

**WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
Monday APRIL 4th 2011 at 8pm
In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs G Bradbury (GB), S Roberts (SR), A. Smith (AS), D. Burgess (DB), P. Hamalainen (PH), A. Hansford (AH), Clerk Liz Holland (LH)

	ACTION
1. Declarations of Members' Interests – None	
2. Apologies for absence – None	
3. PUBLIC TIME – a resident came to tell the council about the petition he is raising in the village to register objection to the low-level radioactive dumping proposal at King's Cliffe.	
4. PROPOSAL – to accept the minutes of the meeting held March 7th 2011. AGREED.	
5. Matters arising and review actions taken	
6. Street lighting proposals – Cllr Bradbury brought a map drawn up following a review walk with Cllr Webb. It showed the location of all street lights, highlighting those proposed to be turned off altogether & those to switch to part-time cells. Various changes were suggested. A revised map will be sent round on fliers to all houses asking for comments. It may be possible to have it on the website. It will be displayed at clean up day & the APM next month.	GB (map & displays) LH (fliers)
7. Playground working group – has not met this year but resolved to do so before the next full meeting to propose alternative ways forward which will then be presented at the APM.	Working group + agenda

<p>8. Risk assessment – playground safety. Cllr Bradbury presented a checklist for all councillors to use when reviewing playground safety on a monthly basis. Clerk to try it first after a few amendments.</p>	<p>GB (changes) LH (inspection)</p>
<p>9. 17, Main Street – Clerk had spoken to Michael Burton at planning policy. He confirmed he had often been in touch with John Gibbison & had tried to help him develop an idea for the site which would be acceptable to ENC. MB suggested that his dept.’s view is that the capacity of the site is estimated at 10 homes & that it would be expected that 70% of them would be affordable homes. He also said that ENC may well allow an ‘appropriate’ development to go ahead even if it breached the village boundary. MB knew of 2 recent decisions which had allowed other village boundaries to be crossed & he expected another shortly. Amie Baxter (development control) had emphasised the precedent set by the recent appeal decision on this site which ruled against breaching the village boundary. All councillors outlined their ideas for development of the site. These were varied & ranged from 3 to 9 houses. All honoured the existing building line. All agreed that an idea to pursue a pocket park on the land down toward the river, with public access from Main Street, as part of any development deal was worthwhile. There was also support for asking for a s.106 agreement. It was AGREED that no further contact would be sought with Mr Gibbison until after the election. It was AGREED that the clerk should write to MB with some of these views.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>10. Speed limit signs into the village – It was AGREED that NCC be asked to go ahead with their proposal to move the 30mph signs on Oundle Road & Apethorpe Road & to install a combined village name & speed limit sign on Nassington Road. Cllr Bradbury pointed out that the village sign on Apethorpe Road was deteriorating & that it might be an opportunity to move the Nassington Road sign to replace it. Cllr Burgess will continue to pursue this. The Chair thanked him for all his work on this so far.</p>	<p>DB</p>
<p>11. Annual Parish Meeting – a guest list and the agenda were agreed. Clerk to put notice in the newsletter & deliver fliers nearer the time.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>12. Review parish plan – some changes agreed</p>	<p>LH</p>

<p>13. PROPOSAL – to allow the felling of a tree on Orchard Lane. Residents to be informed that this tree is on NCC land.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>14. CONSIDER the recommendations from the clerk’s salary review – Housing allowance to rise from £110 to £156 (as per NCALC guidelines). Rate of pay & hours unchanged. ACCEPTED</p>	
<p>15. ACCOUNTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review accounts • Payments – e-on £160.06, Brigstock Sawmill £177.90 	
<p>16. Correspondence & councillors’ opportunity to update colleagues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair took the opportunity to thank all Cllrs standing for re-election. He went on to thank Cllr Hamalainen in particular, who is stepping down. Cllr Hamalainen said he would be happy to continue to support the work of the council & hoped to stay involved. • Cllrs will review the map showing properties hard to service under the new waste collection service – clerk to provide access details • Speedwatch cancelled - a victim of financial cuts • Cllr Hansford wanted to report a hole in a footpath bridge to the footpath warden. • Cllr Hansford said he thought the first month with the new grass cutting contractor had gone well • Cllr Hansford mentioned the possibility of a village Reading Room 	<p>ALL</p> <p>DB/AS</p>
<p>17. Dates for upcoming meetings AGM May 9th to be followed by an ordinary business meeting if needed, May 31st (APM),</p>	<p>LH</p>