



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday 4th January 2016
 In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

DRAFT MINUTES 393

Present: , Cllr A Hansford (Chair) AH Cllr Liz Holland LH (Vice chair), Cllr Tom Holmes TH, Cllr Roger Flack RF, Fi Thompson (FT) – Clerk, Apologies; Cllr Russ Jenner RJ, Cllr Alex Neville AN.

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1. Declarations of members' interests: - NONE	
2. Apologies: – Cllr A Neville and Cllr R Jenner Accepted	
3. Public time: – No public	
4. Proposal to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 7th 2015 ACCEPTED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hansford wished the Council a happy and healthy new year. 	
5. Matters arising & review actions; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Pridmore Close. Garage change of use • 26 Main Street. Building link at rear. ENC Permission given • Cllr Holmes to completely empty the compost bin and order gravel for spreading along Parish Path. • Sign 'Compostable rubbish only' for compost bin by Cllr Flack. • Richard Brown has informed council that he has completed his 2015 mowing contract for the churchyard and will not tender for next year. His work was praised by the Council. • Only new allotment tenants will be issued with new tenancy agreements, unless there is a price change. Cockerels are now allowed on the allotments. 	TH RF RF
6. Allotments: Anglian Water has carried out a Water Regulations Compliance Inspection at the allotments. All mains fed taps require backflow protection. Insulation is advised on all taps. Follow up inspection on Feb 16th 2016.	RF AH

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7. St Mary's Hill ownership plan. Cllr Jenner was obliged to send his apologies. This will be on the February agenda.	
8. Playground : Safety inspection for December carried out by Cllr Hansford. Four repairs to be dealt with in February agenda. January inspection Cllr Holland, February inspection by Cllr Holmes.	LH TH
9. Churchyard: A new contractor to mow the Churchyard is being sought. Consideration is being given to the price for collecting or leaving all arisings.	AH
10. Grant: A grant of £50 was requested by the Woodnewton History Society. This was unanimously approved.	FT
11. Society of Local Council Clerks, SLCC: Clerk requested that WPC join the SLCC @ £65 p.a. outlining the many advantages and value for money. It has been proposed on a one-year trial period. Clerk to report back in 2017 on its benefits.	FT
12. To confirm that the council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit: The Audit Commission was formally closed on 31.3.15. In Northamptonshire the audit work was done by BDO and will continue to be, for the next two external audits but in 2018 the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd will procure external auditors and oversee audit arrangements unless the Council opts out. The Council decided to remain opted- in.	
13. Accounts: Balance of £11012. Payments to Eon @ £155.52/ Woodnewton History Society @ £50/ ENC for orange bags @ £30.	FT
14. Councillors' opportunity to update colleagues:	FT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WPC will work in accordance with the Transparency Code, which requires that the WPC bank statement is presented and signed six times per year. Cllr Holland • The lamp outside No. 8 The Paddock is out. Cllr Hansford • Gravel will be delivered this week to spread along Parish Path. Cllr Holmes • Cllr Hansford thanked the council for their flexibility in moving the meeting time this evening. • A plot in the cemetery has been reserved for a triple ashes burial. Clerk 	FT
Meeting finished at 7.45 DTNM 1st February 2016 at 8.00	AH TH RF et al.

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