WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 8th OCTOBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
ORNCHARD LANE, WOODNEWTON PE8 5EE AT 8.00PM

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman), Cllr Neville, Cllr Jenner, Cllr Blackmore and the Parish Clerk/RFO.

1. Declarations of Member’s Interests from Councillors
Cllr Hansford declared an interest in Item 6(a) – Application No. 18/01932/TCA

2. Apologies for Absence
Cllr. Flack

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

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 3rd September 2018
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2018, having been previously circulated, were AGREED and signed.

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

6. Planning
(a) App No. 18/01691/FUL – 49 Main Street. No Objections raised.

(b) App No.18/01932/TCA – 32 Main Street. No Objections raised subject to the work being carried out by a qualified tree surgeon.

7. Playing Fields and Playground
(a) The monthly inspection report had been submitted but was not available at the meeting. Issues identified were overhanging branches, splits in timber on rocking horse, and bird droppings on some pieces of equipment. To be included in jobs for Clean-Up Day.

(b.1) Cllr Hansford to calculate the amount of wood needed to recover the roundabout and get a quote. Wood to be glued to existing surface rather than screwed.

(b.2) It was reported that the bolts had been cut back on the “goal module” (as per RoSPA Report) but Council did not know who had carried out this work.

(b.3) Cllr Blackmore would ask the Churchyard grass cutting contractor if he could give a quote for fitting the new goal posts.
8. Local Government Re-Organisation in Northamptonshire

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

9. Vacancies on the Council

No-one had shown an interest as yet. It was AGREED that each Councillor would approach (at least) two residents to see if they were interested. Councillors to report back to next meeting.

10. Clean-Up Day

The tasks to be undertaken on Clean-Up day were considered. Cllr Hansford to try to borrow a trailer for the removal of the grass clipping from the Church Yard and tree prunings from around the village. The contractor to be asked to provide a quote to stim the area to the east of the Church Yard. Cllrs Hansford and Neville to organise refreshments. Cllr Hansford to produce a leaflet calling for volunteers, to be distributed by Cllrs Hansford, Neville and Blackmore.

11. Accounts

(a) Council AGREED the following payments:

- Churchyard Grass Cutting (September) £360.00p
- e.on (Maintenance Contract) £155.52p
- Anti-Bird Spikes £29.99p
- Clerk’s Expenses £36.99p
- Verge etc Grass Cutting (April to June) £1940.60p
- e-on (electricity supply July to Sept) £269.71p
- Anglia Water (Water to Allotments – DD) £30.26p

(b) Council NOTED the following receipts:

- Precept Payment (Oct 2018 to March 2019) £6,784.00p
- VAT Refund (Oct 2017 to March 2018) £6,404.02p
- Verge Cutting (NCC Contribution) £464.06p

(c) Council RECEIVED the September Bank Account reconciliation, and expenditure against Budget Heads statement. Copies attached to the signed copy of these Minutes.

12. Correspondence

(a) Consultation on proposed changes to NCC’s Adult Visually-Impaired and Hearing-Impaired Services – Council decided not to participate in these consultations.

(b) Cutting of verges in Lindsey Close – It was felt that residents should cut these verges if the area was not included in the contract. Council to investigate.

(c) Village Sign – Council had received an email asking about progress on replacing the Village sign.


Councillor Blackmore advised Council that the post and iron work for hanging the village sign needed repairing. Council AGREED to spend £65 on this work. Council discussed options for “unveiling” the new sign before the end of the year. The options would be investigated and reported to the next meeting of Council.
Councillor Blackmore also advised Council on the recent proposals for North Bridge in Oundle whereby barriers would be erected to limit the size and the flow of traffic.

Councillor Flack had collected the annual rents for the allotments for 2018/2019. 35 plots had been taken (1 vacant) generating £420. Council AGREED to a request to erect a shed on Plot 25.

Councillor Hansford advised that he would not be able to attend the November 2018. Councillor Jenner also said that he may be absent. Clerk to check that Councillor Flack would be available to ensure that the meeting was quorate.

14. Date of next meeting.

5th November 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

15. There being no other Items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm

Chairman’s Signature .................................................. November 2018