C22/16 Present
Mr. Howard Burdett, Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mrs. Robyn Davison, Mr. Robin Gilling,
Mr. Patrick Knight, Mrs. Julie Turner & Mrs. Christina Williams.
Four members of the public including Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk]

C23/16 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from: Mr. Darren Bennetts [who would be resigning from Council due
to volunteering overseas], Mr. Gary Denby, Mr. David Hawes, Mr. George Osborne &
Mr. Robert Snedker.
Council also received apologies from PCSO Carl Barton [Daventry Police Safer Communities Team],
Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor] and Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor].

C24/16 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Council received none.

C25/16 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meetings of 12 January 2016 & 28 January 2016 [Confidential] and there
were no matters arising.

C26/16 Public Session
No matters were raised.

C27/16 “Clean for the Queen” Campaign
This national campaign aims to give the country a tidy-up ahead of the Queen’s 90th, birthday in April 2016.
Council was pleased to hear from Mr. Iain Osborne who, with colleagues, is organizing an event for Saturday
19 March 2016 by local Scouts, Beavers, Cubs & Explorer Scouts. Council asked him to liaise with Mr.
Robert Snedker and Daventry District Council.

C28/16 Memorial Centre - Quinton Lodge
Council had received a Notice under The Party Wall etc. Act 1996 for the proposed reconstruction of the
block wall between the properties.
Resolved: In order to protect Council’s property an Agreed Surveyor [as defined in the Act] should be
appointed without delay and Council’s preference is Mr. Brian Russell of the Roger Coy Partnership, Eydon.

C29/16 Parish Grass Mowing & Gardening - Seasons 2016, 2017 & 2018
Council had issued six invitations to tender, three were declined, to one there was no response and two were
received.
Resolved: Contract, subject to annual reviews, is awarded to Scotts Landscapes, Daventry for
£16,750 + VAT p.a. [including a provisional sum of £2,000 for the gardening work] according to its tender
dated 04 February 2016.

C30/16 Wild Cherry Close - Hedge & Tree
Resolved: Hedge along the green is replenished with mixed hedging & tidied and one of its trees topped out by MB Landscapes, Lower Boddington for £630 [VAT not applicable].

C31/16 Land off Cherwell Terrace - Construction of Detached Bungalow - Land r/o 1-13 Sidney Road
On a request from Mr. & Mrs. E. P Brooks for a pre-Planning Application opinion Council considered draft drawings Ref. 1513-01A & 1513-02 JJB Chartered Architects Ltd and the January 2016 Ecological Survey Report by Philip Irving. Council was also cognisant of a previous Planning Refusal [DA/2006/1159] for a pair of semi-detached dwellings on this site.
Council raised no objection to the current proposal, without prejudice to any formal Planning Application.

C32/16 Stockbury 23, South Street
Council supported Planning Application Da/2015/1079: construction of first floor to existing dwelling & detached double garage.

C33/16 Anscomb Way, 8
Council supported Planning Application DA/2016/0016: conservatory to rear off dwelling.

C34/16 Slade Lays Farm, Eydon Road
Council objected to Planning Application DA/2016/0022: change of use of land for the storage & retail of agricultural vehicles & plant [retrospective] and the construction of a storage building & access track in connection with the said change of use, including the demolition of an existing building to enable the construction of the said access track [prospective].

Observations:
- The passage of HGVs/low loaders is not appropriate for access to Slade Lays via neither Scrivens Hill, High Street, South Street & Eydon Road nor the narrow roads providing alternative access via neighbouring villages.
- The proposed facility [land and building] presents the capacity for a significant increase in the number of daily heavy vehicle movements which would combine with those of the continuing operations of the existing [approved and unapproved] businesses at Slade Lays to create a serious deterioration in highway safety and further degrade the network all beyond the persisting, unacceptable situation.
- Modification of the access off Eydon Road would be of further detriment to road safety, being closer to the bend. Access to Slade Lays has been cited as inadequate in other planning decisions.
- The scale of the building is totally out of place in this rural setting, being more appropriate to a designated industrial estate.
- Although the Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan is at draft stage, the proposal site does not feature for such development.

C35/16 Membris Way, 3
Council noted Planning Application DA/2016/0091: conversion of garage and construction of single storey extension to provide additional living accommodation.

C36/16 Daventry District Local Plan Part 2
The Clerk alerted Council to the current Daventry District Council consultation, which expires on 11 March 2016. Matter to be scheduled for Council’s 08 March 2016 meeting.

C37/16 Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan [“NP”]
The Clerk alerted Council to the meeting of the NP Group to be held on 02 March 2016 in the Farndon Room, starting at 19.00 hrs. The Chairman, Mr. R. Snedker would welcome members’ input to the NP and attendance, if possible.
C38/16 Byfield Road - Traffic & Road Safety
Mr. Knight [Highway Warden] reported on the site meeting which he and the Clerk attended on 02 February 2016 with Mr. Steve Barber [Kier/Northamptonshire County Council Road Safety & Accident Investigation Officer] - walking Byfield Road between Gorse Road and Scrivens Hill [including the Cinderpath and Kitchen Lane]. The concerns are traffic speed and other issues presenting danger to pedestrians, particularly those currently walking to the Sarafield & school and residents in future from the Grants Hill residential development.

Mr. Barber will consult his colleagues: footpaths require extension & exposing to their full widths, access to/fro Kitchen Lane onto Byfield Road is unsafe because it only provides steps [no ramp] & directly joins the main road, the Cinder Path requires resurfacing, traffic speed restriction required, safe crossings for pedestrians required. The Northamptonshire County Council Safer Routes to School Officer plans to visit the site wards the end of March. Mr. Knight will continue to liaise with Mr. Barber and consider a suitable Vehicle Activated Sign to be provided via Highway Authority funding.

Mrs. Griffin refreshed members that the Upton Close Section 106 agreement provided for a pedestrian crossing which despite her strong protest was removed by the Highway Authority because of its proposed location within the 30 mph speed restricted area.

C39/16 Receipts & Payments
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C40/16 Confidential Business - Exclusion of the Public

1 The Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960
Resolved: the Public is excluded from the meeting for the following item concerning Parish Grass Mowing - 2015 as publicity at this stage would be prejudicial to the public interest because the business has contractual & legal implications.

C41/16 Parish Grass Mowing - 2015
The Chairman reported that matters relating to Council’s 2015 grass mowing contract had now been concluded and a contract for 2016/18 awarded [see above]. Resolved: Alan Muxlow to maintain the Memorial Centre grounds according to standing arrangement.
[No Confidential Minute written.]

C42/16 Other Business
- The Chairman reported that a number of drains had been blocked during the recent highway resurfacing amongst the Victorian Terraces. The Highway Warden will contact the Highways Authority.
- Mrs. C. Williams would review the current interior conversion works at the former Moravian Church, Parsons Street against the Planning Approval.
- On the recommendation of Mrs. C. Williams, Council expressed its disappointment at the removal of the hedge and trees fronting the Grants Hill residential development.

C43/16 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.25 hrs.