Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 08 March 2016 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse Starting at 19.00 hrs.

C44/16 Present
Mr. Howard Burdett, Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mrs. Robyn Davison, Mr. Robin Gilling, Mr. Patrick Knight, Mr. George Osborne, Mr. Robert Snedker & Mrs. Christina Williams.
Four members of the public including PCSO Carl Barton [Daventry Safer Communities Team], Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor] & Sgt. Sam Dobbs [Daventry SCT Leader].
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk]

C45/16 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from: Mr. Darren Bennetts, Mr. Gary Denby, Mr. David Hawes & Mrs. Julie Turner.
Apologies were also received from Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor] & Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District Councillor].

C46/16 Chairman
The Chairman asked members, where they are unable to attend a meeting of the Council, to always convey their apologies and reason for absence.

C47/16 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
None were declared.

C48/16 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 23 February 2016.

C49/16 Matters Arising
C42/16 Other Business. Former Moravian Church, Parsons Street. Mrs. Williams confirmed interior renovations are being conducted according to extant planning approvals.

C50/16 Public Session
No issues were raised.

C51/16 Police
PCSO Barton was pleased to report that the requisite five hundred signatures had been collected allowing arrangements for a parish “Speedwatch” scheme to proceed. This will involve volunteers using speed cameras to best effect during the three week period of the scheme, leaflets & signs and being available during key times of the day.

Sgt. Dobbs reported on the role and valuable work of the PCSO(s) in this Parish and the County:
- The Police service very much appreciates Council’s sponsorship of a PCSO in Woodford-cum-Membris.
- The majority of the Daventry Policing District is rural in nature and, whilst no crime is welcome, only three have been committed since Christmas, in this relatively safe area.
- Residents are encouraged to report relevant incidents to the Police.
- He regarded police visibility, such as an officer driving through a village, as less important than residents knowing & having a rapport with her/him.
PCSO Barton has recorded a good intelligence log and changed his duty pattern to accommodate community events and has engaged “agile policing” away from the Station using mobile [Wi-Fi] facilities.

The 05th. May will see an Election for a Police & Crime Commissioner for the County, in times where service cuts are being made. He hopes that the Commissioner will look closely at providing PCSOs.

Were Woodford-cum-Membris to lose its dedicated PCSO a complete replacement would not be provided with only a much reduced service available.

He recommended bi-monthly PCSO Partnership meetings between Police & Parish Council [the Chairman will consider] and would like to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman thanked both officers for their contributions.

**C52/16 County Councillor**
The Chairman was pleased to welcome Mr. Robin Brown who appraised Council on recent issues:

- He stressed, despite not being able to attend every Council meeting because of pressing countywide commitments, particularly in these times of Public Service cuts he always remains available to help people where possible.
- He urged Council to support the valuable service provided by its PCSO.
- He urged parishioners to support its local County Library because it adds value to the village.
- In response to a question from Mrs. Williams he explained that the current debate about the creation of a new Unitary Authority between South Northants and Cherwell District Council’s has a long way to run and is concerned that all Councils should remember that their prime function is to serve the people.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Brown for his advice and assistance in the Parish.

**C53/16 Daventry District [“DDC”] Waste & Recycling Collections**
In June 2018 DDC’s waste & recycling contract will expire. A new practical and stringent financial situation will arise and DDC is now seeking the public’s views on the option for the service which seems to best meet future requirements - the “1-2-3” service which provides (1) a weekly food waste collection, (2) a two-weekly recycling collection and (3) a three-weekly general waste collection.

Council commented:
- Three weeks between general [current black bin] rubbish collections is too long. This would encourage fly tipping.
- In case of extended collection periods a larger cardboard waste bin would be required.
- It would be most difficult for smaller properties to accommodate any additional bin. This would lead to more bins being permanently sited on-street.
- Council strongly objects to a charge being made for the collection of garden waste, whose imposition would particularly affect pensioners.

**C54/16 Council’s Internal Controls & Risk Management and Internal Audit**
Council reviewed and approved its Internal Control arrangements including Risk Management and Terms of Reference of the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Council’s Internal Audit Service.

**C55/16 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations**
Council approved its current Standing Orders & Financial Regulations. The Clerk would schedule a further review in due course.

**C56/16 Preston Fields Farm, Charwelton Road, Preston Capes [not Woodford CM Parish]**
Council supported Planning Application DA/2016/0110: take down existing farm building and relocate within the farmyard.
C57/16 Consultation on DDC’s Part 2a Settlements & Countryside Local Plan and Part 2b Gypsy, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Local Plan
Council noted this consultation.

C58/16 Woodford-cum-Membris Neighbourhood Plan [“NP”]
Mr. R. Snedker [NP Group Chairman] reported a useful Group meeting and good progress towards first stage public consultation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Snedker and his Group colleagues for their attention to the NP.

C59/16 Receipts & Payments
Council noted receipts and authorized payments:

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C60/16 Other Business
– Mr. Snedker recommended installation of Wi-Fi in the Memorial Centre. Council approved, in principle, and he will investigate for Council’s further consideration.
– In response to a question from Mr. Snedker, Highway Warden Mr. Knight advised that repeater 30 mph speed limit signs could not be placed in Byfield Road because the road is lit and that High Street & Station Road do not meet the current criteria for a 20 mph traffic speed restriction.

C61/16 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.10 hrs.