



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 1st November 2021, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman) Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Guttridge, Cllr Blackmore, Councillor Phythian, Cllr Swallow, 3 members of the public and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Goodall

3. Public Time

A resident was present to comment on agenda item 6 to follow.

Roger Flack attended wishing to extend his and Elaine's thanks for all the support received over the 5G Mast application. A further resident raised concerns over the horse chestnut trees on St Mary's Hill. Councillors suggested a tree surgeon should be asked to advise on any remedial works required.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held - October 2021.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 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.

It was **RESOLVED** to move forward with the wilding project in line with the plans produced. The chosen areas, with agreement from local residents, need to be marked out. Two trial areas identified to flower/sow next August are located in the area behind the church, currently an under utilised area.

This area needs to be taken into account when tendering for the grass cutting of the Church Yard due to commence in the next couple of months as the wilding areas will be managed by

volunteers of the project. It is expected the wilding project will be documented on the Woodnewton hub.

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

(a) The camera has been relocated to Nassington Road facing Nassington with the batteries having been recently changed.

(b) Cllr Swallow confirmed submission for the funding application for a grant of £5,000 towards vehicle activated speed signs for the village. Where possible it was agreed solar powered systems were better than hard wired ones into an electrical supply, which are harder to move and therefore, more restrictive. Each solar power sign costs £2,244 plus new posts circa £800 each, the Council would need to use circa £2,000 of it's reserves. However, the parish survey highlighted the desire for speed control within the village.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

(a) Cllr Guttridge carried out the playground report – nothing of note.

(b) The funding application has been re-submitted to the Augan Fund after the initial application was turned down, a decision is expected in January. The second submission adjusted the cost of the playground repairs out, leaving the council with a decision to be made on the buddy board repairs at a cost of circa £1,300. The grant applied for was for £18,215 which would require a total council contribution of circa £3,000.

(c) Cllr Blackmore continues to be busy with ongoing silicon repairs to the matting in the playground area. A fallen tree on Ashby's Drive across a residents hedge had been sawn up by Cllr Hansford and was due to be moved to the bonfire site,

9. Planning

(a) NE/21/01280/PNT – 5G Mast Proposal – application **REFUSED**. No further sites have been proposed as the contractors were unable to articulate their requirements for a suitable mast site or offer further details on why they had already discounted other sites around the village.

10. Accounts

As at 31/10/2021 the bank balance stood at £26,167

Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Clerk Salary (October)	£286.87
RJC Countryside (grass cutting Church Yard 2628)	£204.00
Wicksteed	£39.60
Andrew Hansford (Litter picking equip)	£70.26
EON	£122.56

Council **NOTED** the below receipts.

Allotment Fees	£16.00
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11. Financial Update

The quarterly review July-September has been carried out with the oversight of Cllr. Guttridge. The report is attached to these minutes. Budget to actual remains ahead of target however further invoices have been received for grass and village maintenance which will align expenditure to budget over the next quarter.

12. Allotments

- (a) All allotment rents have been received - there are no relinquished plots.
- (b) It was **RESOLVED** the clerk to organise clearance of the remaining bramble covered plots so these could be offered to our current allotment waiting list.
- (c) Increased badger activity on the allotments was discussed and it was **AGREED** that allotment holders could use electric fencing as a badger deterrent if they wished.

13. Autumn village Clean Up Day

The Village Clean up Day held on October 23rd was a huge success with over 30 volunteers fuelled by great cake and refreshments. It was a good opportunity for residents to chat, socialise and meet new residents. The Church Yard, hedge rows, allotments, ivy on walls were some of the jobs attacked. A bulb planting exercise was also undertaken using bulbs that had kindly been donated.

Due to the storm damage it was agreed the bonfire would remain open a further weekend.

It was suggested areas to consider for the Spring date should include the left hand side of the road leaving the village in the Oundle direction before the bridge which was heavily nettled and also the bank opposite the church wall leaving the village towards the Apethorpe direction.

14. Bulbs

Following the bulb planting exercise on the clean up day, Cllr Swallow suggested that around September next year, perhaps, the Parish Council could contribute to more bulbs as this had proved popular and was also a theme that came out in the parish survey.

14. Correspondence:

- (a) Next JAG Meeting – 12th October
- (b) Kings Cliffe Liaison Meeting 16th September – cancelled

15. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues:

Cllr Swallow reminded everyone of the consultation for the proposed logistics hub on the A605/A1 roundabout.

Cllr Neville noted the closure of the road at Kings Cliffe on the 10th November for up to eight weeks.

Cllr Hansford updated on various storm damaged trees that required tidying up.

Cllr Phythian suggested the need for a tree surgeon to look at the Church Yard trees.

16. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would be a big "Thank You" to all those who helped on the clean up day and to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas"

17. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6th December at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

18. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 6th December 2021

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