

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 3rd, 2012 at 8pm
In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs A. Hansford (AH), A. Smith (AS), D. Burgess (DB), G. Bradbury (GB), Clerk Liz Holland (LH)
 Guest: District Cllr Jeremy Taylor

Absent: Cllr N. Sadler

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| 1. Declarations of Members' Interests – None | |
| 2. Apologies for absence – Accepted from A Smith | |
| 3. Resignation of Cllr Caroline Clements – The Chair confirmed the resignation of Cllr Clements with immediate effect. Clerk to notify ENC. All asked to canvass residents. Will be advertised in newsletter | LH DW |
| 4. PUBLIC TIME – It was suggested that council needed to take steps to sort out verge cutting on Orchard Lane | See below 15 |
| 5. PROPOSAL – to accept the minutes of the meeting held July 2 nd 2012 ACCEPTED | |
| 6. Review actions taken and matters arising – Everything to be covered on the agenda | |
| 7. Clerks report on Localism training – written report presented at meeting | |
| 8. Guest – District Cllr Jeremy Taylor – Jeremy is a member of the Devt. Control, the Personnel & the Policy & Resources committees. He urged Cllrs to talk to him about any controversial development in the village & to let residents know they can do the same. He reiterated the point made by the clerk that Village design Statements can be a powerful tool. He assured council that traffic flow resulting from large new developments was always seriously considered. | |
| 9. Allotments – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from clerk on tenancies – there has been/will be a lot of changes to tenancies this year. Much of the waiting list should be dealt with by the end of the year which will include letting plots to non-residents. Co-tenancies are increasingly popular. • Agree date for annual allotment meeting: 7.30pm October 1st DW to attend in the absence of an allotment officer. Invitation to be sent with the rent invoices this week. | DW, LH |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set date for follow up inspections – only one tenant affected as others given warning have given up plots. His plot(s) to be re-inspected this week & a letter sent inviting him to a meeting, if appropriate. | AH, LH |
| 10. Jubilee trees – a proposal was not submitted but council were invited to view potential sites at a site visit 6pm Thursday 6 th starting in the church yard. | All + agenda |
| 11. Clean up day – long list of jobs to be advised in Oct. newsletter. Refreshments to be provided in the church as much of the work to be done there. | LH, AH |
| 12. PROPOSAL To submit response drafted by Cllr Hansford to the “Police- Have your say” booklet – Draft distributed - To be agreed by email | All |
| 13. Playground- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly safety inspection – submitted by Cllr Hansford. Next will be Cllr Webb • RoSPA report – nothing the monthly reviews aren’t already identifying except a need to ensure goal post sockets are below ground level • Roundabout – contractors coming to quote on next stage this week | DW Clean up day DB |
| 14. Accounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review accounts – no queries. Clerk recommended that spending on the allotments/cemetery be reduced in the forecast after the receipt of a lower than expected water bill. AGREED. • Note audit report & PROPOSAL – to agree the Annual Return has been approved & accepted. Clerk brought to council’s attention the auditors’ view that the fidelity guarantee insurance (for £10,000) was inadequate. Council agreed they were happy with the level of cover. • Payments –from 17/7 Nick Freeman £972.65, EON £164.20, E. Holland (mileage) £44.20, NCALC (training) £60, Rob Bibby (Jubilee plates) £280, for 3/9 EON £164.16, Playsafety £97.20, BDO £162, A Smith £30 (accepted that clerk had mislaid receipt. This was for prizes on Jubilee Day) ALL AGREED. | LH LH |
| 15. Correspondence & councillors’ opportunity to update colleagues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verges – clerk to ask Sarah Barnwell to come out & discuss the village’s requirements, keeping open the option to transfer the work to Nick Freeman. Cllr Hansford to attend • Planning – Cllr Burgess went to a recent meeting discussing the planning application from Augean at King’s Cliffe. He will attend a planning roadshow organised by CPRE on Nov. 20th. • Church – Cllr Hansford reminded the council of the imminent retirement of Bishop John & advised about interim arrangements | LH, AH DB |
| 16. Date of next meeting – October 1 st 8pm (7.30 for allotment matters) | All |
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