



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 2nd March 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ORCHARD
LANE, WOODNEWTON, PE8 5EE at 8.00PM

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman), Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Flack, Cllr Jenner and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Blackmore and Cllr Guttridge

3. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 10th February 2020

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2020, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from Previous Minutes (not covered elsewhere on Agenda)

None

6. Speeding in and through the Village

Cllr Blackmore updated in advance of the meeting that the speed detection sign was working well, and batteries were lasting about three weeks. After the batteries had been replaced the VAS speed display was moved round to face traffic approaching from the Apethorpe direction.

A Member of the public has requested the speed display to be placed on Nassington Road also included in the Section 50 licence facing the Nassington direction after noting rather eager drivers around the time of school runs.

7. Planning

(1)19/011803/FUL – Willowbrook Barn – New drive access – Council **RAISED THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIONS**. The PC has a long-standing policy of maintaining pastureland within the village to protect and enhance its ecological value and **REJECTED** the change of use from pasture to garden. The council also **NOTED** the proposed new driveway would fall outside the village boundary and would be concerned that to accept this proposal could lead to setting a precedent.

(2)20/00186/FUL – 49 Main Street – Single storey rear extension – Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**

8. Playing Fields/Playground.

(a) **Monthly Playground Inspection Report** – No report was received from Cllr Blackmore but was expected to be submitted to the Clerk later this week.

(b) **Update on Repairs, Improvements and Provision of Additional Equipment** – Cllr Blackmore stated prior to the meeting he was hoping to start the bench refurbishments soon particularly if the weather improved.

(c) The clerk had completed the playground inspection rota for 2020-2021 and would be circulating this via e mail with the current checklist template.

9. Cemetery

The Clerk updated on an upcoming Interment expected at the Cemetery in May. The Council also **APPROVED** an application for a Memorial request made within the guidelines of the Woodnewton Cemetery.

10. Accounts

Council **AGREED** the following payments by BACS:

(1) Clerk Salary (February)	£268.45
(2) Honda Lawnmower Service	£25.00
(3) Allotment Water	£14.50

11. Allotments

Cll Flack updated on storm debris across the allotments. Concern had been raised by a potential broken tree bough but this appears to have been damaged previously and was not deemed an immediate threat but to be considered for removal. Cllr Hansford also offered to take a look and assess. The bough in question was sufficiently high to require a specialist tree surgeon to remove.

There was further discussion regarding the extension of the water supply and it was suggested that whilst the ground was saturated and the use of a mini digger had been made available it would be prudent to lay the pipe and the supply could be fully connected at a later date. Materials to be gathered by Cllr Hansford and arrangements made with the Clerk for the mini digger.

12. Correspondence

- (a) Council **NOTED** and had placed details in the newsletter that applications were open for the Northamptonshire Youth Commission.
- (b) Confirmation had been received that Volunteer Action expect to be present at the Parish AGM Tuesday April 7th 7.30pm to give a short presentation on what they do.
- (c) Council **AGREED** all the details for the Insurance Claim for the Parish Council lap top replacement to be submitted.

13. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Hansford reminded everyone about the Village Clean Up Day Saturday April 4th 10am-1pm and was undertaking a list of jobs that needed to be done around the village.

Cllr Flack raised concerns with the tidiness of the Cemetery having noted the composting bin was in a state of disrepair. Council **AGREED** that a tidier and more efficient solution would be to register for brown bin from the Council circa £55 per year for organic matter only and construct or buy a suitable brown bin shelter for asthetic reasons. The Council woud also bag up black bin rubbish and look to replace the black bin to something more substantial.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th April 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

15. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57pm

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 2nd March 2020

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