Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on
Tuesday 10 November 2015 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse
Starting at 19.00 hrs.

C203/15 Present
Mr. Darren Bennetts, 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.
Four members of the public including Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk]

C204/15 Apologies
Apologies were received from: PCSO Carl Barton [Daventry Police Safer Communities Team], Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor] & Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor].

C205/15 Chairman’s Announcement
The Chairman thanked Mr. Bennetts for representing Council at last Sunday’s Remembrance Day service at St. Mary’s Church.

C206/15 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Members declared none.

C207/15 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 13 October 2015 [including those currently regarded as confidential].

C208/15 Matters Arising
  ▪ C185/15 Matters Arising. C167/15 Grants Hill Residential Development. Members were very concerned about road safety on the route from this new development towards Woodford Halse Primary School along Byfield Road, particularly for pedestrians. They will look into the planning and highway approvals for the development for Council’s further consideration.
  ▪ C185/15 Matters Arising. C170/15 Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land. The Chairman thanked Mr. Cador Roberts for his recent letter concerned that the proposed purchase will result in a substantial charge to the Council Tax and asserting Council should put the matter before the public for wider comment before committing itself. Council approved the following response:
    - At the public meeting on 09 April 2015 Council was left in no doubt that it should pursue the purchase of the land for amenity purpose. The published guide price was £175,000 to £200,000.
    
    - The capital purchase will be funded via the Council Tax over 25 years. The land will appreciate in value over time.
    
    - Maintenance of the woodland will be funded by a combination of Council Tax [subject to government legislation at any time] and forestry opportunities.
    
    - The Council is driven by the residents’ wish and the once in a life time opportunity of securing and preserving a part of village heritage, providing for the well-being of present and future generations within our growing village.
- Published Council minutes are available through the usual media - see in particular the minutes of 14 April 2015 and 08 September 2015.

- C189/15 The Poplars, Eydon Road, Planning Application DA/2015/0851. Mr. Hawes was pleased to report that in granting this application for a general purpose agricultural building Daventry District Council had captured Council’s concern by Condition that the approved use of the building is agricultural only.

C209/15 Public Session
No issues were raised.

C210/15 Station Road - Vehicle Parking
The Chairman reported that she is still trying hard to arrive at a scheme, acceptable to all parties. The current, ongoing, road works in the area are making considerations more difficult. A satisfactory resolution of this parking issue inevitably involves a lengthy process.

C211/15 Brookfields, 27 Pool Street
Council supported Planning Application DA/2015/0892: outline application for single storey detached bungalow & detached two car garage block.

C212/15 Hinton Manor Court, 6
Council supported Planning Application DA/2015/1043 demolition of existing conservatory 7 construction of single storey rear extension.

C213/15 Neighbourhood Plan
Mr. Snedker urged members to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Group’s meeting on 12 November 2015 when a draft plan will be under discussion.

Council had no objection to the Order.

C215/15 Woodford cum Membris Eleemosynary Charities [Regn. 202193]
Council appointed Mr. David Hawes a trustee.

C216/15 Members Code of Conduct
Council adopted the “Local Code of Conduct for Members [July 2015]”.
The Clerk issued a copy to each member and also reminded them that it is for individual members to keep their registered interests up to date by notifying the Monitoring Officer [at Daventry District Council] accordingly within 28 days of any change.

C217/15 Children’s Play Area Safety Inspections
The Chairman thanked Mr. Burdett & Mr. Snedker for inspecting the three installations, Ryefields play area, Sarafield Play area & Sarafield skate park, in view of Rospa’s recent recommendations. They reported as follows:
-All three areas require some vegetation strimming and generally cleaning up. There is still glass etc. in exactly the same places as shown on the photographs taken on 19 June this year. The areas really should be cleaned and strimmed immediately and certainly before the next annual RoSPA inspection. Repainting some of the fences and equipment would also assist in a sense of Civic pride being created. Perhaps the PC could supply the paint and the Youth organisations could supply the painters.
Sarafield: -
One item requires repair to return the playground to its original state. This is a fence post. Its replacement is neither essential nor critical, but, together with sweeping and cleaning the area, its replacement would enable the playground to pass the RoSPA inspection. The cost would be very small.

Ambulance access however, when the gate is locked is considered a risk. If anyone were to be injured on the playground while the gate was locked then valuable minutes would be lost when an emergency vehicle had to park in the Byfield Road. Could an Emergency key or combination lock code be arranged?

The Recreation ground: -
A major risk of injury is presented by the metal bracing which forms part of the construction of the skate pipe. This must be repaired as soon as possible. I believe that this equipment was made by Rhinoplay of Devon. I am trying to contact them. The area also needs cleaning up and strimming. The plywood panels around the area were manufactured from non-marine grade plywood. This is deteriorating at a rapid rate and needs replacing. A quotation from our handyman would be appropriate. Once again, lack of ambulance access, is considered a risk.

Willow Close Ryefields: -
Replacement items are required.
- 2 child swing seats are seriously damaged and considered a risk of serious injury.
- 1 baby seat requires replacement. This is not as dangerous but still needs to be done
- The fence needs repairing.
- The seesaw seat is broken. This was supplied by KBT a Belgian company
- The barbed wire, where the play area adjoins the farmer’s field, needs to be screened.

A few more general items require attention. More bark requires putting down and what there is requires raking. (Note: suppliers say that Bark life is three years) I am sure that this has been down more than 3 yrs.

Some matting needs lifting, the surfaces need repairing, and the matting replacing on more bark. Another job for our handyman.

Purchases required are as follows:-

- 2 child seats (swing). 2 @ £56.95 = £113.90
- 1 baby seat (swing). 1 @119.95 = £119.55
- 1 seat for seesaw. 1. @ £60.63 = £60.63
- 2 Cu Metres Bark Chips @ £134.90 = £134.90. Total cost of replacement items= £428.98

Council accepted this report and authorized the specified expenditure. Mr. Burdett, Mr. Snedker with Mr. Bennetts will progress the works referring to Council as necessary.

C218/15 Highway Salt Bins
Resolved: Purchase 12 x 25kg. bags salt for winter weather use from NCC/Kierwsp for £48.00.

C219/15 Fire Risk Assessments - Memorial Centre, Sarafield Pavilion & Village Centre
The Chairman thanked Mr. Gilling for reviewing the completed assessments. He will produce an action plan in order to proceed, reporting to Council as necessary.

C220/15 Other Business
Mrs. Davison confirmed that a recent leak in the Village Centre verandah roof had been satisfactorily repaired by Styleglaze Ltd.

On a question from Mr. Hawes, the Chairman advised that Farndon Room bookings had increased following a period of low activity. She will also ask hirers not to interfere or move others’ equipment without their prior consent.

Mr. Knight reported that immediately following a recent incident of roadside timber bollards had been uprooted by a heavy lorry, the operator, Taylor Plant & Construction Ltd, had replaced the bollards. He also said that during the current highway resurfacing in the Percy/Sidney Road area there had been isolated incidents of friction between contractors and residents. He and the Chairman thought that on the whole, the works were progressing without difficulty and looked forward to an early completion for the benefit of all residents.

Mr. Snedker was most concerned at traffic congestion and its road safety implications in High Street. He will review the situation and ask Council to consider the matter further.

### C221/15 Receipts & Payments

Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

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### C222/15 Confidential Business - Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: the Public is excluded from the meeting for the following item concerning the Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land as publicity at this stage would be prejudicial to the public interest because the business has contractual & legal implications.

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1 The Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960
C223/15 Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land
There was nothing new to report [since minute C201/15]. No confidential minute written.

C224/15 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.25 hrs.