

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th March 2010 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, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan and Mr N Walbridge.
- In attendance:** Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P Colson, Mr D Woods. Cllr D Hughes (ENC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, were proposed by Mrs Colson, seconded by Mr 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 drew attention to the availability of grants for implementing parish plans, through surveys, etc. Following discussion it was evident that prior to applying for a grant, a specific need was required for the application. The Youth Forum's aims were discussed and Mr Vaughan said he was keen to resurrect the forum. It was agreed that an item be included in the next Saints Alive article requesting any interested youths contact the Clerk in the first instance.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. Clerk reported there had been two instances of criminal damage, one theft from a motor vehicle and one instance of theft / handling.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley drew attention to the fact that the Chief Executive of NCC would be leaving. The Council were also unimpressed by the North Northants Joint Planning Unit advertising the north of the county as "North Londonshire". It was felt that the NNJPU was out of touch with, and out of reach of the local electorate.
5: Concern was expressed that the wider use of "satnav" Woodford was used as a shortcut by heavy goods vehicles, especially when the A14 was closed. It was also noted that the access roads to Thrapston now carried a 7.5 ton weight limit, yet the Woodford roads were unprotected. It was understood that it might not be possible to apply a weight limit to Thrapston Road Woodford as alternative route must be available from the start of a restricted zone. Cllr Langley was asked whether it would be possible to install a sign at Thrapston Road (old A604 junction) and also General's Corner (A510 junction) advising that the road was unsuitable for HGV. Cllr Langley offered to investigate.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 6: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 7: **The Paddocks Development.** The Clerks letter of objection was read out. It was likely that the application would be considered at the Development Control Meeting on 31 March. Cllr Langley advised that a representative from the Council speak at the meeting.
8: **Playground Fence.** The Clerk had received details of potential funding sources and was in the process of completing a grant application.
9: **War Memorial maintenance.** Three quotations had been received ranging from carrying out the work for free, to £564. Clerk was asked to contact Mr Skelly and ask him to carry out the works as time and weather permitted, and to thank the other persons who provided a quotation.

Co-option of Parish Councillor:

10: Following advertising the vacancy of Parish Councillor, no further expressions of interest had been received since the February meeting. Parish Councillors agreed to accept both nominations and held a secret ballot. Mrs Sharon Robinson was elected over Mr Malcolm Hackney 6-3 (one abstention). Clerk to inform both parishioners.

Planning Issues:11: Planning Committee Comments

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

12: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions

a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council.

13: New Planning Applications

a) **Daventry Farm – Pound Lane** New Dwelling EN/10/00260 a revised location and design for this property was discussed. **No Objection.**

14: Other Planning Matters

a) Work on Yew tree (carrying a Tree Preservation Order) in De Capel House garden. **Permitted.**

New Correspondence:

15: There was no new correspondence for discussion.

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

- a) Recycling Newsletter
- b) Highways Newsletter
- c) East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre details
- d) Clerk and Councils Direct Magazine
- e) East Northants Council Minutes
- f) East Midlands Development Agency news
- g) Village Viewpoint Magazine
- h) Health and Wellbeing Magazine

Finance:**Balance brought forward**

Current Account		£1,864.37
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High Interest Account		£5,542.92
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Total		£7,407.29
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NCC Verges – Reimbursement		£475.08
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Less

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602	Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking (14½ hrs +1.89 exp)	£85.99	
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603	Woodford Baptist Church (Hire of room)	£72.00	
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604	Mr P Bird Clerk salary plus expenses (£67.20)	£307.20	
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605	E.on Months Power Lighting	£234.21	
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606	E.on Lighting Maintenance – quarter	£300.11	
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607	E.on Lamp replacement top of Club Lane	£629.80	£1,629.31
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Balance Carried forward		£6,253.06
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17: Mr Hawes proposed, Mr Sharples seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

18: Clerk drew attention to the fact that Mr Cullum continued to use his own lawnmower for the grass cutting of the Greens. It was once again agreed that the sum of £5.00 per hour be paid in respect of the hire of the machine for the last season (54 hours - £270).

Any other Business:

19: **Flooding Mill Road / The Paddocks.** Mr Hurst drew attention to the flooding that had recently occurred due to heavy rain. Chairman reminded Councillors that this had been one of the reasons the Council had objected to the development, but was out of the Parish Council's control

20: **Parking – Highfield.** Parking in Highfield on a number of occasions had obstructed the free flow of vehicles to the Working Men’s Club. Councillors advised that such incidents should be reported to the Police.

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

Signed

Dated