

Minutes of the Meeting of Woodwalton Parish Council held on 25th November 2015, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Peck (Chairman), Hyder-Smith (Vice-Chairman), Gilbert, Rodford, Pinder and the Clerk Members of the public: 1 Key: PC Parish Council HDC Huntingdonshire District Council CCC Cambridgeshire District Council		
1	Chairman's welcome	
2	To receive apologies and reasons for absence	None.
3	Members Declarations of Pecuniary Interest relating to matters on the agenda	Cllr Gilbert declared her interest in agenda item 12.
4	Public and press participation session with respect to items on the agenda	None.
5	To sign and approve minutes dated 30 th September, 5 th October and 9 th November 2015	The Parish Council, unanimously, agreed these to be true reflections of the meetings . The Chairman signed and dated each of the pages.
6	Matters arising from the minutes (information only)	None.
7	Reports from District and County Cllrs	D Cllr Howe and C Cllr Tew sent their apologies.
8	Reports from Parish Cllrs	Cllr Hyder-Smith reported that highways had marked up some damaged areas at Church End. It was hoped that the intention was to make good these areas. He also reported that he led the Remembrance Service on 8 th November. Cllr Peck reported that she had received a letter from someone requesting to know where the WW2 lights were in Woodwalton. She gave the correspondent John Chance's details and was thanked by the correspondent. Cllr Rodford reported that he understood that AgRESERVE farms were trying to work with BT Openreach so that the village may receive Superfast Broadband.
9	Clerk's report, inc:- a) Care Network coffee morning update b) Confirmation of working street lights	The Clerk reported that the Care Network had suggested they postpone setting up a group in Woodwalton until other areas were established. It was confirmed that all street lights were now working .
10	Correspondence received, inc:- a) Email - HDC, Claire Burton, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) b) Letter - Anglian Water, Martyn Oakley, response to complaint c) Letter - The Local Govn Boundary Commission, further limited consultation	PC noted. PC noted. PC noted.

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18	To consider options regarding village maintenance - Cllrs Hyder-Smith/Pinder/Rodford	At the meeting on the 30 th September, concerns were raised regarding the last shoddy grass cut by HDC. Quotes to compare against HDC had been sourced from CGM and Roy Parker. HDC were considerably cheaper and it was agreed to monitor the grass cutting over the next 12 months and review maintenance providers if it was felt necessary.
19	To consider the purchase of a fireproof safe to keep USB backed-up PC files - Clerk	The PC discussed and it was agreed not to purchase a safe as, generally, all PC documents were either on the website or had been emailed to the Cllrs and therefore retrievable, if necessary.
20	To approve the PC budget for 2016/17 and to apply for the precept	The PC discussed at length. With the parishioners in mind, it was agreed that the PC would request a precept of £5,500.00 , £500.00 more than last year.
21	Update from Anglian Water regarding the new sewerage system	John Lambert from Anglian Water had confirmed that budgetary provision had been put aside for the new system in Woodwalton and that he would attend the PC meeting on the 30th March to present to the PC and the public. Concerns were voiced regarding whether residents will be consulted on pipework positioning. Clerk was requested to ask John Lambert for confirmation.
22	To consider the future of the Village Hall, inc:- a) Response to a letter sent to the Village Hall Committee Chair requesting a meeting with the PC and the committee - Clerk	No response had been received. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact ACRE who held records of the Village Hall when it was originally built and to request they attend the next meeting on 27th January 2016 to give the PC some advice about what to do next.
23	Ownership of the trees on the village green update - Clerk	The Clerk advised that she had not actioned this but will do for the next meeting.
24	Planting on the railway embankment update - Cllr Hyder-Smith	Cllr Hyder-Smith reported that Bridget Halford, HDC Tree Warden, had come out to review the failed trees. She provided some advice as to why the saplings had failed and suggestions on what to do when they are replanted. A local tree surgeon had also provided some advice. The Clerk was requested to write to Network Rail to ask for the failed trees to be replanted and then maintained/watered. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
25	Local Highways Improvement Scheme application update, inc:- a) The inclusion of a request to provide a footpath underneath the railway bridge - Cllr Pinder	Cllr Pinder reported that since the proposal was submitted, Network Rail confirmed that the verges underneath the bridge were CCC responsibility. A possible footpath under the bridge was added to the original proposal and was accepted. Cllrs Pinder and Hyder-Smith would be attending the review panel on 13th January 2016 to support the application. To be reviewed at the next meeting.
26	To receive the Community Led Plan - Cllr Hyder-Smith	Cllr Hyder-Smith noted some edits needed to be made to the plan. When received the Clerk will add this to the website.

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27	The Tour of Cambridgeshire, authorities meeting feedback - Cllr Peck	Cllr Peck was pleased to report that communications for next year's event were greatly improved from last year's effort. The Clerk to keep the website updated with information, as it is reported.
28	Date of next meeting	27th January 2016, 7.30pm
	The meeting ended at 10.00pm	

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