

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 1st, 2012 at 8pm
In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs A. Hansford (AH), A. Smith (AS), G. Bradbury (GB), N. Sadler (NS), Clerk Liz Holland (LH)

	ACTION
1. Declarations of members' interests - None	
2. Apologies - Accepted from Cllr David Burgess	
3. PUBLIC TIME - 2 residents attended to express their concern about a recent letter in the newsletter. Whilst the newsletter is not under the control of the council, councillors were sympathetic to their complaint & offered apologies. As a member of the editorial team for the newsletter was present they were given assurances that they had been listened to & a short explanation of the situation will appear in the November newsletter. They also asked for the council's support in stopping people parking in their spaces at Orchard Crescent. Council AGREED to write to Spire Homes to encourage them to put up appropriate signage.	LH
A resident asked the council to have the churchyard horse chestnut trees professionally assessed. AGREED	LH
4. PROPOSAL to accept the minutes - minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 3rd 2012 were ACCEPTED	
5. Matters arising & review actions - Chair has been contacted by 2 potential new councillors. Clerk to send them further details & invite them to the next meeting.	LH
6. Review councillors' responsibilities - Cllr Smith would like assistance with her role as footpath officer. Cllr Burgess has agreed to do this. Cllr Bradbury to take on role of allotment officer with immediate effect. This leaves street lighting & trees for any new councillor. Cllr Sadler wants to begin a debate on the council taking on new responsibilities. Suggested that County Cllr Heather Smith be asked to attend a meeting to discuss this.	DB GB LH

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<p>7. Allotments</p> <p>◆ clerk reported on the annual allotment meeting held earlier that day - tenants are largely happy with the level of rent. They are not happy that when tenants fall behind in looking after their allotments then weeds can quickly grow up causing seeds to be dispersed & making it very difficult for new tenants to take over. A debate was held as to what extent this was the council's responsibility. Cllr Bradbury agreed to bring proposals to combat this to the next meeting. They also asked about the possibility of having a communal mower but this was rejected by council consistent with previous decisions.</p> <p>◆ permission for a shed - Yvette Halewood can erect shed & greenhouse provided they are small & the green house is not glass</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>LH</p>
<p>8. Jubilee trees - options to plant trees in the verges at the entrances to the village are subject to very restrictive regulations & were abandoned. A single tree in the churchyard (probably a silver birch) & a single tree in the cemetery (Probably a mulberry) were agreed but this does not spend all the money donated. It was felt that the money should be spent on trees/hedgerows & the possibility of extending or improving the hedgerow to be planted in the cemetery will be looked at.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>9. Verge maintenance - Cllr Hansford & the clerk recently met with Sarah Barnwell from NCC to discuss options for verge cutting in the village. It was AGREED to ask NCC for further details on the contract with a view to offering the work to the grass cutting contractor.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>10. PROPOSAL to sign up to ENC's commercial waste disposal scheme - AGREED This is largely to deal with rubbish at the cemetery but will also be useful on clean up days.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>11. Clean up Day + hedgerow Planting - Church will be used for refreshments as most tasks are centered on the churchyard & cemetery. A date will be fixed then for the cemetery hedgerow planting. May need to buy guards.</p>	
<p>12. Playground -</p> <p>◆ the monthly safety inspection was submitted & discussed with clean up day an opportunity to tackle some of the work. Cllr Sadler to do next inspection</p> <p>◆ contractors have been appointed to supply & fit the safety matting at the roundabout. There may still be some leveling work to do.</p>	<p>NS</p>
<p>13. Accounts - cheques for £13.23 E Holland (stationery) & £8.99 G. Bradbury (tarpaulin) were AGREED.</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>14. Councillors' opportunity to update colleagues -</p> <p>◆ 2 applications for tree work were returned with 'no objections' - 1 at Manor House, Main Street, 1 at 32, Main Street</p> <p>◆ the annual byway closure was noted</p>	<p>LH</p>
<p>15. Date for next meeting - November 5th</p>	

