



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
ORCHARD LANE, WOODNEWTON PE8 5EE AT 8.00PM

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Neville, Cllr Flack, Cllr Blackmore and the Parish Clerk/RFO.

Parish Clerk in the Chair.

1. Appointment of Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Blackmore moved, and Cllr Flack seconded the appointment of Cllr Neville as Chairman for the meeting. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

Cllr Neville in the Chair.

2. Declarations of Member's Interests from Councillors

None.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hansford and Cllr Jenner had submitted apologies for absence.

4. Public Time

No members of the public or press wished to address Council.

5. Minutes of Meeting Held on 8th October 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2018, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed.

6. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

7. Planning

(a) App No. 18/01902/OUT – land adjacent 11 Orchard Lane. No Objections raised.

(b) Local Plan - The Clerk reported that the ENC had published a Consultation Draft of the proposed Local Plan. Councillors would review the proposals/policies and **AGREED** that the Plan would be considered at the next meeting if necessary.

8. Playing Fields and Playground

(a) The monthly inspection report had been carried out by Cllr Blackmore. Issues identified were rotten fence posts around children's play area, a bolt missing from the rocking horse, benches in need of renovation, and problems with the seat on the cable runway in addition to the previously identified issues of overhanging branches, the wooden surface of the roundabout and splits in timber on rocking horse.

(b) Cllrs Hansford and Blackmore are to re-cover the roundabout (costing between £100 and £120) which may need screws in addition to glue. Cllr Blackmore would replace the bolt missing from the rocking horse.

9. Local Government Re-Organisation in Northamptonshire

No further information had been received since the last Council meeting.

10. Vacancies on the Council

Councillors had approached residents, but no-one had shown an interest. It was **AGREED** that Councillor would continue to seek volunteers.

The Clerk reported that it was still not known whether the 2019 elections would take place, but if the District Council election was postponed and the Parish Council elections still went ahead, the cost of a contested election in Woodnewton would have to be borne by the Parish Council.

11. Replacement of Street Lights

Cllr Blackmore reported that the Council's application for funding had not been accepted. Council felt that the scheme should still be progressed and **AGREED** that Cllr Blackmore should investigate funding from SALIX and the Clerk should look at the implications of taking out a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

12. Village Sign

Council **AGREED** to a proposal that the new sign for the village should be unveiled at the annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church in December. Cllr Neville proposes that the Chairman of the Parish Council should do the unveiling. This was seconded by Cllr Blackmore and carried unanimously.

Council also **AGREED** that the hanging of the sign should be a low-key event held once the repairs to the post had been carried out.

13. Grass at East End of Church Yard

It was proposed by Cllr Flack and seconded by Cllr Blackmore that a quote for £55 for stimming the grass at the east end of the Church Yard be accepted. This was **AGREED** by Council.

14. Accounts

(a) Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Churchyard Grass Cutting (October)	£360.00p
e.on (Repairs)	£37.52p
Clerk's Salary (nett of tax) and Expenses	£210.49p
HMRC (Income Tax)	£48.80p

(b) Council **NOTED** the following receipts:

Cemetery (Erection of head stone)	£45.00p
Allotment Rents (Sept 2018 to March 2019)	£420.00p

(c) Council **NOTED** that the Budget and Precept would be set at the December meeting.

15. Correspondence

(a) Council considered a request to donate to Volunteer Action. Council **DECIDED** that while it was happy to promote Volunteer Action in the village and call for volunteers, it was unsure at present what impact local government reorganisation would have on its finances. Therefore, it was unwilling to make a grant to Volunteer Action at the present time.

(b) Council **CONFIRMED** its decision taken between meetings to allow the local Beaver Scout Group to use the Playing Fields on Monday 12th November.

16. Opportunity to Update Colleagues.

Councillor Blackmore advised Council that he had yet to find someone to erect the new goal posts. He was advised of one or two additional possibilities.

17. Date of next meeting.

3rd December 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

15. There being no other Items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02pm

Chairman’s Signature

December 2018