



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 6th November 2017
in the Village Hall, Orchard Lane, Woodnewton,
PE8 5EE at **8.00pm**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Flack, Cllr Hansford (chair), Cllr Holland, Cllr Jenner, Cllr Neville

1. PROPOSAL To appoint Liz Holland as acting clerk for the coming month

All agreed

2. To receive Declarations of Member's Interests from Councillors

None noted

3. Apologies for absence

None

4. Public Time 8.00pm to 8.15pm

A resident came to deliver 2 letters raising objections to the proposal at 7 below. She also put forward her arguments in person including in particular the risk of setting a precedent, the consistent history of the parish council in opposing this idea, the support for maintaining the village boundary which was clearly evidenced in the Parish Plan 2007, important to maintain the character of the village. She suggested a village meeting be held to discuss the matter more widely.

A resident asked the council to check the procedures it is following which will allow its decision of 2.10.17 to stand. The council agreed then to replace the tree felled in the churchyard with one of a different species in a different location.

5. Proposal – To accept the minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 2017

All agreed

6. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a. Village sign

Glynn Mould has the old sign and instructions to incorporate a swan and red kite into the new design. No date for completion has been suggested. He will modify the structure to include rods which will strengthen the replacement. A couple of sources

of funding to help with the cost of this were discussed. **Action: Cllr Blackmore will contact the Tesco Bag Fund. The clerk will contact the district councillor for a grant from her empowerment fund.**

b. Clerk recruitment

Everyone who has come forward has been contacted at least once. There seem to be 2 people who may still be interested. **Action: Cllr Hansford to follow them up**

c. Website administrator

The original person in mind for this has not come forward. **Action: Cllr Neville to ask Grant Neville if he will take it on.**

d. New tree

The tree is on order for delivery at the end of November. **Action: Clerk to contact ENC for permission in writing to relocate this tree to the cemetery and confirm that an oak has been chosen**

7. Planning

PROPOSAL To support a relaxation of the village boundary at 17, Main Street subject to acceptable plans for development

Letters submitted in support and against the proposal were read. A document showing a draft plan of the site was used together with a report back from a site visit attended by 4 councillors, the owner and her architect. A long discussion was held focusing on the last survey of village opinion which was the parish plan of 2007 and the perceived risks of a 'precedent' being set when it is known there are other properties in the village who would also like to develop beyond the village boundary.

Adjourned – The council sees a benefit in replacing an unsightly barn and developing this site. It would need to see more detailed plans before coming to a definite conclusion on a request to overstep the village boundary

TO CONSIDER 17/02149 18, Main Street

No objections

TO NOTE Permissions granted – 17/00746 The Granary, Pound Lane
17/01839 9, Pridmore Close

8. Safety inspection of the playground – receive the latest report

Action: Cllr Blackmore

9. Accounts

PROPOSAL To remove Jill Sardeson from the bank mandate

All agreed **Action: clerk**

