



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 1st June 2020 REMOTELY at 8.00PM

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Public Time

No members of the public requested to join.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 4th May 2020

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th May 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

A resident has requested if the speed detection sign could be moved to Main Street due to increased traffic, to face the Oundle direction. Cllr. Blackmore to investigate a suitable telegraph pole covered in the S50 licence.

7. Playing Fields/Playground.

(a) **Monthly Playground Inspection Report** – No report was received as the playground continues to be closed in line with Government guidelines due to COVID – 19. Closure signs that have come down have been replaced.

- (b) The Clerk updated that the annual ROSPA playground inspection had been booked for June and is still expected to take place.
- (c) Cllr Blackmore stated that renovations were ongoing with the benches and rocker in the playground.

8. Cemetery

- (a) A Memorial Application was **APPROVED**
- (b) Council discussed the relaxing of Cemetery rules with regards to the use of polished stone for headstones and it was **AGREED** that a proposal form part of the July agenda to vote on the relaxing of the rules.
- (c) The Cemetery fees were discussed and how they compared to other small local cemeteries. The clerk to investigate further.
- (d) It was noted that the new brown and black bins were in place and it was suggested for the next Village Clean Up Day the dismantling of the old composting bin and cutting back of the ivy round the gate pillars be addressed.

9. Accounts

As at 01/06/2020 the bank balance stood at £14,566.65

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

Clerk Salary (May).	(BACS)	£268.45
RJS Church Yard Grass Cutting.	(BACS)	£720.00

10. 2019/2020 Year End Audit

- (a) All necessary accounts and paperwork has been submitted to the external auditor and receipt acknowledged.
- (b) Council **AGREED** the Period for Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the Council's Accounts. These are to be loaded on to hub, however hard copies and detail can be viewed by prior arrangement between June 8th and 17th July.

11. Allotments

Cllr Flack sent a gentle reminder to allotment holders not to abuse the use of hose pipes on the allotments. He also advised that the allotment mower required repairs and had been taken to Oundle Spares and Repairs. Council **AGREED** a limit of £50 towards repairs. It was also noted that the Allotment Bees had been re-homed.

12. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** that the first Parish Council space should be used to remind people the playground remained closed due to Covid-19. Any use would invalidate insurance and also more importantly equipment was not being checked.

13. Correspondence

- (a) A member of the public had written with regards to an overgrown horse chestnut tree in the churchyard. Council **AGREED** James Rowlett should be contacted to advise.
- (b) A member of the public had written to ask about Lyndsey Close grass cutting and the dumping of garden waste in the close. The Parish Council thanked the residents who had cut the grass and tidied up the area. We rely heavily on the good will of our residents as services by the local council have been heavily reduced.
- (c) A member of the public had written informing the Parish Council of increased traffic in the form of large lorry loads of wood going up Pound Lane. The Council suggested if this raised an issue to contact ENC.
- (d) A member of the public had requested litter picking equipment, the council were happy to oblige and thank the resident for their endeavours.

14. Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Neville had reported the repair required to the small foot bridge on the footpath from Nassington Road at the edge of the village towards Shortwood to the Council and also to re-fix the Nassington road sign that was lying on the verge.

She also updated that the Village Hall Committee had cleared the last of the bonfire and that the Village Hall would not be holding a Fire Works Display this year. The Parish Council thanked the Committee for clearing the bonfire which had been a difficult task due to periods of wet weather.

Cllr Guttridge updated on the Woodnewton Support Group, enquiries had significantly reduced in May and requests were now mostly prescription collections.

Cllr Blackmore zoomed into the update on the local government re-organisation and updated the Council. He had also been contacted with regards to content for the JAG meetings as it is a legal requirement to hold meetings with the local police.

Cllr Flack noted there was still dogs being exercised on the playing fields off lead.

17. Annual Parish Meeting

Due to be held by Monday 1st June. It was **NOTED** this years meeting had not been held due to the prohibition of social gatherings under Governemnt guidelines as a result of Covid-19. Legislation dictates this meeting to be held in person not remotely.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th July 2020 at 8.00pm remotely.

19. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 13th July 2020

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