

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, 1st July, 2013 at 8pm
In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs G. Bradbury (GB), N. Sadler (NS), J Haynes (JH), D Burgess (DB) Clerk Liz Holland (LH)

	ACTION
1. Declarations of members' interests - Cllrs Bradbury & Burgess declared interests in the allotments but clerk has covered this with a dispensation	
2. Apologies - Accepted from Cllrs Smith & Hansford	
3. PUBLIC TIME - Village hall management committee came to ask for the council's permission to go ahead with alterations to the hall, being the installation of a new heating system. This may involve siting air-source heat pump fans outside. In outline the council was happy to agree but asked the clerk to bring a specific proposal to the Sept. meeting. In the meantime a member of the council will attend planning meeting of the management committee.	agenda TBA
4. PROPOSAL to accept the minutes of the meeting June 3rd- clerk asked to amend the action item at 5, changing DB to GB. ACCEPTED	LH
5. Matters arising & review actions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk said she has yet to organise the final changes to street lighting & follow up on cost savings. • Dogs on playing fields signs will be repainted weekend of 6th July. • The re-seeding of the playing field seems to have taken. • Clerk to remind village hall committee of need to obtain written permission for this year's bonfire. 	LH GB LH
6. PROPOSAL - To spend up to £60 registering the allotment deeds and village hall lease. AGREED Cllr Smith will be asked to organise this.	AS
7. Parish Plan - Council reviewed Cllr Burgess's draft flier & recommended one or two slight amendments. Also agreed his proposed process. Delivery to be scheduled for September, following an announcement in the newsletter. All agreed a 'tweaking' of the existing plan is more likely than a total re-write.	DB all

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<p>8. Allotments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROPOSAL The council believes that allotment rents form part of the general income of the council and are not ring-fenced for development of the allotments. ACCEPTED • PROPOSAL Refunds of rent may be granted but only under exceptional circumstances. ACCEPTED Clerk asked to change the tenancy agreement to reflect this. • Inspections are due. Cllr Webb to ask Cllr Hansford to co-ordinate before the end of the month. 	<p>LH</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>9. Churchyard & Cemetery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on meeting with PCC on proposed inspection & safety policy - PCC is very happy with the ideas of the Council. As far as possible gravestones are to remain upright. Clerk to finalise the safety & inspection policy. • Clerk brought to the council's attention the rules & regulations of the cemetery which do not allow polished headstones. She has mistakenly allowed a polished memorial stone at the cremated remains part of the cemetery. Council AGREED a review of rules & regulations as they were surprised to hear this. Cllr Smith to be asked. 	<p>LH</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>10. Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety inspection incl. review of compilation report (next inspectors are LH for July & DB for August) - it was suggested that pruning bushes around benches be added to the grass & maintenance contract at next renewal. All agreed the toddler swings are coming to the end of their life. RoSPA inspection imminent so will wait for their assessment before a decision on when to remove. Paul Aspland will be asked to quote to fix the gate. All other work within the scope of usual clean-up day type events. • Funding update - moved on to next stage. Wicksteed are coming to review equipment & advise how to get best play value for £10,000 likely grant. 	<p>LH, DB</p> <p>GB</p>
<p>11. Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review accounts - no queries • PROPOSAL To acknowledge receipt of the audited Annual Report, to note any issues raised & agree how to address them. ACCEPTED & auditors comments on the small mistake on the form was noted. • Payments - v.hall £20, newsletter £150, BDO £120, N Freeman £1,467.77, A. Hansford £32.23 ALL AGREED 	<p>LH</p>

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<p>12. Councillors' opportunity to update colleagues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lady Brassey to be sent a copy of the allotment tenancy agreement as she requested • A letter from Mr. P. Wilde was read • Cllr Sadler is in the process of reviewing the work recently carried out by the community enhancement gang • A decision from the Secretary of State is expected very soon on Augean's proposal to extend their King's Cliffe site in both size and lifetime. • Cllr Burgess has been in correspondence with ENC to confirm that the land to the south of Pound Lane is outside the village boundary and unlikely to be approved for development following an expression of interest from a developer. Only an affordable housing scheme might be considered. • Western Power has advised that they are planning to bury overhead power cables along Main Street (& beyond) at the end of September. They have said they will arrange a consultation meeting. It was suggested the NCC be informed through Heather Smith as this would be another opportunity to bring fibre optic broadband to the village. 	<p>LH</p> <p>NS</p>
<p>Date for next meeting - September 3rd.</p>	