

**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WOODNEWTON  
May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 7.30pm  
in the VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane**

**Present:** Cllr D. Webb (Chair), Cllrs D. Burgess, A. Hansford, G. Bradbury, N. Sadler  
Mrs. H. Smith (county cllr), 10 residents

1. **Apologies:** Jeremy Taylor (district cllr), Cllr A. Smith
2. **Welcome:** Cllr Webb introduced the councillors and their guests and welcomed all to the meeting.
3. **Guests: Heather Smith** spoke of NCC's continued determination to oppose the new proposals from Augean. They will almost certainly approve the interim application for an extension to 2016 but will object to the application to extend the life of the site to 2026 & double its size. She urged Woodnewton residents to register & object.

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility/?ipcsection=relreps>

NCC has a strategy of trying to prove the site uneconomic & to that end is urging that all counties should be made responsible for waste generated in their own areas. In response to a question she said that NCC itself cannot stop the transportation of waste as Augean has a legal licence to operate.

She also urged residents to support the appeal to keep the Westmoreland archive in the county. She said that NCC had cut £69m from its 2011-12 budget but still needed to save a further £100m over the next 3 years. Cllr Smith reminded residents about the CallConnect & CountyConnect bus services & about opening hours at the Corby recycling centre which is closed on Wednesdays & Thursdays. She spoke of the changes being made to library times and services in a bid to keep them open.

Chair thanked Cllr Heather Smith.

4. **Jubilee:** Cllr Andrew Hansford gave a presentation of events planned for the Jubilee weekend. Chair thanked him & the whole team of people organising this.
5. **Playground:** Cllr Gary Bradbury updated residents on progress with refurbishing the roundabout & thanked a long list of helpers. He also urged everyone to report vandalism on the playground and elsewhere to the police or Neighbourhood Watch as this is currently a problem.
6. **Lady Mildmay Charity:** Cllr Neil Sadler presented the accounts. To 5.4.12 income was £18 and expenditure £0, leaving cash at hand £621. Trustees are currently assessing the first application for 3 years. He posed a number of questions about the future of the fund including the possibility of winding it up &/or merging it with another similar fund. With another recently formed Trust now in the village with greater potential for fundraising it may be increasingly difficult to secure funding.
7. **Accounts:** the Clerk, Liz Holland, presented the accounts (attached). There were questions on the possibility of increasing the number of allotments to generate more rental income & on the popularity of the playground to justify the amount of money planned to be spent on it. There was a suggestion that the council pursue the idea of rain water harvesting off the village hall roof to supply the allotments & control water costs.
8. **Chair's report:** attached
9. **Matters from residents:** there was a discussion about street lighting changes.