

**Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm**

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr P Colson, Mr M Hackney, Mr J Hawes, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr I Vaughan and Mr M Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Cllr D Hughes (ENC), Cllr A Langley (NCC), Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mrs Hayman, Mr Walbridge, Mr Woods
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the December 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 had no comments to make.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported the crime figures for December. Six incidents had been reported comprising one violent offence, one of burglary (outbuilding), one of theft / handling, one of theft of motor vehicle and two of criminal damage.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 4: Cllr Langley reported that the budget cut for the forthcoming year was greater than expected. Greater than average increases in childcare and the elderly costs were further tightening budgets. £68m of savings were required and so far £53m had been identified. The concessionary travel scheme would be now handled by NCC but the budget for the scheme was not to be transferred from the district councils. Changes to the capital funding scheme available to the County Council had changed and whilst the amount available was now less, it was no longer repayable. £30m had been set aside for major road repairs.  
5: There were a number of myths surrounding Royal Wedding Street parties and the Council had produced an information leaflet detailing requirements.  
6: Clerk had asked Cllr Langley to follow up on the proposed repairs to Highfield and West Street.
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 7: Cllr Hughes reported that ENC were finalising the contract for refuse collection which would commence in August 2011. Due to ever increasing landfill taxes the council was looking to substantially increase the level of recycling in the district.  
8: In answer to a question the Cllr reported that the Ringstead Wind Farm Planning Application had never formally been submitted.
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 9: **Wall at Prince of Wales.** ENC Enforcement Officer had confirmed the wall was within the tolerances allowed and as a result would not be taking action to have it lowered.  
10: **Potential flooding locations.** The Clerk had written to confirming two minor flood locations in Woodford – The Paddocks and Addington Road.  
11: **Medical Centre opening hours.** The Clerk's letter to Spinneybrook Medical Centre re the proposal to change opening hours at the Woodford Centre was read out confirming the Council's request that the current arrangements remain.  
12: **Skips – Church Green.** The Clerk's response to Mr Elson complaining about the skips in Church Green was read out, advising that this was not a Parish Council issue as the land upon which they stood was privately owned.  
13: **Telephone Kiosk.** BT had written asking whether the Council still wished to adopt the telephone kiosk on the village green. Mr I Vaughan proposed that this was still the case and councillors agreed that the Clerk pursue this matter.

- 14: **Village Seats.** Clerk reminded Councillors four seats needed to be located around the village. Agreed to include article in "Saints Alive" requesting suggested locations. Agenda item for February.

**Planning Issues:**

- 15: Planning Committee Comments  
 a) No Plans had been circulated since the previous meeting.
- 16: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions  
 a) **47 High Street** EN/10/02105/TCA Reduce crown of tree. **Withdrawn**  
 b) Rear of 91 Mill Road. EN/10/02019/FUL Construction of Workshop and Snooker Room. **Withdrawn**
- 17: New Planning Applications  
 a) **Rear of Dukes Arms** EN/10/01278/FUL Construction of 2 Dwellings. Minor amendments to plans received, but none of the objections raised appeared to have been addressed. **Objection.**
- 18: Other Planning Matters  
 a) None

**New Correspondence:**

- 19: **Verge Cutting.** East Northants Council had written with a contract for the grass cutting around the village. Mr M Vaughan Proposed and Mrs Robinson seconded, all in agreement, that the continued verge cutting pattern of recent years be adopted again.
- 20: **Tree Planting Grant.** A letter from ENC advised of a tree planting grant that was now available. Councillors agreed to consider locations for tree planting at next meeting. Potential locations included Back Green. Clerk to follow up with Drayton Estate.
- 21: **Open Gardens.** A request from Mr Mearns on behalf of the church was read out requesting the use of the village green for two plant stalls on Open Garden Day. No objections were raised and Clerk was asked to convey this and the Council's good wishes to Mr Mearns and his team.

**Finance:****Account balances brought forward**

Current Account		£5,202.86	
High Interest Account		£5,045.14	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£10,248.00</b>
<b>Less</b>			
651 E.on ¼ Lighting Maintenance	£300.11		
652 E.on Lighting Power Month	£234.21		
653 Mr P T Bird Clerk Fee	£250.00		
654 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking 15 hrs plus exp	£92.73		
655 NRICC (Donation re internal audit)	£50.00	£927.05	
<b>Balance Carried forward</b>			<b>£9,320.95</b>

- 22: Mr Hawes proposed, Mrs Robinson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Any other Business:**

- 23: Mention was made of the footpath between Rose Terrace and the High Street and a number of overgrown shrubs along its length. Clerk to pursue with relevant persons.

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

Signed

Dated