Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on
Tuesday 09 June 2015 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse Starting at 19.00 hrs.

C104/15 Present
Mr. Howard Burdett, Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mrs. Robyn Davison, Mr. Gary Denby,
Mr. Robin Gilling, Mr. David Hawes, Mr. Patrick Knight, Mr. George Osborne, Mr. Robert Snedker &
Mrs. Julie Turner.
 Twelve members of the public including: PCSO Carl Barton [Daventry Police Safer Communities Team],
Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor], Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor]
& Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk].

C105/15 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from Mr. Darren Bennetts.

C106/15 Chairman’s Announcements
The Chairman:
 Congratulated Mrs. Jo Gilford on her re-election to Daventry District Council as one of three members
representing Woodford Ward.
 Was pleased to announce that Robin Brown [County Councillor] would unveil the World War One
commemorative clock & weathervane at the Memorial Centre on the evening of the Street Fair on 26
June 2015.
 Reported that … the work has now finished on the Dryden Hall toilets and the windows in the library and
Hinton Room has been done. The Hinton room window was far worse than was first thought so took a lot
longer to do. Because of the extra cost we have had to pay the other large window has only been made
good and will be done properly next year. The interior decorating has been done. Also the toilets in the
Dryden Hall were worse than was first thought, instead of half the plaster coming off it all had to come
down also the doors and frames were rotten so had to all be replaced so again cost more money. The
Parish Council apologizes for the work taking so long but it was something that could not be helped.

C107/15 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Council received none.

C108/15 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 12 May 2015.

C109/15 Matters Arising
C91/15 Public Bridleway FN24 [Woodford cum Membris] & AL7 [Eydon]. Current advice from the County
Council is that … The landowner has provided a permissive route … Members agreed with
Mr. Snedker that any Diversion should entail the permanent provision of this route.

C110/15 South Northants Volunteer Bureau - Village Networks Project
The Chairman welcomed Mr. Nick King who outlined the project for the provision of the following services
to the public within the Towcester, Daventry & Banbury districts: health & wellbeing advice, money advice,
debt counselling, reduction of household bills, computer training, job-seeking advice & support and
volunteering opportunities. The Bureau also has a new 16-seater minibus and trained drivers available for
hire by community and not-for-profit groups, schools and charities.
Council supported his proposal to bring the service to Woodford Halse later this year. Mr. King will liaise with Mr. G. Denby for publicity.

C111/15 Police

- PCSO Barton was pleased to say that there were no reported crimes for the Parish during the last month. Motorists had now ceased parking their vehicles on the zig-zags road markings at the pedestrian crossing outside St. Mary’s Church. He had been made aware of damage to the Ryefields play area and thanked Mr. Iain Osborne for repairing the fencing.
- He would welcome Wi-Fi access to assist in his duties. This is readily available via Top to Toe hairdressers in Station Road and Woodford Halse Social Club.
- On Police advice the main gate to the Sarafield has been locked for some weeks. PCSO Barton will look into the current position.

C112/15 Youth Club

- Woodford Halse Youth Club Leader Aimee Ford-Young thanked Council for the renovation and cleaning of the Hinton/Farndon room where the Youth Club meets on Monday evenings. She asked to be given the earliest possible notice of any future event affecting the Youth Club’s programme [see Chairman’s Announcements above]. She was also currently concerned at what appears to be the unsafe storage of gym equipment in the room.
- Mr. Osborne urged restraint in the posting of comments about Parish Councillors on social media.
- The Clerk will liaise with Ms. Ford-Young and report at Council’s next meeting on: electrical wiring for a cooker in the Hinton/Farndon room, equipment storage boxes, a rent rebate to the Youth Club for the two months period of inaccessibility and the application of a Youth Club held grant for the purchase [and storage] of chairs in the room.

C113/15 Public Session

No issues were raised.

C114/15 Annual Return and Accounts

Council approved Sections 1 & 2 of its Annual Return and Annual Accounts to 31 March 2015.

C115/15 Station Road - Parking

Council had heard conflicting views from Station Road business operators on early stage proposals for periods of restricted parking in Station Road. Council considered a full survey of affected businesses would be beneficial for further consideration at a future meeting. Mr. Knight would conduct this exercise.

C116/15 Booking Clerk - Salary

Resolved: with effect from 01 March 2015 salary is £1,920.00 p.a.

Duties: Hours to be monitored as the position develops.

C117/15 Neighbourhood Plan [“NP”]

Mr. Snedker [Group Chairman] was pleased to report that the NP Group had been awarded a grant, from funds made available by the Department for Communities & Local Government, towards consultancy and associated expenditure for the preparation of a first draft NP.

The next Group meeting will be held on 23 June 2015 and run by Mr. Michael Wellock of Kirkwells Consultants. He urged residents to attend.

C118/15 The Poplars, Eydon Road
Council objected to Planning Application DA/2015/0434 Construction of dwelling to replace fire damaged bungalow. The proposed footprint exceeds the “existing” contributing to overdevelopment of the site. The proposal is not in keeping with the area - there are no properties of similar size in the vicinity.

C119/15 Oak Drive, 09
Council supported Planning Application DA/2015/0479 two storey rear extension.

C120/15 Councillors’ - Public Identification
Matter deferred to future meeting.

C121/15 Hedge Cutting - Various
To be considered together with grass and grounds maintenance arrangements.

C122/15 Village Centre - Library & Farndon/Hinton Room - External Painting Windows
Resolved: work is carried out by J. Blyth Painters & Decorators for £2,328.00 + VAT.

C123/15 Receipts & Payments
Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

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C124/15 Flooding and Drainage
Mr. Burdett reported that a number of sites of blocked/restricted flow had been cleared or reported to the Northamptonshire County Council Street Doctor service - stream through School to Scrivens Hill, drain on Byfield Road at Cherwell bridge, silted grill in Hinton Road & drain under South Street. The Clerk will write to the owners of land adj. Pool Farm and the field between School and South Street seeking clearance of ditches on the properties.

C125/15 Confidential Business - Exclusion of the Public
Resolved: the public is excluded from this meeting for Agenda Items 21 Grass Mowing arrangements and Item 22 Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land as publicity at this stage would be prejudicial to the public interest because the business has contractual & legal implications.

C126/15 Grass Mowing - Public Areas throughout the Village
Minute - confidential.

C127/15 Valuation Report & Offer for Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land
Minute - confidential.

C128/15 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.20 hrs.