



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 1st March 2021 REMOTELY at 8PM

(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

None

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 1st February 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February 2021, 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. Steve Barber from ENC Highways has been chasing our revised Section 50 Licence requirements and is awaiting confirmation of receipt for the amendments. It was agreed to leave the camera on Orchard Lane.

7. Playing Fields/Playground

(a) The monthly playground report is pending. To be carried out by Cllr Blackmore.

(b) The playground sign cost was **AGREED** at £42.00.

(c) Cllr Blackmore updated on the adult gym equipment project. He had liaised with a personal trainer in the village who regularly uses the playing fields. It was agreed that a useful and broad range of equipment had been selected to quote on and the inclusion of balance beams and pull up bars was also suggested.

Two quotes had been received circa £13,500 for the gym package.

Cllr Blackmore had also been in contact with the Village Table Tennis Club who agreed with the proposed specifications for the concrete table tennis table with free draining, maintenance free, rubber granular surface under foot. The location, continuing from the village hall entrance was also agreed.

The quote for this was £4,600 subject to a site visit.

The total project coming to circa £18,000 of which about 90% could be grant funded.

8. Planning

(a) 20/01427/FUL– Planning Permission Granted, 11 Lindsey Close, single storey, flat roof ext.

(b) 20/0165/FUL– Planning Permission Granted, 6 St Mary's Close, single storey, first floor ext.

9. Accounts

As at 28/02/2021 the bank balance stood at £23,378.00

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Clerk Salary (February) (BACS)	£286.87
HJ Horticulture (grass cutting)	£1,855.85
Wave (Allotment Water)	£81.71
Playground Sign	£42.00
Wicksteed Fittings	£8.88

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

VAT refund	£387.41
Woodnewton Players Rent	£12.00
Parish Watch Closure	£46.18

10. Village Spring Clean Up Day:

Saturday 10th April 10am was **AGREED** for a socially distanced village clean up day.

11. The Definitive Map:

It was **AGREED** to roll this item to the April agenda.

12. May 2021 Council Election:

Currently we have six councillors but should have seven. The Parish Council is keen to encourage more residents to come forward and get involved. We have upcoming elections

with nomination forms due by April 8th Further details and forms can be obtained from the Clerk, woodnewtonpc@gmail.com. There is a requirement of being a resident for two years.

To promote the elections and encourage new councillors to come forward it was **AGREED** to advertise in the newsletter, via the village Facebook group and the WhatsApp group, the local notice boards and word of mouth. Anyone who wants to know more about the process, what's involved please do ask a councillor or the clerk.

13. Parish Plan:

Our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers confirmed they were keen to help with the Parish Plan project. A copy of the original questions from the initial survey had been obtained comprising of two sets, one for adults and one for twelve years and over. A smaller scale survey will utilise some of the relevant questions and be circulated.

A project plan was discussed with a time line to suit the volunteers and also the gathering of the data, some of which is needed for our grant funding. It was hoped that the volunteers would be able to share some of their thoughts and ideas relevant to their age and interests. Timelines were discussed for each task and how to ensure everyone was captured/accessibility Main milestones were a suitable question base, delivery of questions, ensuring full capture, collating the results and a summary presentation.

14. Correspondence

- (a) Dog fouling - an email was received from a resident on Orchard Lane. A dog is consistently fouling at night, on the corner of The Paddocks and Orchard Lane, the owner does not pick up, please do pick up after your dog.
- (b) An email had been received from the Village Hall, empty beer cans were reported in the car park. It was thought this was likely to stop when lockdown is lifted.
- (c) Village Hall to open and take bookings from June 21st
- (d) An email was received from a resident who felt their privacy and security were being compromised with other residents walking on non designated footpaths. This is trespassing and residents are requested to stick to the marked footpaths.

15. Annual Village Meeting

This is the annual meeting for all villagers to receive an update from the Chairman, a financial report on the village, and discuss the issues affecting the village plus an opportunity to ask any questions etc. Everyone is encouraged and welcomed. It will be held remotely, details will be issued on the agenda which will be posted on the parish notice board, the village hall noticeboard and on the Woodnewton hub, or can be obtained directly from the Clerk woodnewtonpc@gmail.com
The date of this meeting is Monday, April 19th 7.30pm.

16. Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Jenner had received complaints from residents about a van being parked on Orchard Road obstructing the pavement. Residents are reminded to leave pavements clear.

He also expressed concern over the church supporting stone walls after all the rain recently. Reserves are being held for future works.

Cllr Blackmore updated on the PCC meeting he attended. Each village is to have its own named police officer which will be notified in the next 2-3 weeks. Northants Police also had three new mobile police units that were available for events and general visibility. The meeting focussed on the target of quality-of-life improvement, cracking down on fly tipping in the county and the increasing issue of dog theft with pending announcement of arrests relating to this.

Cllr Blackmore had also received a complaint that during the hedge cutting in the cemetery the contractor had damaged some of the daffodils and requested more care was taken – the clerk to contact the contractor with a gentle reminder.

Cllr Hansford noted the Nassington Road sign had finally been fixed as had the potholes on Nassington road.

17. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would be a reminder of the Annual Village Meeting to be held on the 19th April at 7.30pm, remotely (details online, the parish notice board or from the clerk.) It would also include a request for anyone who would like to have a say in how the village is run and managed by becoming a Parish Councillor.

18. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th April 2021 at 8.00pm remotely.

19. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 12th April 2021

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6th March 2021