

Minutes of a meeting of Woodford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 in the vestry of the Baptist Church, Rose Terrace, commencing at 7.30pm

- Present:** Mr P Bird (chair), Mr G Banham, Mr M Hackney, Mrs J Hathaway, Mr M Hurst, Mrs S Robinson, Mr D Sharples, Mr D Stevens, Mr I Vaughan.
- In attendance:** Mr P T Bird (Clerk)
- Apologies for absence:** Mr Chapman, Mrs Fothergill, Mr Mead and Mr M Vaughan, Police, Cllr D Hughes (ENC) and Cllr S Hughes (NCC)
- Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the January 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.
- Police Report:** 1: There was no Police Report. There was no report from the JAG committee.
- Comments from Electors:** 2: No members of the electorate were present.
- Cllr D Hughes Comments:** 3: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Cllr S Hughes Comments:** 4: Cllr Hughes was not present
- Matters arising from the minutes:**
- 5: **Verge Clearance, Thrapston Road.** This had still not taken place and the Clerk was asked to follow up.
 - 6: **Litter Pick.** The Village Litter Pick would take place on 1 April. The village beaver group had asked to participate. This was agreed subject to the group supervising the young participants. Unfortunately due to a change of management / ownership at Pickwick tearooms subsidised refreshments would not be available this year.
 - 7: **Dog Waste – Churchyard.** The increase in dog faeces in the Churchyard was understood to have resulted from the removal of litter bins of the litter bins (due to incorrect use). The Council had received a verbal request to consider locating a bin near the main gate. This did not receive much support and it was suggested that attention be drawn to the litterbin at Bakers Lane which was just a few yards from the alternative churchyard entrance.
 - 8: **Woodford Sign, Mill Road.** The Clerk reported that the poor state of the sign and "rusted through" poles had been reported to Highways.
 - 9: **Telephone Box.** Mr Chapman had replaced the glass in the telephone box and the bill for materials was to hand (below). Thanks were expressed to Mr Chapman for obtaining and fitting the glass.
 - 10: **Defibrillator.** The WI had expressed an interest in receiving training. The Clerk had put them in touch with the local "First Responder" who was experienced in providing training.
 - 11: **National Lottery / Sport England Application.** An application to fund the balance of the Greenway Link Project had been submitted. A response was expected by end of March.
 - 12: **Lamp in High Street.** The Clerk had spoken to the owner of the house upon which the lamp was mounted, and he had no objection to the lamp being repaired and reinstalled in the same location. An order had been placed with E.on.
- Planning Issues:**
- 13: East Northamptonshire Council Decisions
 - a) **None**
 - 14: New Planning Applications
 - a) **75 Mill Road** Revised Roof Layout **16/2347/FUL**. A revised roof layout to the plans submitted in December. **No Objection**
 - b) **Land at 3A DeCapel Close / Club Lane Application for certificate of lawful development.** Councillors objected strongly to the suggestion that work had commenced on the construction of the dwelling suggesting that the excavation work was no more than site preparation / ground clearance. Permission had been granted in 2012

and the lowering of the ground level of the site had taken place in early 2015. Since that point no further work had taken place. Resolved that the Clerk **object** on these grounds.

***** Declaration of Interest ***** Mrs Hathaway, a nearby resident, declared an interest and took no part in discussing this matter.

15: Other Planning Matters

- a) **Section 18 Consultation.** The scoping document having been circulated was discussed at length concluding that the Clerk should comment as follows: The sale of low cost or renting of social housing constructed in rural location must be weighted towards residents from the parish; policies covering the provision of health /welfare centres on new large developments must also address the lack of available staff in this part of the country; new developments must not diminish the wellbeing experienced by current residents; consideration must be given to the contents of village plans.
- b) **Prince of Wales.** The ENC Enforcement Officer had confirmed that as a result of visiting the Prince of Wales, that to date no planning regulations had been broken.

**New
Correspondence:
Finance:**

16: None.

Account balances brought forward

Current Account	£5,566.02
Interest Account	£6.05
	£5,572.07

Less

2080 Mr P Bird Clerk Salary	£320.00
2081 Mrs D Bosworth Litter Picking	£111.60
2082 E.on Lighting Contractor	£28.16
2083 Mr N Chapman (Phone-box glazing repairs)	£27.54
DD16 Opus Energy Month Lighting Power	£369.20
	£856.50

Balance Carried forward

£4,715.57

17: Mrs Robinson proposed, Mr Vaughan seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the above accounts be settled.

**Report from
Highways Rep:**

18: Mr Stevens had nothing to the report.

Any other Business:

19: Mr Banham drew attention to the large volume of litter round the A510 junction and the approach road to Woodford. The Clerk was asked to contact ENC to ask whether the area could be tidied.

20: Attention was drawn to the potholes around the roundabout on J11 of the A14. The Clerk was asked to report to Street Doctor

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Dated