



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022, Village Hall after the Annual Council Meeting – Expected 8.20PM

### (DRAFT) MINUTES

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

#### **1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors**

None

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Guttridge

#### **3. Public Time**

One resident attended asking the Parish Council to reconsider their spring clean-up duties as the timing coincided with the middle of the bird breeding season. Concerns were raised over all the work conducted at the end Orchard Lane/Main Street at the clean-up day. The Chairman pointed out this level of work was very unusual and was conducted in conjunction with highways and not routine for such clean-up days.

#### **4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**

The Minutes of the Meeting and Annual Meeting, of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 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)**

Cllr Phythian updated that the rewilding plan was fully underway and being monitored. One concern was raised that a grave was not being tidied – this has been addressed with the contractor. It was noted we can now see some wildflowers returning to the Church Yard, yellow rattle being one. An updated assessment of the rewilding project can be seen in full, on the Woodnewton hub.

#### **7. Speeding in and through the Village**

Cllr. Blackmore updated. The speed cameras are working well and have received positive feedback from residents. Cllr Swallow is still chasing the pole required from ENC Highways for the placement of the third camera.

## 8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The monthly playground report had been carried out by Cllr Hansford who noted the wire around the kids play area which had been caught with the strimmer and required attention – Cllr Hansford offered to take on this task.
- (b) Cllr Blackmore updated that 50% of the grant has been received from GrantScape and the adult exercise equipment order has been placed with the payment to be approved in item 10. However, the table tennis base needs to be in place prior to the gym equipment due to the installation equipment required, Fresh Air fitness were being accommodating. Due to the delay in agreeing the grant the company that quoted for the base is no longer in business (1.5 years ago) and a new quote has been sourced at an increased cost of £1,200. The Parish Council were asked to bridge the funding gap that had arisen through these delays. This was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Blackmore, **SECONDED** by Cllr Goodall and **AGREED** by all. The new contractor can commence base installation 3-4 weeks once approved.
- (c) A copy of the allotment deeds has come to light and help has been offered to commence registration with the Land Registry – ongoing.
- (d) Cllr Blackmore repaired the tiles underneath the slide that were coming loose but requested more silicon for ongoing repairs. This was **APPROVED** by all. Cll Blackmore **PROPOSED** new football nets to be ordered as the old ones were unrepairable. This was **AGREED** by all.
- (e) From the generous Kurt Grunseid Donation Cllr Blackmore has ordered the new seesaw chosen by the family and the custom made picnic bench. The new adventure trail post and fitting have also been ordered and paid for (from playground repairs budget.)

## 9. Planning

- (a) NE/22/00028/TCA/- Change of use of land from paddock to form part of a residential curtilage – Kite Barn. Permitted

## 10. Accounts

As at 31/05/2022 the bank balance stood at £44,798.00

To **AGREE** the following payments:

Clerk Salary (May)	£440.00
Clerk Ink	£67.99
RJC (grass cutting)	£264.00
Village Clean Up Expenses (£20.97 agreed May agenda)	£38.67
Jubilee Expenses	£34.43
Wave (allotment water) DD	£20.16
Fresh Air Fitness (50% deposit)	£8,184.16
Npower (Street lights)	£55.43
Insurance	£1,229.75

To **Note** the following remittances:

Kurt Grunfeld Estate	£6,267.84
GrantScape	£6,820.00

**11. Allotments**

A request for a greenhouse on allotment 8 was **APPROVED**.

**12. Church Yard**

Clerk – we are still waiting the planning decision on the horse chestnut tree works.

**13. Jubilee Celebrations**

There was a great turnout of over 250 people who all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. The Councillors want to thank everyone who helped organise the event. As the event grew, expenditure increased but the Council received a kind donation and will be writing to thank the donor. The Council also thank Robert Bellairs for the strawberries he donated for prizes and John Phythian for the music.

**14. Remembrance Poppies**

When the poppies that can be attached to the village lampposts become available this year, it was **AGREED** a number would be purchased for the village.

**15. Ongoing**

An agenda item to **CONSIDER** items that may 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 – possibly rewilding areas to show the flowers?

(b) Verges – flower/bulb planting ideas/maintenance

(c) Dog waste bins - black bins may be used for dog waste, Cllr Hansford to investigate costings for a further two bins, one on the Nassington road near the hole in the hedge and one near the grit bin at Conegar, potentially.

(d) Large poppies for the village 2022 i.e., lamp posts. – AGENDA item ongoing until purchased

(e) Church Wall Survey

**16. Correspondence**

(a) History group request for info re contribution to new village sign in 2018

(b) Jacks Green Development NE/22/00266/FUL – although discussed the Parish Council was not a direct consultee of the phase 2 (of three phases) development for a further 80 lodges and amenities. Individuals were encouraged to register their comments on the planning portal using the above reference.

(c) Request for bouncy castle August 6<sup>th</sup> – insurance already sent

(d) RoSPA inspection confirmed June 2022

**17. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues**

Cllr Neville thanked those who had helped put the flagpole up and created the memorial flower garden.

**18. Woodnewton Newsletter**

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would thank all those who helped organise and contributed to, making the Jubilee Celebrations such a great and successful event.

**19. Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting would be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**20. Close of Meeting – 21.20**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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