

**Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday
09 April 2013
in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse Starting at 19.00 hrs.**

C68/13 Present

Mr. Philip Bainbridge, Mrs. Kay Coles, Mrs Robyn Davison, Mr. Robin Gilling, Ms. June Irani [Chairman], Mr. Peter Jay, Mr. George Osborne, & Ms. Julie Williams.

Fourteen members of the public including Mrs. E. A. Griffin [District Councillor].

G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk].

C69/13 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from: Mr. David Hawes and Mr. Peter Stanyon.

Apology also received from Mrs. S. G. Ogden OBE [County Councillor].

C70/13 Resignation

Council received Mrs. Heidi James' resignation.

C71/13 Members' Declarations of Disclosable Interest

Mr. Bainbridge and Ms. Williams declared interests in respect of the former air raid shelter at the Village Centre - Archive Society members - C75/13 below.

C72/13 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 12 March 2013 and there were no matters arising.

C73/13 Public Session

No issues were raised.

C74/13 Memorial Centre Boundary Hedge

Council approved the following arrangements for maintenance of the hedge along the boundary between the Memorial Centre grounds and Saredon, Station Road: Council to continue cutting the Memorial Centre vertical face. Mr. M. James to cut the Saredon vertical face. Because of the difficulty posed by the steep bank on the Memorial Centre side of the hedge, Mr. M. James has granted Council's contractor permission to routinely cut the full width across the top of the hedge from inside his property.

C75/13 Village Centre - Former Air Raid Shelter

Council considered a structural survey report on the building and a letter from Mr. Cador Roberts and resolved: (1) An interest in the old Air Raid Shelter is transferred to the evolving Woodford-cum-Membris Heritage Society. (2) Mrs. K. Coles is appointed Council's representative to the Society. All subject to satisfactory & secure Agreements and reporting as necessary.

C76/13 Parish Council Handyman

Council resolved: due to the retirement of Mr. Graham Thomas the position of Parish Handyman should now be advertised under the following basic job description - duties to include painting, woodwork, litter clearance, strimming/trimming, flexible working an average of 12 hours per month at £8.45 p.h., applications to the Clerk by 10 May 2013.

C77/13 Flooding in Pool Street

Council adopted the following report:

Mr. R. Gilling and the Clerk met Highways Authority officers in Pool Street and environs on 09 April 2013, concluding:

- 1) Highways will power jet drains and gullies serving Pool Street. Expected before end of this month.
- 2) Highways will lift manhole over Hinton Road culvert and examine for blockages.
- 3) Highways will run test dye through all drains and pipes carrying water from Pool Street to establish points of outflow into the Cherwell and elsewhere.
- 4) Highways & Council - further assessment according to knowledge gained from 3).
- 5) Council to contact Environment Agency for Cherwell clearance, particularly where underground system flows into the stream at Gravel Farm.
- 6) Stream from Byfield Road flowing south, skirting Ryefields and into the Hinton Road culvert - Council and landowners to consider future improvements to clearance and course.

C78/13 Station Approach - Access to Businesses

Council considered a letter and drawings presented by Mr. J. W. D. Scarrott and Mr. E. F. Gascoigne seeking Council's assistance in their wish to facilitate vehicular access to John Scarrott & Sons Family Fun Fairs [winter quarters] and Mainline Timber Limited, respectively, via the acquisition of a small, corner, parcel of land controlled by Daventry District Housing.

Council confirmed its support for these two longstanding, local businesses.

C79/13 Ryefields Play Area - Litter Bin

The Clerk reported that a litter bin is required to serve the new play area. The existing bin outside the main ring fence is damaged and an additional bin inside the fence would be beneficial. Whilst he did not have the price of a specific design, he anticipated the cost of a bin similar to the existing would not exceed £300.00.

Resolved: a suitable bin is purchased within this financial limit.

C80/13 Community Infrastructure Levy ["CIL"]

Council delayed responding to the consultation paper - CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.

Council welcomed an offer from Councillor Chris Millar [Leader of Daventry District Council] of a presentation on CIL and New Homes Bonus. The Clerk will make the arrangements.

C81/13 Receipts & Payments

Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Come & Play	6,000.00	Playscapes Design Ryefields play area	7,964.60
WoW advertisements	48.80	Bank charges	48.52
NCC Library rent	875.00	PWLB Village Centre	1,874.65
NatWest bank interest	2.55	Eon gas Village Centre	377.41
Memorial Centre letting	549.50	Eon gas Memorial Centre	150.72
Village Centre letting	67.00	Tesco print cartridges	38.00
Burial fees	138.00	G. Warner estate maintenance	40.00
		Ricoh photocopier meterage	9.30
		Auditel energy saving fee	140.69
		ColourBurst Litho. WoW printing	250.00
		MB Garden hedge cutting	320.00
		Playsafety Ryefields play area inspect.	474.00
		Unit Clean Memorial Centre	403.30
		Unit Clean toilets & bus shelter	360.00
		Earth Anchors dog bins	796.74
		M. J. Keeves clean Village Centre	189.28

C82/13 Heart Defibrillator

Following the cardiac arrest on the field of play last year of professional footballer, Fabrice Muamba, The Football Association and the British Heart Foundation are jointly supporting the acquisition of defibrillators for use by football clubs and their communities. Woodford United Football Club proposes housing one device, providing trained personnel and publishing community access arrangements.

Council resolved: a grant of £318.00 is made for the acquisition of one defibrillator.

C83/13 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.40 hrs.