



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022, Village Hall, 8PM

### (DRAFT) MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blackmore, Cllr Guttridge and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

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

None

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

Apologies received from Cllr Hansford, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Goodall, and Cllr Phythian

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

No members of the public attended.

#### **4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 24th August 2022.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

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

None.

#### **6. Church Yard (Cllr Phythian)**

David Townshend deputised for Cllr Phythian. The area in the cemetery behind the tree in the centre has been proposed for the next phase of the rewinding plan with scarifying taking place this month and the seeding of the wildflower seeds. A

**PROPOSAL** was discussed, to determine the budget for the seed purchase and £150 was **AGREED** by all as a suitable amount at this time.

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

Cllr. Blackmore updated that there were still issues with the camera facing the Apethorpe direction and he was still chasing the electrician to resolve the wiring/fuse issue.

#### **8. Playing Fields/Playground**

- (a) The playground safety inspection report was not carried out following works in the playground, however, it was noted the metal bolt in the carriage of the zip wire currently had a temporary fix and a replacement was being ordered.

- (b) Cllr Blackmore has overseen the table tennis base installation, noting the contractors had done an excellent job. We are now waiting for the table itself to be craned in, then the rest of the adult exercise equipment can be delivered.
- (c) Richard Hegarty continues to assist the clerk in the process to register ownership of the allotments and playing fields at the land registry. The clerk hopes to make the submission within the next few weeks.
- (d) Repairs are up to date with no new issues having arisen. Advice had been taken with regards to the rubber matting (currently being fixed with silicon) however, the disposal of the rubber itself and laying new bases were costly.
- (e) The new 4 person seesaw kindly donated by the Grunseid Family has been installed and is ready for many years of use. Cllr Blackmore has sent the family a message of thanks and some pictures. The custom made picnic table is currently being engraved and we hope to take delivery in the next few weeks.

## 9. Planning

No new applications or decisions have been received.

## 10. Accounts

As at 01/10/2022 the bank balance stood at £31,806

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Clerk Salary (September)	£440.00
RJC (grass cutting)	£264.00
Wicksteed (seesaw)	£6,267.84
Land Registry	£45.00
Cllr Blackmore (fuses)	£11.39

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

Allotment rents (22 plots)	£352.00
E.on (street light electricity)	£32.19

## 11. Pruning of Fruit Trees

Item held over to November meeting

## 12. Allotments

A leaking tap has been reported and added to the job list for the village clean-up day.

22 out of 36 allotment rents had been received – clerk to chase outstanding.

## 13. Church Yard\Cemetery

The amended planning application for pruning to T1 horse chestnut has been approved. The clerk is liaising with James Rowlett to get the work carried out. The Clerk is still trying to obtain quotes and ascertain the necessary work for the church wall protrusion affecting a 5m stretch of the church wall between the Main Street and Church Cottage. Cllr Blackmore has offered to ask for a quote/detail from another contractor who has experience in this field.

## 14. Village Clean Up Day

Jobs for the village clean up day were identified. These included bulb planting, clipping trees near the benches on the playing fields, cleaning village signs/street signs, washing benches and tidying the entrance to Lyndsey Close.

It was reiterated that this day is to carry out small jobs that help make Woodnewton a great village to be, not, to clear up rubbish left by residents.

### 15. Village Bonfire

The bonfire will be open for garden waste only, on the weekends commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October 22<sup>nd</sup> October and the final weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> October when it will then close.

It should be noted the bonfire is a service provided by the Parish Council for the benefit of the village, many other villages do not have this facility and need to take their garden waste to council tips or pay for the brown bin service. It is offered on the basis of cooperation not as a right. It should also be noted that garden waste should not be stockpiled on verges, public places but kept on residents own property until it can be appropriately disposed of.

### 16. 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) Verge maintenance
- (d) 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.
- (e) Planning continuity\awareness
- (f) Church Wall Survey
- (g) Large poppies for the village 2022 i.e., lamp posts. – Cllr Neville to purchase 10.

### 17. Correspondence

- (a) The Queens Green Canopy reopens in October for tree registration – clerk to register the tree planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- (b) A request from NCALC for the Parishes experiences of the current planning system since North Northamptonshire Council became the planning authority was received. The Clerk responded with examples raised during 1<sup>st</sup> August meeting. These were fed back in general terms by NCALC to the town councils, peer reviewer and a representative from the Planning Advisory Service. A report from the review is expected in about six weeks and hopefully the recommendations will be fed back to ourselves.
- (c) There is a burial in the Cemetery on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- (d) Price increases for the Village Hall use were noted.
- (e) A request for light shading on Orchard Lane was discussed and agreed.

### 18. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Neville updated a tree had been hit on Orchard Lane causing a large branch to become detached. The tree will be monitored for instability.

### 19. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would be a polite reminder to residents to keep hedges abutting pathways, or those that hamper road visibility are kept trimmed but to dispose of the cuttings appropriately, bearing in mind, the bonfire is now closed.

It will also contain a thank you to all who helped on the clean up day and those who provided refreshments.

**20. Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

**21. Close of Meeting**

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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