



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12th July 2021, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman) Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Guttridge, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Blackmore, Councillor Phythian, Cllr Goodall, three members of the public and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

1. **Declarations of Interests from Councillors**

None

2. **Apologies for absence**

None

3. **Public Time**

Several members of the public attended:

The first member raised the issue of the new tarmac outside 27 Main Street where Western Power had been carrying out works stating there had not been a like for like replacement on the footpath and that the new tarmac would melt and be sticky in hot weather. The Clerk to liaise with Western Power to ensure replacement requirements have been met. It has been noted during this spell of hot weather after several checks the tarmac has not been spongy or sticky.

Two members wished to raise their objection to the planning application in 9b and put forward several objections. Briefly:

1. The proposed plans do not comply with the 'windfall development' guidance for a conservation area.
2. The proposed plans are in the curtilage of a listed building.
3. The size and scale proposed will dominate all the surrounding listed and smaller properties in the conservation area.
4. Inadequate parking for the scale of all properties within the address 31 Main Street, sharing the once access from the narrowest point of Main Street.
5. A Precedent has been set in the village by rejecting previous large developments.
6. Inaccuracies in the Planning Statement
7. Questionability over the property being within the building line running from Stable Barn

This was covered further in agenda item 9b

Another member of the public attended expecting the proposal for the adoption of partial wilding within the Church Yard to be further discussed following the June meeting. This was put on hold with said member to liaise directly with Cllr Pythian on this matter and to be formally discussed at the next meeting via its own agenda item.

4.Minutes of Meeting Held on 7th June 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 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)

The formal Proposal for adoption of partial wilding of the Church Yard was not on the July agenda and has been rolled to the next meeting

Following the Chairman's advice, the meeting moved to agenda 9b whilst the meeting was open.

9. Planning

(b) NE/21/00970/FUL – the erection of a new dwelling house following the demolition of the existing structure – 31 Main Street. This was further discussed. The Councillors **AGREED** to object to the proposal. The reasoning behind this is detailed in the objection submitted to planning - attached to these minutes.

At this point all members of the public left the meeting and the meeting became closed.

(a) NE/21/00614/TCA/– Tree works 40 Main Street – Planning returned No Objection.

(c)NE/21/00994/FUL/ - change of use from agricultural use to mixed agricultural and equine use – 2 Orchard Lane – no objection

6. Roles & Responsibilities

These were discussed and a full list will shortly be available online and a copy on the parish noticeboard.

7. Speeding in and Through the Village (Cllr Blackmore)

Little to update on. The speed camera battery had been changed.

It was noted that speeding was a concern for many in the village as shown by initial findings from the survey results. This resulted in a **PROPOSAL** for the next meeting of whether the village should invest in its own equipment which would be more permanent. Cost, make of equipment and locations to be further researched.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

(a) nothing to note in the monthly play area inspection.

(b) Cllr Blackmore to make a decision on which brand to pursue based on his research and initial findings from the village survey. The survey findings would also enable him to move on to the grant funding application with 60/91 responses to date supportive of the project, 66%.

(c) Cllr Blackmore had fixed another new sign to the play area and was thanked by all. He had also ordered the replacement parts for the pick up sticks unit which would be another 6-8 weeks before arrival and fitting.

(d) Points noted from the RoSPA inspection requiring further consideration include, strimming damage to wooden stakes/equipment, movement of the rubber matting in some places and wear and tear on the bouncy seesaw.

10. Accounts

As at 30/06/2021 the bank balance stood at £32,690

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

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| Clerk Salary (June) (BACS) | £286.87 |
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| Stationery | £39.47 |
| RJC Countryside (grass cutting Church Yard) | £204.00 |
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| Post Crete | £4.91 |
| RoSPA Inspection | £141.00 |
| Eon (Street lights) | £115.59 |

(b) Council **NOTED** the below receipts.

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| VAT rebate | £528.78 |
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11. Financial

The quarterly review March-June has been carried out by the oversight of Cllr Guttridge. The report is also attached to these minutes. Budget to actual remained inline and on target.

12. Allotments

An allotment holder had approached the Council wishing to have the trees overhanging their allotment pruned and wondered if the parish council would be prepared to contribute. With lack of information and exact requirements this item was rolled to the next meeting agenda when hopefully the requestee could be present.

13. Parish Plan (Cllr Hansford)

Initial survey results are in. The response has been fantastic, 91 households have contributed. There was lots of helpful information gathered. Cllr Hansford was hoping to do a more thorough analysis but treated us to a couple of headline figures.

32/91 thought parking on pavements was an issue

12 households use the call connect bus service

65 respondents said they would like to see dog bins with 57 of these saying they would be happy to see the cost added to the precept.

14. Correspondence:

- (a) a resident had reported overgrown footpaths by 11 Orchard Lane and the cut through by the pub to Orchard Lane - the clerk to follow with residents on their responsibility
- (b) Rural Coordination Group Sep Meeting – AH to attend.
- (c) a resident had reported a drain pipe draining onto the path of the cut through by the pub to Orchard Lane – this is not acceptable damaging the path and making it wet for those that use it - the clerk to follow up with the owner of the drain pipe.
- (d) a potential sewerage issue had been checked by Anglian Water and blockage cleared at the junction of Main Street and St Mary's Hill
- (e) New councillors had booked on the 'Off to a Flying Start' Course
- (f) a resident had noted the village pub windows had been changed and that planning consent was required due to being in a conservation area – the pub is aware.

15. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues:

Cllr Neville updated that the Village Hall is now open for use subject to the following current covid restrictions.

Cllr Blackmore updated on maintenance carried out by himself to the church yard gatepost and catch plus he was also hoping to undertake minor playground repairs also.

16. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would be a reminder to residents about their responsibility to keep hedges etc from encroaching on footpaths forcing residents into the road.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23rd August at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

18. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 23rd August 2021

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