



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
ORCHARD LANE, WOODNEWTON PE8 5EE AT 8.00PM

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Hansford (Chairman), Cllr Neville (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Flack, Cllr Jenner and the Parish Clerk/RFO.

#### 1. Declarations of Member's Interests from Councillors

Cllr Neville Declared an Interest in Agenda item 7(a).

#### 2. Apologies for Absence

Non

#### 3. Public Time

No members of the public attended.

#### 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 5. Matters Arising

No other matters arising.

#### 6. Speeding Signage

Cllr Blackmore updated the council on the meeting held in the village with Mr Barber from the ENC Highways. Potential areas were agreed for speed detection. Mr Barber confirmed he would complete the Section 50 License application and when we were in a position to proceed the signage and batteries would be available.

#### 7. Planning

**(a) Application No.19/01650/FUL** - Council had no objection to this application if building was confirmed to be within the building line.

**(b) Application No.19/01631/FUL** – Council had no objection to this application

**(c) Application No. 19/01544/TCA** - Council **NOTED** permission has been **GRANTED**

**(d) Application No. 19/01416/FUL** - Council had nothing further to add to the amendment

## 8. Playing Fields and Playground

### (a) Monthly Safety Inspection Report.

Cllr Flack completed the inspection and there were no additional issues but raised awareness of increased leaf volume and areas of moss both as a result of the current weather conditions. Cllr Flack offered to attend to some trimming of low-level branches. It was noted that the bin near the hand gate still needed to be replaced.

### (b) Update on Repairs, improvements and the provision of additional equipment.

The Council is considering the addition of some adult exercising equipment of which there are funding grants available.

## 9. Allotments

A member of the public had requested the extension of the standpipe system making it more convenient for those with allotments on the far side from the playing field particularly in light of recent dry summers.

The Council **AGREED** in principle and this is to be revisited with budget requirements in December.

## 10. Village Bonfire

Cllr Neville updated the Council on the latest bonfire issues. Due to the poor weather conditions and huge efforts the bonfire did not get going on the night of the fireworks. The fate of the bonfire is to be discussed at the next Village Hall Committee Meeting to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November with several suggestions being put forward including a Christmas event.

## 11. Accounts

(a) Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Clerk Salary (September)	£268.45p
Clerk Salary (October)	£268.45p
Clerk Expenses	£52.43p
E.ON (last quarter to end of Sep)	£333.01

(b) Council **AGREED** more payments to be settled via BACS to save on postal and stationary costs going forward. Two signatories (online) are required for this, one to set up the payment a second to approve.

## 12. Promoting Candidacy at the May 2020 elections.

Council suggested that this should be revisited and reviewed after Christmas. An agenda item has been noted for January 2020.

## 13. Monthly advertising space in the Woodnewton Newsletter.

Council **AGREED** to take out and pay for a monthly third page advertisement in the Woodnewton Newsletter at a cost of £50 per annum. This would help support the Newsletter and provide another forum to communicate Parish Council news and issues to the village.

#### **14. Burial Update**

The Burial Superintendent updated the Council on the recent Burial of Miss Darvill and future Interments in the Cemetery.

#### **15. Correspondence**

A resident contacted the Parish Council with regards to an area by their property boundary no longer being maintained by the contractor looking after the village grass cutting. Regretfully the Parish Council has limited funds for this and relies on the good will of villagers to look after areas near their boundaries and the support received at the Village Clean Up days. The Clerk would advise the resident that those verges had never been included in the contracts issued by the Parish Council but may have been cut when the Highways Authority undertook this work.

The Council would like to thank all those who do take on a little extra to help look after the village particularly as any funding for this has been revoked by the local councils in the next budgeted year.

The Council had also received a number of complaints with regards to an impromptu fireworks display held on the Village Playing Fields and wish to stress that although permission should have been requested wider concerns lay with those who have animals in the village who were ill prepared causing unnecessary angst for pets and owners alike. There was also some damage to the allotments and debris left for the plot holders to collect.

#### **16. Update on Funding Fair held 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Cllr Blackmore updated the Council on multiple grants and funding available stressing that it can be further beneficial when there is cross fertilisation of needs\groups applying and working together. A given example being the Village History Society and the Church toilet and kitchen fund raising, if the Church was able to demonstrate a more permanent Village History display inside the Church this would help their funding applications.

The Council thanked Cllr Blackmore for attending.

#### **17. Opportunity to Update Colleagues**

Cllr Flack raised the issue of the untidy hedge from Ashby's Drive to the Village Hall alongside the playing fields. The clerk was requested to look at the service level agreement and make contact to confirm the next cutting.

Cllr Hansford noted the silver Audi car was still parked in the Village Hall carpark. It is uninsured, taxed nor SORN. No-one has requested to park long term and Cllr Hansford suggested this should be raised at the next Village Hall Committee meeting to see if this forum could shed any further light on the abandoned vehicle.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

**19.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm

Chairman's Signature

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

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