



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL,

ORCHARD LANE, WOODNEWTON PE8 5EE AT 8.00PM

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Member's Interests from Councillors

Cllr Neville Declared an Interest in Agenda Item 10(b).

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jenner.

3. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 11th February 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2019, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising

Item 6 (3): The Clerk had not as yet contacted ENC regarding the alleged unauthorised business in Main Street and was asked to do so.

Item 11(b): The Clerk advised Council that ENC District Councillor Annabel de Capell Brooke had been elected County Councillor for the Oundle Division of NCC.

6. Replacement of Street Lights

(a) Ncalc Workshop: Cllr Blackmore gave a report on a very informative workshop organised by Ncalc at which it had been stated that no council had received a grant towards the cost of replacing street lights and all projects were funded by loans. There were basically two ways to proceed; either take a loan with the PWLB (which entailed fulfilling requirements on consultation and support from residents if repaying the loan involved an increase in the parish precept) or taking a loan with Salix and pay it off over a number of years from savings in electricity used and maintenance costs.

(b) Way Forward with the Project: It was **AGREED** that Council would not consult more widely with residents than it had done to date other than putting an update in the Newsletter. Cllr Blackmore would prepare a project plan including the costs arising from the alternative loan sources.

7. Playing Fields and Playground

(a) The monthly inspection report had been delayed but would be carried out asap. The rotten posts around the children's play area had been replaced, but the roundabout repairs had still to be done.

(b) Cllr Blackmore would fit the replacement parts to repairing the zip wire but there would be no sleeve over the chain. The replacement goal posts had been delivered and would be fitted. Due to a misunderstanding of procedures, Council could not apply for the grant towards the cost of the posts.

8. Wildflower Meadow and Allotments

(a) Wildflower Meadow Update: Cllr Flack advised Council that the estimated total cost of the project was £327.99p. The area would be marked out on 15th March and the turf lifted on 16th March. Allotment holders would look after the maintenance of the area including cutting the paths around the site. Cllr Hansford would prepare signs asking people to take care near the area.

(b) Fence Around Allotment: Council **AGREED** to a request to erect a protective-fence around an allotment subject to it being a reasonable height, it did not restrict access to paths or other allotments, it was constructed of acceptable materials, and would be taken down if required to do so by Council at the end of the tenancy.

9. Accounts

Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Anglian Water (DD)	£28.35p
Hire of Turf Cutter	£72.00p
Wildflower Seeds	£137.99p
Zip Wire Seat	£227.86p
Postfix	£23.04p
Clerk's Salary plus Replacement Ink Cartridge	£230.48p
HMRC (Income Tax)	£48.80p

10. Contracts and Agreements

(a) Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance Contracts 2019 to 2021: Council **AGREED** the Contracts for (a) MB Grasscutting to cut the churchyard grass, and (b) HJ Horticulture Ltd to cut the grass and hedges of the playing fields and cemetery, the verges, and to undertake grounds maintenance in the Village Hall and Cemetery car parks. The Clerk to sign and issue the Contracts on behalf of Council.

(b) (Having Declared an Interest , Cllr Neville did not take part in this discussion)

Woodnewton Players' Lease: Council **AGREED** the wording of an Agreement to extend the lease between the Parish Council and the Woodnewton Players for a plot of land adjacent to the Village Hall until February 2024. Clerk to sign and forward to the Woodnewton Players.

11. Correspondence

(a) Cllrs Hansford and Flack had received an email from a resident regarding the possible loss of ancient rights of way. This was noted for further investigation.

12. Opportunity to Update Colleagues.

(a) **Cllr Neville** reported that the ENC had refused the outline application for a residential unit on land adjacent 11 Orchard Lane; one of the considerations in reaching this decision was that the site contained the last remnants of the historic orchards in Woodnewton.

(b) **The Clerk** reported that he had removed some of the rubbish from the Cemetery, but the commercial refuse bin needed emptying. Cllr Hansford would empty the bin.

(c) Council AGREED that the Spring Clean-Up Day would be held on Saturday 6th April. **Councillor Hansford** would prepare a note for the next Newsletter and the Clerk would book the Village Hall.

(d) Councillor Robinson reported that the Parish Council section of the village website was not up-to-date. The Clerk had recently asked the Website Administrator to update the site. Cllr Neville would investigate.

(e) Councillor Robinson asked what action would be taken regarding concerns about speeding in and through the village. This item would be considered at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting.

Monday 1st April 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

14. There being no other Items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Chairman's Signature

1st April 2019