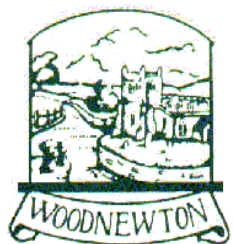


# WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 23rd August 2021, Village Hall, 8pm**

## **(DRAFT) MINUTES**



**Present:** Cllr Hansford (Chairman) Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Guttridge, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Blackmore, Councillor Phythian, Cllr Goodall, four 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:

A member of the public was concerned with an amendment to the planning application 9d on the agenda and wished to highlight several concerns for the Parish council to consider in their response to Planning. These included the only known historical access being via Willow Brook Farm, the site of the proposed access raised concerns around safety on a fast and narrow lane, with blind spots due to the incline and cars speeding up as they left the village boundary and the grievance that the hedge pulled out for machinery access to fence the field had not yet been replaced.

Several members of the public wished to raise their concerns with regards to the proposal of a 5G mast and associated cabinetry adjacent to the children's play area and opposite the residential roads of Wades Close and Orchard Lane. This was discussed in considerable detail, agenda item 14b and since, an Extraordinary Meeting has been called by the PC to further discuss and a Village Meeting for all residents to attend.

### **4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and are ready to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

None.

## 6. Church Yard.

A **PROPOSAL** to partially wild the Church Yard following Cllr Phythian's visit to Stoke Doyle open day and previous discussions over the past few months was again discussed.

With further support from the local vicar, it was agreed that the following was required.

- A vision – what we are trying to do.
- A cutting regime.
- A scarifying regime.

A management plan needed to be produced with some form of baseline and plan incorporating the above.

The **PROPOSAL** to wild the Church Yard in line with the management plan encompassing the above was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Phythian, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hansford with no objections. It was noted an agenda item at the next meeting was required to add the Cemetery to the project.

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

**(a)** The camera remained in the same position on Orchard Lane with the batteries having been recently changed.

**(b)** The quote had been received from ENC for the new taller post for Main Street to place the speed camera on - £593.34 +VAT. Cllr. Swallow agreed to look into funding available for this – should we want to go down this route.

Cllr Swallow had also researched new speed cameras, their effectiveness in terms of cost, solar power offerings and longevity prior to sourcing funding which would incorporate the cost for the post. Cllr Swallow to liaise with Steve Barber (ENC Highways) to help with the application.

## 8. Playing Fields/Playground

**(a)** Nothing of note in the monthly play area inspection carried out by Cllr Hansford

**(b)** Cllr Blackmore and friends had been testing the two brands of adult gym equipment to make a decision on which brand to pursue for the funding application. There was a clear winner, Fresh Air Fitness being deemed more substantial when in use proving to be the superior brand. A second quote had also been sourced for the table tennis table but this was considerably more, a requirement for the funding application.

The best source of funding for our requirement was the Mick George Fund with a 1<sup>st</sup> of September deadline and a decision given by the end of October. The total cost of the adult exercise equipment plus outdoor table tennis table and repairs to the Buddy Board is £19,477 exc VAT. Of this there is a WPC contribution of £500 towards the Buddy Board repairs so total grant applied for is £18,977. If we are successful then WPC will need to pay the CTP cost of £1,725 to "release" the funds, so total WPC costs will be £2,225.

**(c)** Cllr Blackmore had been busy with playground maintenance, the goal posts had been repaired as had the village store in the children's play area. Some of the gaps in the rubber matting had been fixed with black silicon which had worked well and he planned to continue with this.

Wicksteed advised the pick up sticks unit would be at least the end of September now before arrival of the parts and fitting.

Cllr Blackmore subject to the costs being approved in this meeting would order the necessary swing replacement parts and fit.

## 9. Planning

(a)NE/21/00599/FUL –Granted

(b)NE/21/00854/TPO – Granted

(c)NE/21/00737/FUL – Granted

(d)NE/21/00994/FUL - Change of use from agricultural use to mixed agricultural and equine (Horsiculture) use 2 Orchard Lane. An amendment/additional information has been received in respect of the above application for Full Planning Permission. The Parish Council had safety concerns which were detailed in a letter to Planning commenting on the narrow and straight part of the road where traffic moves at speed. The proposed access lying just outside the 30mph village limit although clear of the bend into the village, when you look up the road towards Nassington after the first incline there is a blind dip, this limits visibility and is further hampered by how well the verges are maintained - currently only cut to a width of about 1.5m.

(e)NE/21/01206/FUL - Change of use from planted verge within client's ownership to garden including demolition of existing garden fence and erection of replacement garden wall – No objection subject to the client ownership of the verge.

## 10. Accounts

As at 31/07/2021 the bank balance stood at £31,551

Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Clerk Salary (August) (BACS)	£286.87
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Clerk Stationery (ink)	£62.99
Village Hall	£54.00
RJC Countryside (grass cutting Church Yard 2598)	£204.00
RJC Countryside (grass cutting Church Yard 2608)	£204.00
NCALC (course fee)	£44.00
ICO	£40.00
PKF Littlejohn	£240.00
pivot/spring system for the Buddy board	£1,514.40 (*)
swing seat	£84.60
silicon to repair matting	£35.00

(\*) to be included in the playground grant funding application.

Council **NOTED** the below receipts.

Cemetery Fees	£175.00
Water pipe sale	£15.00
Memorial Fee	£45.00

## 11. Allotments

(a) The quote received from an allotment holder for the pruning of overhanging trees was considered but it was felt it was not an appropriate use of village funds.

(b) After much discussion it was **RESOLVED** to increase the allotment rent to £16 pa. Allotment rents have not increased since 2013 and this would help absorb rising utility costs. This was **AGREED** by all.

## **12. Parish Plan (Cllr Hansford)**

Cllr Hansford updated that the survey results were in and the numbers had been crunched with a piece due in the Village Newsletter in October. He thanked everyone for their responses – 104 in total and was keen for everyone to see the results which were invaluable for helping the Parish Council shape their vision for the next few years.

## **13. Autumn village Clean Up Day**

It was agreed to hold the Village Clean up Day on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-1 with refreshments at the Village Hall. The actual bonfire opening dates to be determined.

## **14. Correspondence:**

- (a) Next JAG Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> October
- (b) 5G pre-planning consultation – A consultation letter had been received by the PC and the response was discussed – clerk to request a meeting. At the time of the meeting no formal planning application had been received by the PC.
- (c) Rural Coordination Group on HOLD
- (d) Letter from EON energy price increase (energy wide)
- (e) Kings Cliffe Liaison Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September
- (f) Confirmation of External Audit Conclusion and invoice received

## **15. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues:**

Cllr Swallow noted that some of the metal signage entering the village both at the Southwick turning and coming into the village from the Apethorpe direction were becoming obscured by brambles. It was suggested this would be a job for the clean-up day if not cleared prior. He also updated that the path to Southwick woods was no longer passable.

## **16. Woodnewton Newsletter**

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would include publishing the Parish Survey results and a Save The Date for the Village Clean Up Day – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **17. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

## **18. Close of Meeting**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.30

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2021