Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held
on
Tuesday 14 July 2015 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse Starting
at 19.00 hrs.

C129/15 Present
Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mrs. Robyn Davison, Mr. Gary Denby, Mr. Robin Gilling, Mr. David Hawes, &
Mr. George Osborne.
The Chairman & Councillors welcomed back Mr. R. Gilling following his recent illness.
Five members of the public including PCSO Carl Barton [Police Daventry Safer Community Team],
Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor] & Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk].

C130/15 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from: Mr. Darren Bennetts, Mr. Howard Burdett,
Mr. Robert Snedker & Mrs. Julie Turner.
Apologies were also received from Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor] &
Ms. Aimee Ford-Young [Woodford Halse Youth Club].

C131/15 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Mr. G. Osborne - Receipts & Payments - C146/15.

C132/15 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes [including those regarded as confidential] of its meeting of 09 June 2015.

C133/15 Matters Arising
C111/15 Police. PCSO Barton advised that although the vehicular gate to the Sarafield remains locked for
crime prevention reasons, public access can be gained through the adjacent pedestrian gate. He also reported
two recorded crimes during the past month - damage had also been caused to the School swimming pool.

C134/15 Public Session
No matters were raised.

C135/15 Woodford Halse Youth Club [“YC”]
- Council refreshed its decision [[C135/14] that an oven may be installed in the Farndon Room - goods to
  be funded by the YC and installation by Council. No specific sum can be approved until further details of
  oven type and nature of installation/wiring are known.
- The YC had paid the hire fees for its Monday evening sessions in the Farndon Room for one year ending
  31 August 2015. The YC had been unable to meet for two months during that period because of property
  renovation therefore the rental period is extended to cover September & October 2015.
- The YC would also like to use equipment storage boxes and purchase & stack a quantity of suitable chairs
  in the Farndon Room - further liaison between the YC & Council to be conducted.

C136/15 Bus Service for Woodford Halse
Council supported a resident’s request to the operating company that a study/survey should now be
undertaken in order to assess and provide a service [Stagecoach 200] more closely related to customer
requirements, including evening and weekend journeys.

C137/15 Public Space Protection Order - Enhanced Dog Control Powers
Council noted Daventry District Council’s consultation paper. Individual Councillors may respond individually.

**C138/15 What’s on in Woodford [“WoW”]**
Mr. G. Denby was pleased to report that following a period of doubt over the future production of WoW he, and Mrs. J. Williams, would be assisted by Clare Jordan [invoicing for advertisements] and Mr. A. Worrall [contributing sporting copy]. Council approved these arrangements and thanked Mr. Denby for his continued attention to WoW.

**C139/15 Bank Account Signatories**
Council appointed Mr. D. Hawes and Mr. R. Snedker as bank account signatories [in addition to the current Chairman, the Vice-chairman and the Clerk].

**C140/15 Sarafied**
Woodford United Football Club [“WUFC”] provides for the operation of the Sarafied sports pavilion, a property owned by Council and which is available for community use. WUFC is currently restructuring its finances in order to meet changing circumstances in its core activity and has identified the non-domestic rate as a significant element in its considerations.

Resolved: Because of this facility’s community benefit, Council will make a grant this year of £3,200 towards the non-domestic rate liability and will allow for grant support in its next year’s budget.

Council would also like to convene a meeting of all parties with an interest in the Sarafied and arrange the appointment of a Councillor representative to WUFC’s governing committee or as liaison Councillor for the whole facility in order to help and support all users.

District Councillors advised that non-domestic rate relief for sports clubs is set on a District wide basis which regrettably cannot be varied from the current 40% and District Councillor Alan Hills is able to offer advice on matters relating to sports clubs.

**C141/15 Woodford Halse Cricket Club**
Resolved: The Club is permitted to install an artificial pitch within the bounds of the existing cricket square.

The main purpose of the pitch is to provide a batting and bowling strip for junior cricketers. The sessions will always be under the guidance and supervision of the Club’s qualified coaches and will use a mobile net already on hand. It will also be available for use to the wider community e.g. School, Brownies, Scouts. Unfortunately Council could not make a grant towards this facility at present.

**C142/15 Neighbourhood Plan**
Council had received a grant toward the cost of a first draft Local Plan which is currently under preparation by Kirkwells Consultants and may be ready for Council’s consideration in September 2015.

**C143/15 Wild Cherry Close, 17**
Council supported Application DA/2015/0560: work to tree subject of Tree Preservation Order DA 141.

**C144/15 Village Centre - Library Building**
Resolved: the lease of the Library building to Northamptonshire County Council [“NCC”] is extended [from 31 May 2015 its current expiry date] on the existing terms and rent subject to the provision of a suitable draft lease document by the County Council.

**C145/15 Village Centre - Library Facilities**
Resolved: NCC is permitted to install a drop down baby changing facility in the Farndon Room toilets. This will be entirely funded by NCC and available for users of the premises other than the Library. NCC will control the after removal of nappies as in other of its County libraries.

C146/15 Receipts & Payments
Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

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C147/15 Woodford Halse Street Fair - 26 June 2015
The Chairman congratulated the organizers on a very successful event. They looked forward to arranging a “bigger & better” fair next year. She also thanked County Councillor Robin Brown for unveiling the World War One commemorative clock outside Memorial Centre and Mr. Bob Snedker for facilitating it.

C148/15 Confidential Business - Exclusion of the Public
Resolved: the Public is excluded from this meeting for Agenda items 20, 21 & 22 in respect of Public Grass Mowing and the Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land as publicity at this stage would be prejudicial to the public interest because the business has contractual and legal implications.

C149/15 Grass Mowing - Public Areas throughout the Village
Minute - confidential.
C150/15 Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land
Minute - confidential.

C151/15 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.30 hrs.
The Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960