

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr S Clifton, Mr P Colson, Mrs S Hayman, Mr J Hawes, Mr D Sharples and Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Miss L Blanchard, Mrs M Colson, Mr N Holben, Mrs E Reid, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods. Cllr D Hughes (ENC),.
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the October 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: Mr M Vaughan was not present.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that the crime figures for October totalled 11 incidents bringing the total for the year to 56 reported crimes. A breakdown of offences committed since July had also been supplied by PCSO Cross. There was some discourse as to whether the figures applied to the village of Woodford or Woodford beat. The Clerk had requested from confirmation from Kettering police who send out the monthly statistics. *(Confirmation received after the meeting that the monthly figures are in respect of the village of Woodford – coincidentally the total figures supplied by PCSO Cross for Woodford beat for July to October totalled the same)*
- 3: A leaflet drop was being made by the police in the worst affected areas of the village asking for any information which may assist in the apprehension of those committing the various crimes.
- Comments from Electors:** 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 5: Cllr Langley informed the meeting of the developments in the new road maintenance contract and that there was additional funding being provided for new projects. A designated person was responsible for the roads in different areas of the County – Mr John Robinson covered Woodford. A designated engineer had also been appointed for the contractors. A walk around Woodford to discuss various highway issues was timetabled for 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- 6: Mention was made of the A14 diversions through Woodford and Cllr Langley suggested the local Police should be the first point of contact.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 7: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 8: **Dropped kerb, Thrapston Road.** The Clerk's letter to NCC regarding the lack of a dropped kerb in Thrapston Road, was read out, requesting that some form of consensus between the developer (William Davis), the County Council and residents be reached. An acknowledgement had been received.
- 9: **Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan examination.** Correspondence received informed that the report outlining the Inspector's findings was to be delayed until at least January. No further information was required from respondents unless requested specifically by the inspector.
- 10: **ENC Open Spaces Strategy.** The clerk's response highlighting minor errors on maps provided by ENC, however, the process had now been put on hold until the RNOTP examination (para 9) had been concluded.

- 11: **Misuse of Highway outside White Horse.** The Clerk had written once again to NCC regarding the encroachment issue outside the White Horse. The County Council had confirmed that the land was classed as highway, and the Parish Council had previously requested that the County Council investigate the matter, and take the appropriate action.

**Planning Issues:**

- 12: Planning Committee Comments
- a) **Glebe Lodge 8A Church Street** Sub-division of property. **EN/08/01794FUL.** Comments that conifers were not the best type of boundary marker in the subdivided garden. Council asked to note that previous application was rejected.
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
- a) **Daventry Farm Demolition of barn.** EN/08/00978/LBC **Permitted**
- b) **11 High Street** single store kitchen extension to rear EN/08/01508/ **FUL Permitted.**
- c) **Land adjacent 10 Long Row** EN/08/01466/OUT Outline permission for construction of a dwelling. **Permitted**
- d) 52 High Street Woodford EN/08/01448/FUL Rear extension. Permitted
- 14: New Planning Applications
- a) **2 Thrapston Road** single store extension EN/08/01801/FUL **No objection** to dwelling however, the fence on the south side of the site was too high.
- b) **Agricultural dwelling Addington Road.** EN/0801795/FUL **Objection** on grounds that there is now a surplus of property available in Woodford, with a further seven presently under construction. Additionally the property will be prominent on the landscape, but is not of outstanding architectural merit (“Gummer’s Law”).
- c) **Sunnyside.** Demolition of Timber Store and construction of New Hairdresser’s shop EN/08/01914. **Concern** that whilst plans do not detail vehicular access, application form does. This site is unsuitable for further vehicular access. Such access on the neighbouring site has been rejected due to close proximity to Sunnyside /Eady’s Row and the School.
- 15: Other Planning Matters
- a) None.

**New Correspondence:**

- 16: **Freedom of Information.** A letter from East Northants Council detailed changes to the Freedom of Information Act and that the Council would need to adopt a new policy at the December meeting in order to comply with the law. It would also be necessary to devise a scale of charges for copies of documentation. Clerk requested to calculate a scale of charges in preparation for the December meeting.
- 17: **Electricity Bill.** A bill for unmetered electricity for the month of October had been received although appeared to contain erroneous data. Clerk was asked not to pay but query the account and also why an account had not been received since 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.
- 18: **Street Lighting – The Paddocks.** NCC had written informing that the Street Lighting was now complete and wished to hand it over if it was to the Council’s satisfaction. Clerk to investigate and report as appropriate.
- 19: There were no documents to circulate.

**Finance:**

<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>£2211.14</b>
<b>Less</b>	
523 D Bosworth litterpicking	£81.51
524 Royal British Legion (donation)	£80.00
525 St. Mary’s Church (donation)	£250.00

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526	P T Bird (Clerk's Salary)	£230.00	
527	Mr D Cullum 11 hrs grass-cutting plus fuel	£113.57	
			£755.08
	<b>Balance Carried forward</b>		<b>£1456.06</b>

20: Mr Clifton proposed, Mr Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Any other Business:** 21: Clerk reported that the No Parking Sign on the Village Green had been removed from its post. Clerk was authorised to have it repaired.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed

Dated