

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 5th March at 8pm
In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs N.Sadler (NS), A. Hansford (AH) – arrived 8.15,
S. Roberts, G. Bradbury (GB), Clerk Liz Holland (LH)

	ACTION
1. Declarations of Members' Interests – None	
2. Apologies for absence – Accepted from Cllrs Burgess & Smith	
3. PUBLIC TIME –	
4. PROPOSAL – to accept the minutes of the meeting held February 13th. POSTPONED as not enough councillors were present who had attended the meeting.	agenda
5. Review actions taken and matters arising – draft timetables for meetings through 2012/3 were amended & agreed. Clerk will post them on the noticeboard.	LH
6. Jubilee celebrations – likely to be a street party outside the village hall on Orchard Lane on June 5 th incurring very little cost. Rob Bibby is keen to be involved in producing a jubilee keepsake for the children of the village at a cost of c. £4-£5 per person. PROPOSAL – to fund the keepsakes & perhaps a memorial tree £300 AGREED.	AH
7. Clean up day – Liz Holland agreed to be catering manager. Anticipated there will be no need for funds	LH, AH
8. The Mildmay Trust – Cllr Sadler has been looking into what needs to be done to set this back on a legal footing. He needs a formal letter from the council resigning Paul Hamalainen as a trustee & appointing himself. Liz Holland volunteered to join him as 2 trustees are required and this post was previously held by Doug Lord. May need a copy of a death certificate to remove Doug Lord as a signatory to the bank. Cllr Webb agreed to ask for one. PROPOSAL – to appoint Neil Sadler & Liz Holland as trustees of the Mildmay Trust. AGREED	DW NS, LH
9. Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection - Cllr Sadler confirmed no new risks • Roundabout – waiting for timber to provide framework to lay concrete. 	GB

<p>10. Clerk’s review including salary recommendation – review carried out March 1st. Clerk agreed to cut her hours to 110 pa from 1st April with the understanding that additional (e.g. planning) meeting could be claimed as overtime at her usual rate. Review of work was very positive & she & Chair agreed to hold future reviews every 2 years but look at pay recommendations annually. Chair will revise & re-issue contract of employment accordingly. Cllrs Hansford & Sadler advised that new regulation for home-based workers may need to be applied.</p>	<p>DW</p>
<p>11. ACCOUNTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review accounts & budget – clerk brought councillors attention to the increase in reserves as currently stated on the accounts & budget. AGREED to open a ‘playground equipment fund’ to earmark reserves for the purchase of equipment & explain the need to build reserves. • Cemetery costs - POSTPONED • Payments – village hall £25, clerk’s salary & housing allowance £468, printer cartridge £17.99, eon £164.16, D. Bellairs £177ALL AGREED 	<p>LH</p> <p>AS</p> <p>LH</p>
<p>12. Correspondence & councillors’ opportunity to update colleagues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northants ACRE bulk buying oil – Cllr Webb has requested further information & will use the newsletter to let residents know about the scheme if it seems viable. • Cllr Roberts feels there is a need to consider water use & abuse on the allotments. Is there a rain water harvesting system suitable? Should taps be secured if there is going to be a water shortage this summer? • Cllr Hansford reported back on developments at the church. If no volunteers are forthcoming to specifically manage the church in Woodnewton the PCC will formally merge with that at Nassington. 	<p>DW</p> <p>Agenda?</p>
<p>13. Date of next meeting Monday April 2nd, Tuesday May 8th (AGM) – NB 7.30 start, Tuesday May 15th (APM) 7.30 – clerk to invite Jeremy Taylor & Heather Smith.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LH</p>