00567/TCA. **Permitted.**

14: New Planning Applications

- a) **1 Daventry Close –The Granary** – Construction of Garden Shed / Decking (retrospective). EN/11/00740/FUL. Councillors discussed the application but had **no objection.**

15: Other Planning Matters

- a) **Dukes Arms Car Park.** Construction of two dwellings EN/10/001578. This application had now been **withdrawn.**
- b) Correspondence was to hand regarding the development of **Priors Hall, Deene** informing council that if further information was required then it must be requested. Councillors agreed there was no consequence to Woodford.

- New Correspondence:**
- 16: **Kissing Gate – Rose Terrace.** Mr Hawes had written concerning a broken kissing gate at the end of Rose Terrace into the Leys. The Clerk had reported to the matter to Street Doctor
 - 17: **Church Fete** Mr Goodband had written on behalf of the church requesting permission to use the village green for the Church Fete. Councillors had no objection so long as steps were take to protect the war memorial and that the church realised that the Parish Council insurance would not cover the event.
 - 18: **Open Land – The Paddocks.** Mr Drewery of The Paddocks had written complaining about the state of the grass in the Paddocks. Councillors asked the Clerk to take the matter up with the solicitors handling the transfer of the land and request that the land was in good state at the date of transfer. Additionally respond to Mr Drewery confirming that at present the maintenance of the open land was the responsibility of William Davis.
 - 19: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
 - a) Highways newsletter
 - b) Northants Fifty plus network
 - c) Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account			£3,690.16
High Interest Account			£5,045.14
Total			£8,735.30
Less			
676 Mrs D Bosworth Litterpicking + exp		£86.97	
677 Clerk – Mr P Bird		£200.00	
678 E.on Street Lighting (Month Power)		£202.18	£489.15
Balance Carried forward			£8246.15

- 20: Mr M Hackney proposed, Mr D Sharples seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Approval of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2010/11

- 21: The statement of accounts for the years ending 2011 having been audited and circulated to councillors were discussed and agreed to be a true record of the Council's financial function during the previous year. Mr Vaughan proposed and Mr Woods seconded that the Chairman sign the document. Unanimously approved.
- 22: The Chairman drew attention to the annual Governance statement and it was proposed by Mr Woods and seconded by Mr M Vaughan and unanimously

agreed that the statements be answered in the affirmative, with the exception of number 9 which was not applicable

Co-option of Parish Councillors

23: The Clerk reported that he had received six expressions of interest for the five vacancies. All six persons appeared on the Register of Electors. It was unanimously agreed that all be accepted as potential candidates and following the selection process Mrs D Winn, Mr N Chapman, Mr P Colson, Mrs S Cooke and Mrs W Iversen be duly elected as Parish Councillors. The Clerk was asked to inform them of their success and thank Mr Shortle for his interest in the position.

Any other Business:

24: **Footpath Addington Road.** Mr P Colson drew attention to the overgrown footpath in Addington Road (Northern end of PE12). Clerk to report to Street Doctor.

25: **Playing Fields.** A query was raised regarding a group of caravans parked on the playing fields. Mr M Vaughan said he understood that these were a remnant of the "Times of their Lives " Rally which had been held for a number of years, and the WMC still allowed these few vans to visit for a few days each year.

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

Signed

Dated