

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2008 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Miss L Blanchard, Mr P Colson, Mrs M Colson, Mr N Holben, Mrs E Reid, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan, Mr M Vaughan and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs S Hayman, Cllr Langley, Police
- 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.
- Open Forum:** No members of the public present
- Co-option of Parish Councillor:** 1: The Clerk reported that two persons had come forward for the position of Parish Councillor; Mr John Hawes and Mr Michael Hurst. Mr Colson proposed and Ms Blanchard seconded that both be accepted as contenders for the position. Following a secret ballot the Clerk declared that Mr John Hawes was co-opted with six votes and that Mr Hurst had been unsuccessful with three votes. The Clerk was asked by the chairman to inform both candidates and to thank Mr Hurst for his interest.
- Youth Forum Update:** 2: Mr M Vaughan had no comments.
- Police Report:** 3: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported that another fourteen crimes had been committed in the month of August and taking to the total for the financial year to 44.
- Comments from Electors:** 4: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 5: Cllr Langley was not present. The Clerk reported that Cllr Langley had contacted him since the previous meeting requesting details of the worst roads in Woodford. The Clerk had responded that excluding Mill Road and Thrapston Road which are believed to be the responsibility of the developer in Mill Road, Highfield, and West Street are in need of attention. Additionally Newtown and Long Row. Additionally the pavement between Mill Road and the Doctors surgery in Thrapston Road is in need of repair.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 6: Cllr Hughes informed the meeting that he had recently visited the Lorelei in Germany and there were many clubs and societies that would be willing to link up with similar groups from this region. Anyone interested should contact Cllr Hughes who would be able to arrange initial introductions.
7: There were now two minibuses based in Thrapston for use by the Community accessible through the Volunteer Centre.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 8: **Expansion of Woodford.** The Clerk's letter to the North Northants Joint Planning Unit regarding the Council's views that Woodford should not be further expanded was read out. The Clerk expressed thanks to Mr Woods for his assistance in compiling the response.
9: **Signs – Alledge Junction.** The Clerk's letter to NCC regarding signage adjacent to the Alledge junction and the old A604 was read out. No response to date.
10: **Street Name Sign – Club Lane.** The Clerk's letter to ENC requesting the

Club lane sign be re-fixed was read out. No response to date.

- 11: **Multi Use Games Area.** There still seems to be some water on the surface but this appears to be prevented from draining due to the slightly higher grass around the edge. The Clerk also mentioned weed growth starting to grow around the new safety flooring in the original playground. Clerk was asked to contact the contractors and also obtain a quote from a local groundsman.

Planning Issues:

- 12: Planning Committee Comments
 a) The Planning Committee had not commented on any plans since the last meeting.
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council
- 14: New Planning Applications
 a) **52 High Street** Demolition and rebuilding or rear single storey, internal works (**EN08/01600/LBC** and **EN/08/01448/FUL**). No objections were raised subject to the new extension being constructed of the specified material (reclaimed bricks)
 b) **11 High Street.** Single storey rear extension, removal of flat roof to single storey kitchen, replaced with pitched roof and hip end **EN/08/01508/FUL**. No objection although Clerk asked to express surprise that extension was to be built on line of boundary.
 c) **Daventry Farm.** Alterations to house and outbuildings. **EN/08/01446/FUL** and **EN/08/01147/LBC**. No Objections to conversion but concern over the amount of traffic using the entrance to the farm now other new properties are being constructed.
 d) **Daventry Farm.** Demolition of small barn – south end yard. **EN/08/00978/LBC** No objection.
- 15: Other Planning Matters
 a) No response had yet been received from ENC regarding the planning application for the MUGA.

New Correspondence:

- 16: **Smartwater.** Councillors agreed that the council had no goods requiring Smartwater protection and that the Council would not take responsibility to buy in bulk and resell to members of the public.
- 17: **Minerals and Waste Development.** The latest consultation by NCC sought views on locations for industrial areas where locating waste management uses would be acceptable (subject to planning) and a site to the south of the A14 at Kettering for a waste management facility. Clerk to obtain more details.
- 18: **Play Builder Project.** ENC informed that NCC had secured £1.1 million for the development of up to 25 play areas. Plans should be submitted by 18th September!
- 19: **Lighting Maintenance.** ABB Street Lighting Maintenance had now been bought out by E.on.
- 20: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
 a) Playing Fields Newsletter
 b) East Midlands Development Agency news
 c) Freedom of Information new scheme details
 d) Clerks and Councils Direct
 e) North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy
 f) Active Ageing Newsletter

Finance:

Balance brought forward	£3,672.97
Plus interest	£98.51
VAT Refund	£518.59
Less	£4,290.07

513	P T Bird Clerk	£230.00	
514	D Bosworth 11 ½ hrs Litterpicking + £3.78 exp	£67.26	
515	E.on (1/4 Lighting Maintenance)	£299.11	
516	East Northants Council (Apr – Jul Verge cutting)	£716.33	
517	Thrapston Town Band (Woodford Feast 2008)	£100.00	
518	Mr D Cullum Grass Cutting 11 ½ hrs	£71.50	£1,484.20
Balance Carried forward			£2,805.87

Account Balances

Current Account	£269.96
High Interest Account	£2,535.91
Total	£2,805.87

21: Mr Colson proposed, Mrs Colson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

Any other Business:

- 22: **Pot Holes Thrapston Road.** Councillors reported that there were a number of pot Holes in Thrapston Road adjacent to SMC. Clerk to report to Street Doctor.
- 23: **Hedge between A14 bridge and “A604” junction Thrapston Road.** This hedge now overhangs onto the road and is frequently hits vehicles. Clerk to report to Street Doctor.
- 24: **White Lines Addington Road.** Mention was made that the white lines in Great Addington and also the zigzag lines near the school had been repainted, yet all work stops at the Parish Boundary with Woodford. Clerk to investigate.
- 25: **Underground services marker post.** Mr I Vaughan mentioned that the concrete posts marking underground services adjacent to the Mill Road / high Street had been uprooted. Clerk to refer to Street Doctor.
- 26: **Twywell Hills and Dales.** Mr Bird mentioned that the entrance / exit to Twywell Hills and Dales park was on a blind bend and when travelling from Cranford there is no time to see vehicles leaving the car park. Clerk to follow up.

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

Signed

Dated