



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14th March 2022, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman) Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Phythian, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Goodall and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Guttridge

3. Public Time

No members of the public attended.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held – February 2022.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February, 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. Church Yard. (Cllr Phythian)

Covered in agenda item 12

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

Two of the VAS cameras have been installed. The one on Nassington road has some teething problems as there appears to be a timer on the electric supply to this post, the electrician is investigating further to resolve. We are awaiting the installation of the metal post to mount the third camera. This will be placed on the right hand side bank as you come over the bridge from the Oundle direction to slow traffic before Pound Lane and the left hand blind bend.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) No playground report was carried out.
- (b) Adult Exercise Equipment Update – The grant has been conditionally approved, however, this is being held up until the PC can prove ownership of the playing fields which were gifted in 1919. We are waiting on Grantscape to confirm we have provided enough detail to prove ownership.
- (c) It was unanimously **AGREED** that the PC were committed to the process of registering ownership of the playing fields on the Land Registry, and would begin this process.
- (d) Cllr Blackmore had received the quote for the adventure trail post replacement, the post was £390 with £545 delivery and installation.
- (e) The family of the late Kurt Grunseid have approached the PC to offer a very generous donation to the children's play area, an important part of the family's memories and happy times since the family's arrival to the village in 1973. They would like to sponsor a new piece of equipment and a commemorative bench. Several suitable options have been researched by Cllr Blackmore which will replace the broken buddy board and will be presented to the family to make a choice. As we have a number of benches it was suggested maybe a picnic table that families can use would be a suitable commemorative furniture item.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/22/00154FUL – Works to Church End Cottage – PC had no objection.
- (b) NE/21/00060/FUL – Tree work in Conservation Area – The Old School House - Permitted

10. Accounts

As at 14/03/2022 the bank balance stood at £21,666.00

Council **AGREED** the following payments:

Clerk Salary (February)	£440.00
Clerk backdated pay	£113.07
JFM Electrical (cameras)	£252.00
Padlocks for cameras)	£18.22
WNC (post for VAS)	£1,079.09
Wave (allotment water)	£1.13
NNC (election fees)	£39.73

Council **NOTED** the following receipts:

VAT refund	£1,596.22
Woodnewton Players Rent	£12.00
Woodnewton Village Hall Rent	£5.00

11 Allotments

It was agreed that the current unutilised space on the allotments which has had some clearance work on, would be offered out free of charge for two years, if someone is keen to take on the tenancy. This would be advertised in the newsletter and is available with immediate effect.

12. Church Yard

One quote has been received from James Rowlett to reduce the crown of Tree 1 and the removal of T2 and T3 to be replaced with more suitable species. The tree surgeon who reduced T1 on the last occasion was unable to quote at present but recommended another company. Clerk awaiting a comparative quote.

Council **AGREED** to continue with the current grass contractor who had quoted at an increase of £45 per cut but reducing to 8 rather than 18 cuts per year in line with the rewilding program.

13. Cemetery

Council **AGREED** to continue with the current grass contractor for the cemetery. A decision is still needed with regards to the rewilding program. A small width of 1-2m was going to be left uncut around the boundary, however, the contractor has suggested it would be better for wildlife to have a larger rewilding area left uncut all year to cover the unconsecrated ground and cut the area where the graves are as usual, 18 cuts over the growing period.

14. Annual Parish Meeting 2022

The date of April 11th at 7pm was reconfirmed. It was agreed the format of the meeting would include the Chairman's and financial reports, an opportunity for each Councillor to introduce themselves, the areas they look after and projects they are involved in, followed by any questions or concerns from residents.

15. Asset Mapping Project

The clerk has applied for a small grant circa £240 for this project that would run on the village clean up day where community assets would be identified (from the cemetery, grit bins to the village hall as examples) the value to the community and logged on the Parish Online system.

16. Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Hansford to oversee a small working group for the Village Jubilee plans to light the Jubilee beacon and hold a BYO picnic event on the village playing fields from 3 -10pm June 3rd. Cllr Hansford to research and buy a flag and pole for this and future events, ideas had been submitted by Cllr Phythian. A budget of circa £50 was **APPROVED**.

17. Village Clean Up Day

It was **AGREED** to hold the spring clean up day 10am on Saturday 23rd April.

18. Ongoing:

An agenda item to **CONSIDER** items to be included on the agenda going forward and discussed as appropriate – it will be entitled rolling agenda items so they are not forgotten but may not always be discussed.

(a) Village Information Boards

(b) Verges – flower/bulb planting ideas

(c) Verge maintenance – logged in Fix My Street. Cllr Swallow further highlighted the need to address the verges outside 19 Orchard Lane, Meadow View, overgrown brambles on the corner of Orchard Lane and Main Street going towards the church. It was necessary to confirm ownership of these areas to ascertain if they could be dealt with on the clean up day/by a contractor or the house owner.

(d) Dog waste bins - clerk liaising with NNC black bins can be used for dog waste

(e) Large poppies for the village 2022 i.e., lamp posts.

(f) Tender for grass cutting and village maintenance in conjunction with the rewilding management plan- quotes accepted for next three years

(g) Tender for annual Insurance – March\April – increase value of street furniture?

19. Correspondence:

Council noted the correspondence below:

(a) STAUNCH letter 23/02/22

(b) Bonfire – village beacon for the Jubilee Celebrations

(c) North Northamptonshire Council HELAA: Call for Sites 12th Jan email

(d) Internal audit Friday 29th April

20. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues:

Cllr Hansford updated on two requests to add to the bonfire, debris from clearing up village assets. In this instance it was **AGREED** the bonfire could be added to by these parties only.

21. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would appeal for a local solicitor experienced in conveyancing, the advertisement of the free allotment, request for volunteers for the Jubilee Celebrations Working Group and notification of the spring village clean up date.

22. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th April after the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.

23. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 11th April 2022

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17th March 2022