Minutes of the Woodford-cum-Membris Parish Council Meeting Held on
Tuesday 09 August 2016 in the Memorial Hall Woodford Halse
Starting at 18.45 hrs.

C137/16 Present
Mr. Howard Burdett, Mrs. Kay Coles [Chairman], Mrs. Robyn Davison, Mr. Gary Denby,
Mr. Robin Gilling, Mr. Patrick Knight [18.45 to 19.45 hrs], Mr. George Osborne,
Mr. Robert Snedker & Mrs. Christina Williams.
No members of the public attended.
G. P. Smith [Parish Clerk]

C138/16 Apologies
Apologies were received and accepted from: Mr. Darren Bennetts [charity volunteering overseas] &
Mrs. Julie Turner [without the area].
Apologies were also received from Mrs. Jo Gilford [District Councillor].
The Chairman thanked Mr. Robin Brown [County Councillor] and Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin [District
Councillor] who arrived but were unable to join the meeting due to the unexpected length of the Police
Community Support Officer [“PCSO”] session and later engagements.

C139/16 Members’ Declarations of Disclosable Interest
Council received none.

C140/16 Public Attendance
Resolved: the public is excluded\(^1\) from this meeting for the items concerning Council’s PCSO Partnership
Agreement and the Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land as publicity would be prejudicial to the
public interest because the business has contractual implications.

C141/16 Former Railway Embankment & Associated Land
See confidential minutes C162/16 to C166/16.

C142/16 PCSO Agreement
See confidential minutes C167/16 to C168/16.

C143/16 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Council approved the minutes of its meeting of 14 June 2016.

C144/16 Matters Arising
In response to questions from Mr. Snedker it was confirmed:
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- C122/16 Grants Hill off Byfield Road [Taylor Wimpey Development]. The Highway Authority could not
  at this very late stage alter the design of its agreement with the developer for improvements to Byfield
  Road, which Council does not consider optimum, in respect of road safety.
- C126/16 Highway Warden. A mobile speed warning devise [VAS] is to be purchased for Council’s
  permanent use and a speed monitoring camera will be made available for a three months period.
- C127/16 Flood Warden. Mr. Chris Heaton-Harris MP had not been approached about funding for suitable
  flood relief schemes in the Parish.

C145/16 Planning Report
\(^1\) The Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960
Mrs. Williams updated Council on the progress of recent applications.

**C146/16 Hinton House, Byfield Road**

**C147/16 Preston Fields Farm, Charwelton Road, Preston Capes**
Council considered Planning Application DA/2016/0609: conversion of former agricultural building for occupation of an agricultural worker, including alterations and new pitched roof to replace part flat roof and enlarged domestic curtilage. Observations: (1) There appears to be a number of approvals for this remote site giving the impression of a “drip-by-drip” residential development (2) The plan appears not to take into account Application DA/2016/0110 relocating an existing farm building (3) This site already has one dwellinghouse.

**C148/16 Neighbourhood Development Plan**
Mr. Snedker reported that the latest version had been circulated to parties involved, points raised by Daventry District Council [“DDC”] are being reviewed by Kirkwells Planning Consultants and a report from the Northamptonshire Biodiversity Record Centre is informing the Plan.

**C149/16 Residential Development - Rural Exception Sites**
DDC’s Affordable Housing Officer, Samantha Bosworth, had offered to speak to Council about a possible Site in the Parish. The Clerk will arrange a visit.

**C150/16 District Housing Implement Strategy**
Council noted the July 2016 consultation draft of the DDC Housing Implementation Strategy.

**C151/16 Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils**
Council noted the date of the Associations AGM on 08 October 2016 at Wootton Hall, Northampton.

**C152/16 Flood Warden**
Mr. Burdett reported that following the visit to Woodford Halse of the Northamptonshire County Council Fire & Rescue Community Outreach vehicle in June, there had been further contact with interested parties in designing suitable flood alleviation schemes. In addition, he had been invited to join Pathfinder Project II [DEFRA sponsored] - Council would like him to accept to represent the Parish.

**C153/16 Hawthorn Close - Hedge**
Resolved: overgrown hedge is reduced [top & sides by at least two feet] by MB Landscaping for £475.00 according to estimate 092/07 July 2016.

**C154/16 Highway Warden**
Report deferred.

**C155/16 DDC Ageing Well In Daventry District Strategy 2016-2020**
Council noted the current consultation draft.

**C156/16 Sarafield - Sports Pavilion**
Resolved: M Mumford Electrical Limited is engaged to carry out electrical repairs according to its quotation MM/1421/15 June 2016 for £1,745.00 + VAT.

**C157/16 Play Areas - RoSPA Safety Inspection Reports**
RoSPA inspected the play areas on 30 June 2016 - Ryefields children’s play area, Sarafield skateboard & courts and Sarafield children’s play area. Mr. Burdett and Mr. Snedker will investigate the recommendations, on site, and arrange repair work, consulting the Chairman and Clerk as necessary.

C158/16 Sarafield
Council’s Sarafield Group members agreed to meet on Monday 22 August 2016.

C159/16 Receipts & Payments
Council noted receipts and authorized payments [two months]:

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C160/16 Other Business
- St. Mary’s Allotments. The Chairman reported that a large ash limb had fallen from a mature tree along the stream edge of the allotments. Because of possible further danger to tenants the branch had been cut and tidied [Treetops £140.00] and a survey of the whole tree [which appears to be diseased] requested. Council approved this course of action.
- Mrs. Davison relayed two items from Mr. Robin Brown (1) An invitation to apply for a grant from the County Councillors’ Empowerment Fund and (2) A suggestion that Council ask DDC, Taylor Wimpey &
the Highways Authority for compensation for the continuing inconvenience of road closures associated with the Grants Hill residential development. Mr. Snedker offered to investigate the possibility.

**C161/16** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.00 hrs.