

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th October 2011 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr I Vaughan (Chair), Mr N Chapman, Mrs S Cooke, Mr M Hackney, Mr M Hurst, Mrs W Iversen, Mr D Sharples, Mr M Vaughan, Mrs D Winn and Mr D Woods.
- In attendance:** Mr and Mrs Mead, Mr M Riddle, Mr P Lindsay, Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr P J Bird, Mr P Colson, Mrs Robinson, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Langley,
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting having been circulated, 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 reported that whilst he was trying to carry out the ground works for a new Youth Forum the actions were being delayed by problems he was facing at the Working Mens Club, where he had hoped to hold the meeting. Signs of Criminal activity, adult anti-social behaviour, and also threatening behaviour by members of a local football club had resulted in Police intervention. Mr M Vaughan left the meeting at this point.
- Police Report:** 2: A Police Officer was not present. The Clerk reported the following crime figures for September: 1 Burglary, 1 Robbery, 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle and 1 Theft from a Motor Vehicle. Councillors expressed dismay that there was no police presence again and asked the Clerk to write to the local sergeant to express this.
- Comments from Electors:** 3: Mr Riddle reported a faulty link on the Council Website. Clerk to investigate.
4: Mr and Mrs Mead voiced concern over the Council's proposal to install a fence around the War Memorial. (See correspondence below).
- Cllr Langley's Comments:** 5: Cllr Langley was not present
- Cllr Hughes Comments:** 6: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:** 7: **Litter Bin – Alledge Drive.** The Clerk reported that a request had been lodged with East Northants Council
8: **White Lines Top of Club Lane.** The Clerk reported that these had now been repainted. The double yellow lines at the top of Church Green were still outstanding.
9: **Open Land – The Paddocks.** There was no further information available regarding this transaction
10: **Vehicles in Rose Terrace.** The Clerk reported this had been referred to the Police
11: **Hedge Removal in Mill Road.** This had been referred to ENC Enforcement Team who would investigate the hedge removal adjacent to the Twywell Footpath.
12: **Motocross.** The proposed donation by the Motocross organisers had been referred to the school.
13: **WiFi Hotspot.** The Clerk reported that whilst he had been in touch with two companies he had not received written confirmation of pricing. There also seemed to be considerable discrepancies in the requirements of providing the

services and also the costs involved. Further investigations would take place.

Planning Issues:

- 14: Plans commented upon since last meeting
 a) No planning matters had been received since the last meeting.
- 15: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 a) No decisions had been made by East Northants Council
- 16: New Planning Applications
 a) **Land Rear of Manor Farm** EN/11/01299/FUL Change of use of agricultural land for shooting club. The description now included “and retention of three porta-cabins”. **No objection**
 b) **Water Tower, Addington Road.** EN/11/01329/FUL Installation of 600mm microwave dish on side of tower. **No objection.**
 c) **6 The Moorings.** Removal of three conifers in rear garden EN/11/01524/TCA. **No objection.**
 d) **Midland Road Thrapston.** Construction of Chandlery Building and associated works Renewal EN/11/01228/RWL **No objection** although surprised that proposal is on land designated as floodplain.
 e) **30 Church Street.** Proposed workshop in rear garden EN/11/01161/FUL– moved further from dwelling. **No objection.**
 f) **26 Church Street.** Reduce, thin and fell trees in rear garden EN/11/01541/TCA. **No objection.**

New Correspondence:

- 17: **Eady’s Row.** A letter from Mrs Keane was read out concerning the number of cyclists which use the footpath between Highfield and Eady’s Row asking for assistance in combating the problem. Councillors agreed that as Eady’s Row and Highfield are private roads there was a limit to what could be done, however, as the public footpath was public land then the Council would refer the matter to the Rights of Way Team at NCC. Clerk to respond to Mrs Keane and write to NCC.
- 18: **War Memorial.** Correspondence from Mr and Mrs Mead was read out stating they were against the council’s proposal to erect a decorative fence around the War Memorial as it would impede visitors from attending to the memorial (see below)
- 19: **Flood Fair.** A flood Fair information day was to be held at the ENC offices on 2 November
- 20: **Double Yellow Lines Addington Road / Church Green** and associated matters. Letters from Mr Wain and Mrs Fothergill drew attention to the heavily worn double yellow lines at the top of Church Green. The clerk reminded the Council that this had already been referred to NCC and it was agreed to respond to the correspondents informing them of the situation. Mrs Fothergill also drew attention to the speed in which vehicles entered the village. Clerk to respond that this was an ongoing issue and was being pursued by the Council.
- 21: **Infrastructure Requirements.** East Northants Council had written concerning the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (replacement for the Section 106 regime) which would involve developers providing funding towards the community and infrastructure. Councillors expressed that the major infrastructure improvement for Woodford would be the provision of a cycle path between Woodford and the A6116 roundabout. Clerk to respond as appropriate. Agreed that the scheme could be discussed at the next meeting.
- 22: **Boundary Commission – Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.** A review of parliamentary constituencies was taking place and consultation lasted until 5 December. The Boundary Commission proposed no change for

the Corby Constituency. Councillors had no views against the proposal.

