

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th November 2009 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr I B Vaughan (Chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mr P Colson, Mrs M Colson, Mr J Hawes, Mrs S Hayman, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan Mr N Walbridge and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P J Bird, Mr M Hurst, Mrs E Reid, 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 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: No further news.
- Police Report:** 2: The PC reported that there had been a significant reduction in crime in the ENC central area, additionally the reduction across the whole of East Northants was quite encouraging, and much of this reduction was due to increased policing in the Rushden area. There had been a number of attempted cable thefts in the area and anyone with information should contact the police in the first instance. Burglaries of larger homes was showing a slight increase with incidents happening during the day time, and the perpetrators most likely coming from the Peterborough area.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley reported that Parish Clean up gangs were now in place and they would be visiting parishes to repair signs, mend potholes, cut back hedges etc.
5: The hedge at 25 Mill Road was still being investigated by NCC, who were presently attempting to establish ownership in order that once the work was carried out the charge could be billed appropriately.
6: A draft NCC budget was due to be released on 1 December
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 7: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 8: **"Tug of War Trainer"** Letter had been referred to the Playing Fields Committee but to date the committee had not met.
9: **Playground Fence.** The Clerk reported he was presently obtaining prices.
10: **Telephone Box.** The Clerk reported that a contract was now to hand, and this was signed by the Chairman, Mr I B Vaughan.
- 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) **4 The Moorings**, Rear extension, EN/09/01788/FUL **No Objections**
b) **14 Whittlesea Terrace**, Rear extension EN/09/01642/FUL **No Objections**
14: Other Planning Matters
a) A letter was to hand on behalf of William Davis Ltd. regarding a potential meeting regarding the submission of outline planning permission for a site north west of West Street and South West of The Paddocks. Councillors agreed unanimously not to participate in a meeting until a formal application had been prepared. The Clerk was also asked to

write to East Northants Council expressing great concern that such an application had been proposed despite the site not featuring in the latest version of the un-adopted Rural Plan.

- New Correspondence:** 15: **Islip Furnace Site.** The Parish Council was invited to attend a briefing regarding redevelopment of the Islip Furnace Site. No further information was to hand at present.
- 16: There was no correspondence for circulation.

Finance:**Balance brought forward**

Current Account	4026.49
High Interest Account	7542.27
	<u>11568.76</u>

Less

585 Mr P T Bird Clerk Salary	240.00	
586 E.on Power Public Lamps 1 month	229.23	
587 Mrs D Bosworth Litterpicking (13 hrs + exp)	79.18	
588 Wicksteed Leisure (Playground repairs)	269.10	
589 BT plc Telephone Box	1.00	818.51
		<u>10750.25</u>

Balance Carried forward

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

Freedom of Information Act

- 18: The Clerk reported that following the adoption of the Model Publication Scheme of the Freedom of Information Act all information held by the Council would be available under the Freedom of Information Act and the vast majority would be available free of charge over the internet. If paper copies were required, these would be available at a rate of £0.20 per sheet. Any documents requiring public inspection would be made available at a mutually agreed location and time, between the Clerk and the person making the enquiry. The schedule of information available under the Publication Scheme is attached as page 98a.

Street Lighting Improvements

- 19: Improvements to Street Lighting. Councillors suggested a quotation be obtained for upgrading the lamp outside 22 Mill Road, and also the lamp on the footpath between High Street and Rose Terrace.

Lighting of MUGA

- 20: The Clerk reported that he had been approached by youth of the village requesting that the MUGA be floodlit at night. Councillors responded that the cost of such an installation was prohibitive, and that planning permission would also be required, consequently in the foreseeable future, such a development would not occur.

Future of BT Box:

- 21: A variety of ideas were discussed but no formal conclusions were agreed.

Any other Business:

- 22: **Dog Fouling on sportsfield.** Mr Walbridge reported that there had been several instance of dog fouling on the sportsfield and that before football matches could be played an inspection was now required. Clerk to contact East Northants Council and also include in the Saints Alive at a future date.
- 23: **Fallen Tree Shrubbery.** Mrs Hayman reported that a tree had fallen in the Shrubbery obstructing the courting walk. Clerk to report to Drayton Estate.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed

Dated