

WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6th May, 2014 at 8pm

In THE VILLAGE HALL, Orchard Lane

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr D. Webb (Chair) (DW), Cllrs A. Smith (AS), J Haynes (JH), T Holmes (TH), D Burgess (DB), J Roche (JR) Clerk Liz Holland (LH)

	ACTION
1. Declarations of members' interests - None	
2. Apologies - ACCEPTED from A Hansford	
3. PUBLIC TIME -	
<p>4. District Councillor Jeremy Taylor - apologised for not being able to attend the APM on 20th May. There has not been a lot of District Council business impacting Woodnewton. In the area more generally the pressure is still on housing. A neighbourhood plan can be very helpful in resisting large development ideas. He acknowledged the problems with the process in terms of costs and time. Other village have seen pressure on their boundaries but Woodnewton's seems safe. For ENC seeing off the wind farm at Lyveden New Bield was an important victory. Their attention is very much fixed on getting a Secretary of State decision on their proposals at Rushden now. The proposal to move to a 2 tier education system has also been of interest.</p> <p>DB asked about the RNOPT. JT said it was still in place and relevant.</p> <p>He encouraged the council to come up with a worthwhile project to put his empowerment fund to good use.</p>	ALL
5. PROPOSAL to accept the minutes of the meetings on April 7th & 17th - both were ACCEPTED	
<p>6. Matters arising & review actions - Cllr Burgess had looked into rules governing stone walls in the village. They are not protected except in the conservation area.</p>	
<p>7. PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14/00657 19 Orchard Lane - NO OBJECTIONS	LH

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8. Acknowledge the resignation of the clerk and discuss recruitment ideas - all agreed it is important to advertise the position within the village but everyone can encourage suitable candidates to come forward. Cllr Burgess led a vote of thanks for the clerk's service. She assured them she has enjoyed the job. She will be staying on until approx. June 30th.	
9. CONSIDER a request from a resident to ask NCC to erect a mirror near the village sign - Cllr Holmes agreed to take this suggestion to NCC through Sarah Barnwell	TH
10. Street Lighting PROPOSAL - To adopt the suggestions provided by Cllrs Webb & Haynes (sent by email earlier) - this is hoped to be the basis for a long term strategy for street lighting in the village in line with ideas discussed last month. It currently only addresses Main Street. Some councillors strongly expressed the view that this was an opportunity to do away with lighting in the village altogether. Cllr Hansford had sent written comments opposing any reduction in the number of lights on safety grounds. All councillors felt a move to standardising with white lights was a good idea. The proposal was ACCEPTED with the following amendments: No 1 (per the schedule) to be retained & numbers 8 & 9 (per the schedule) to be taken out IF it will not mean speed limit repeaters would have to be installed. Cllr Holmes will check this with Sarah Barnwell. Cllr Webb will talk to WPD about implementing this plan.	TH DW
11. PLAYING FIELD/ALLOTMENTS - update on track repairs and proposed barriers - AGREED that Cllr Holmes could order repairs up to a cost of £750. This money will come out of the playground funds. Councillors agreed to postpone further discussion on the proposed barriers around the village hall until Cllr Hansford could be there to take them through his suggestions.	TH
12. Playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive safety inspection - the clerk apologised for not having carried out an inspection. She needs to re-issue the rota with new councillors names added and re-issue the checklist with new equipment added • Discuss how to fulfill Lottery funding signage requirements - Cllr Smith has Lottery signs to put up at the playground 	LH AS

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<p>13. Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit annual return – Review and PROPOSAL: To confirm that the accounting and governance statements for audit were reviewed and agreed – Chair to sign. AGREED • Payments - A Hansford (clean up day) £26.46, AON £731.38 (up 2% before notifying changes to play-ground equipment), eon £171.78, NCALC £288.75 (up £17). ALL AGREED 	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p>
Councillors' opportunity to update colleagues	
Dates for next meetings - a planning meeting will be held on TUESDAY 20th May (7pm) ahead of the APM (7.30), June 2nd, no meeting July	ALL