- 23: **Burton Latimer Fire.** The Clerk reported that he received occasional notifications of press releases from the emergency services and a link to the relevant webpage was available from the Parish Council Website.
- 24: The Chairman asked that the following items of correspondence be circulated:
- a) NALC Publication
 - b) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine
 - c) Diamond Jubilee Information Pack re Beacons
 - d) Winter Wellbeing Leaflet (example)

Finance:

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£1,810.85	
High Interest Account	£5,045.14	
Total	£6,855.99	
Plus Precept (2 nd and final payment)	£6,950.00	
		£13,805.99

Less

696 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£75.24	
697 Mr D Cullum Cutting Village Greens	£121.57	
698 Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£200.00	
699 Mr A Cullum (Siting new bench-Rectory Lane)	£60.00	
700 E.on Lighting Maintenance	£306.49	
701 E.on Lighting Power	£242.62	
702 BDO (Audit Fee)	£162.00	£1,167.92
Balance Carried forward		£12,638.07

25: Mr Woods proposed, Mrs Cooke seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

26: The Clerk informed the meeting that he would present them with details of expenditure against budget figures at the next meeting.

27: The external auditors had carried out their assessment of the Council's accounts. The audit this time was the 1:20 year in depth audit which involved the provision of more in depth figures than usual. They drew attention to three points: a) a discrepancy of £1.00 (due to roundings); b) the restatement of fixed assets (an acknowledgement that this had taken place); c) the auditor suggested the Council should review the level of the Fidelity Guarantee each year and ensure that the review is minuted. (NB present level is £25,000 which is more than adequate). No further action is required by the Council.

Upgrade of Street Lamps:

28: Councillors discussed the upgrading of street lamps in Highfield, Eady's Row and DeCapel Close. It was agreed that the lamps in Highfield (Pl 8 & 9) and also the one on the junction of DeCapel Close and Church Green (Pl 67) be upgraded with sodium lamps, at a cost of £735. Lamps 8 and 9 in Highfield would also be upgraded at a cost of £520. (Total cost of order (£1,255) It was agreed to defer the replacement of the lamp in Eady's Row (£788). Mr Sharples asked that a quotation be obtained for the lamp on the old factory in Newtown and also the lamp at the top of Rectory Lane (the latter appeared to be faulty).

29: The Clerk reported that the E.on representative had advised not to reinstall a lamp at the eastern end of DeCapel Close due to the lack of land availability, the need to remove two trees, that the remaining trees would cause the lamp to be on much of the day, it would only serve three properties and the fact

local residents had not requested a lamp. Mr Sharples asked that the Clerk investigate the correspondence surrounding the removal of the previous lamp in this vicinity and report to the next meeting.

War Memorial landscaping:

- 30: A discussion took place regarding the provision of revised landscaping around the memorial taking into account issues of the wishes of residents, organisations, visibility, vandalism, lack of seating provision, cost, and maintenance, and consequently those present agreed that the provision of a decorative barrier should not be pursued, Furthermore it was agreed that a seat should be placed on the green (for a trial period) and that the actual location would be agreed at the next meeting.
- 31: With regard to cleaning the memorial the War memorials Trust recommended clean water and a soft brush only should be used, on no account should chemical be applied as these could react with the stone, and pressure washers could easily damage the surface of many memorials.
- 32: Mrs Cooke suggested that some form of village plan be considered, agenda item for next meeting.

Donation to Royal British Legion:

- 33: The Clerk reminded Councillors it was customary to make a donation to the work of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Mr Sharples proposed £85.00 and this was seconded by Mr Hurst. All in agreement.

Any other Business:

- 34: Mr Sharples reported a Street lamp in Bakers Lane which was no longer working and also a number of blocked drains in Bakers Lane. The Clerk reported that the drains would be logged with Street Doctor, and that he understood the lamp had been repaired within the previous 24 hours.
- 35: Whilst not a Parish Council matter the Clerk had been asked why there was no waste provision at the Church for old flowers etc. Clerk to follow up with ENC contact and forward to PCC

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed

Dated