Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse Starting at 19.00 hrs.

C62/16 Present
Mr. Howard Burdett, Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mr. Gary Denby, Mr. Robin Gilling, Mr. Patrick Knight, Mr. George Osborne, Mr. Robert Snedker, Mrs. Julie Turner & Mrs. C. Williams.
Six members of the public including PCSO Carl Barton [Daventry Police Safer Communities Team], Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor] & Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk]

C63/16 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillors:
Mr. Darren Bennetts [currently charity volunteering abroad], Mrs. Robyn Davison [business commitment] & Mr. David Hawes.
Apology received from Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor].

C64/16 Chairman’s Announcements
- The Chairman and Councillors were pleased to see Mr. Knight following his recent illness.
- The Chairman offered Council’s condolences to Mr. Denby on his father’s recent passing.
- Mr. Robin Brown invites Council’s recommendations for funding from the County Empowering Councillors & Communities Scheme for this year.
- She thanked Mr. Snedker and Mr. Iain Osborne for arranging the recent “Clean for the Queen” event.

C65/16 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Mrs. C. Williams: former advisor with the Citizens Advice Bureau. C78/16 below.

C66/16 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 08 March 2016.

C67/16 Matters Arising
- C60/16 Other Business: Mr. Snedker continues to investigate the installation of Wi-Fi at the Memorial Centre.
- C60/16 Other Business: Mr. Knight advised that his meeting with a County Safer Routes to School Officer, on-site, is being rearranged.

C68/16 Police
PCSO Barton was pleased to say that there had been just three reported crimes in the Parish during the last month. He has dealt with complaints in respect of quad bike riding on the Sarafield and understands Council will also be reviewing this practice. His latest programme of Police surgeries will be advertised in the What’s-on-in-Woodford newsletter.

C69/16 Public Session
Mrs. Sheila Gregoriadis drew Council’s attention to the arrangements for the disposal of grounds maintenance waste from the Burial Ground. She was pleased with the continuing standard of overall grass mowing provided in the Burial Ground. She also explained there are separate designated bins provided by Church & Council for the disposal of grass clippings. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Gregoriadis for her report and confirmed that the pile of accumulated vegetation would be fired at a suitable juncture.
C70/16 Kings Corner Close
Mr. Snedker reported that Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association had been alerted to the very poor state of the wall alongside Parsons Street. He would also refer the matter to Daventry District Council’s Unsafe Structures Officer.

C71/16 Annual Parish Meeting
Council set the date at 26 April 2016.

C72/16 Flooding
Mr. Burdett reported:
- Wednesday 09 March 2016 had seen severe flooding in a number of [the usual] points in the village. He and Mr. Knight had attended the worst locations assisting highway users as necessary. [The Chairman thanked both Councillors for their attention to the problem and their handling of one incident created by a very abusive female motorist.]
- He maintains active liaison with the NCC Flood & Water Management Team and is arranging a meeting in the village with their responsible representatives in order to effect satisfactory remedies for flooding particularly associated with the Cherwell. He has also arranged an on-site meeting with Environment Agency officers concerning maintenance/clearing of the Cherwell and its capacity to carry all water through the Parish, including the section from Station Road flowing south.
- Residents are urged to report all incidents of flooding to the County Council Flood & Water Team to heighten the priority for works funding.
- He will ask the relevant authority to investigate the cause of water continually flowing [from beneath ground level] down Canons Ashby Road [Fox Hill] and puddling at its junction with Byfield Road & Scrivens Hill.

C73/16 Tree/Hedge Maintenance
Council approved the following by TreeTops.com Ltd., Banbury:
- Complete removal of hedge, including roots on Openspace adj. 09 Oak Drive = £320.00.
- Fell, remove & poison stump of tree in corner t/o the Memorial Centre. The tree is causing damage to adj. walls = £90.00.
- Fell & clear sycamore on boundary of St. Mary’s Churchyard & the Parish Burial Ground [damage to fence and graves]. 50/50 shared expense Council/St. Mary’s Church. Council liability = £225.00.

C74/16 Daventry District Issues & Options for Part 2a Settlements & Countryside Local Plan and Part 2b Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show People Local Plan
Mrs. E. Griffin advised she had submitted her concerns in the consultation …….. With regard to section 6.20 of the above I have concern about the impact of the vehicles used by travelling show people on the local highways. We have already further local development which will impose additional traffic and also many large vehicles used by local businesses, all of which have to use a rural road system. The A 361 is under increasing pressure and local traffic is likely to use unsuitable rural lanes in order to find diversion from tailbacks. The inadequacies of the A 361 are already well known.

I believe it would cause further difficulties to introduce another site for travelling show people and their large vehicles to this village and increase further pressures on local roads. I would suggest that another area with a better highways link would be helpful to the travelling show people……..

She was also very concerned at the effect on the A361 of the proposed Waste Transfer Site at Byfield.
The Chairman thanked Mrs. Griffin for her comments, with which Council concurred.

C75/16 Land between 68 & 70 Byfield Road
Council supported Planning Application DA/2016/0196: outline permission for one dwelling.

C76/16 Land r/o Brookfields 27 Pool Street
Council supported Planning Application DA/2016/0361: construction of one detached dwelling. Outline permission granted DA/2015/0892.] Members were pleased to see the environmental installations.

C77/16 Northamptonshire County Council - Children’s Centre Services Consultation 2016
As a result of budget cuts intended to meet austerity targets NCC proposes changes to the way in which Children’s Centre services are delivered.
Council comments: Woodford Halse is one of the largest rural communities in the County and where three hundred new homes are under construction and is extremely concerned that needy parents & children would be deprived of services within the locality essential to them and the future of its community.

C78/16 Citizens Advice Daventry & District
Council granted £100.00 towards core work in this Parish/District.

C79/16 Sarafield Review
Council nominated Mr. H. Burdett, Mrs. K. Coles, Mrs. R. Davison, Mr. P. Knight & Mr. R. Snedker to consider matters relating to the Sarafield for further report to Council.

C80/16 Receipts & Payments
Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

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**C81/16 Other Business**

- The Chairman had reported to the responsible Contractor that a number of dog waste and litter bins in the village had not been emptied.
- Mr. Denby explained that the WoW function needs a volunteer secretary and confirmed that he had now issued invoices to advertisers for the March 2016 quarter. He had also discovered that some recently constructed homes on Grants Hill are already occupied. Mrs. Griffin kindly offered to inform the District Planning Officers because under the Planning Approval highway improvements must be completed prior to any occupations.

**C82/16** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.05 hrs.