

**WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, 7th October, 2013 at 8pm**  
**In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane**

***DRAFT MINUTES***

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

	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1. Declarations of members' interests</b> - Cllrs Webb & Bradbury declared an interest in item 11 & took no part in the discussion. Cllr Bradbury also declared an interest in item 8. The usual dispensation for allotments was applied.	
<b>2. Apologies - Accepted</b> from Cllrs Hansford & Burgess	
<b>3. PUBLIC TIME -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident came to bring the problem of vegetation overhanging pavements to Council's attention. This is on the agenda.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. PROPOSAL to accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 2nd 2013 AGREED</b>	
<b>5. Matters arising &amp; review actions -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All matters still ongoing are on the agenda</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Planning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13/01549 2, Main Street - no objections</li> <li>• 13/01506 47, Main Street - no objections</li> </ul>	<b>LH</b>
<b>7. Mildmay</b> - Cllr Sadler has spoken to a resident who was chasing a grant request. That has now been paid. He suggested that the trustees meet with the new vicar to discuss the future of the Trust.	<b>LH, NS</b>
<b>8. Highways:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A long reply from NCC on the possibility of them adopting St. Mary's Hill was discussed. All <b>AGREED</b> there is no future to pursuing this. It is understood a resident will be talking to Western Power's contractors in the village to see if they would be able to effect repairs. It was noted that Heather Smith offered to part fund any repairs with her Empowerment money.</li> <li>• Fotheringhay Road/Oundle junction - following the recent accident there, clerk was asked to write again to NCC to inspect the junction.</li> </ul>	<b>LH</b>

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<p><b>9. Street Lights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss quotes - EONs quote was considerably lower than K &amp; M's. Cllr Sadler agreed to find out who might be approached in Western Power/Elexon to approach for help towards funding the replacement poles and lights. Cllrs Webb &amp; Haynes will make a final inspection to decide how many need to be replaced. Clerk asked to talk to EON about how other councils have funded similar projects and what permissions would be required if poles needed to be positioned in people's gardens. There is also the issue of disposal of the existing lights.</li> <li>• new unmetered certificate - it was noted that all lights in the village had recently been surveyed (as part of a wider study) &amp; deemed to be using a greater wattage of electricity than previously recorded. As we run an unmetered supply system here this will inevitably mean higher costs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DW, JH</b></p> <p><b>LH</b></p>
<p><b>10. Address the reported problem of bushes &amp; tress overhanging the pavements</b> A number of sites have been identified for attention at clean up day. Cllr Sadler will talk to one resident whose private property has been complained about &amp; Cllr Webb will talk to another.</p>	<p><b>NS, DW</b></p>
<p><b>11. Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodnewton Players storage unit - As there have been no written submissions following the consultation exercise, the council confirmed its decision to allow the unit as per plans dated 29.8.13. Cllr Smith is drawing up a lease. Rent will be charged at the same rate as allotment holders, subject to annual review. Clerk to advise Woodnewton Players</li> <li>• Cockerels on allotments - council discussed the recent comments it had heard and received on this subject but <b>re-confirmed</b> their decision not to allow any cockerels. Clerk to amend the tenancy agreement to make this clearer.</li> <li>• Annual meeting report - the idea of extending the water supply to allow nearer access for the newer allotments was questioned. Cllr Bradbury agreed to look at costs &amp; had asked for volunteers to do the work. this received a positive reply amongst those at the meeting. Allotment holders were told they were free to take down &amp;/or clear out the old tun shed being previously used for communal storage. Council was asked to follow up on 3 sites described as derelict.</li> </ul>	<p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>GB</b></p> <p><b>agenda</b></p>

	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>12. Churchyard &amp; Cemetery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PROPOSAL</b> To adopt the inspection &amp; safety policy - <b>AGREED</b></li> <li>• <b>PROPOSAL</b> To amend cemetery regulations to allow polished stone. This proposal was <b>amended</b> to read Polished stone can be used for the flat makers in the cremated remains area but not as headstones. Cremated remains markers can be slightly domed. <b>AGREED</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>LH</b></p> <p><b>LH</b></p>
<p><b>13. Playground</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the latest safety inspection(s) due from JH. Next inspector is: AH. Cllr Haynes asked about the rocking horse seats and was told that a refurbishment programme has started. There are a few issues which it s hoped can be addressed at clean up day.</li> <li>• Funding update - still awaiting final confirmation</li> </ul>	<p><b>AH</b></p> <p><b>AH</b></p>
<p><b>14. Accounts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review accounts</b> - No questions.</li> <li>• <b>Payments</b> - EON £175.27 &amp; £164.16, E. Holland £11.15 (stationery &amp; stamps) &amp; £264 (salary), village hall £20 <b>ALL AGREED</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>LH</b></p>
<p><b>15. Councillors' opportunity to update colleagues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council was asked if they wished to again join Community SpeedWatch. Cllr Webb to investigate costs</li> <li>• An amendment to a 1999 planning application at 16, Orchard Lane was noted</li> <li>• Cllr Bradbury agreed to undertake a requested plumbing survey at the allotments</li> <li>• A note from Mrs. Ashby-Pencharz was read which gave the date for the planting of a memorial rowan tree in the cemetery.</li> <li>• Cllr Sadler will reply to a resident who asked about traffic calming in the village</li> <li>• Cllr Webb led the council's thanks to Cllrs Smith &amp; Bradbury for their work applying for the Awards for All grant.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DW</b></p> <p><b>GB</b></p> <p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>all</b></p>
<p><b>16. Date for next meeting</b> - Nov. 4th &amp; Dec 2nd</p>	<p><b>all</b></p>