



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 9th January 2023, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Guttridge

3. Public Time

No members of the public attended.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th December 2022.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th December 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 the rewilding project was somewhat dormant through the winter months and that the manual strimming had not yet taken place due to the wet weather.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

Cllr. Blackmore downloaded the data from the VAS signs. There were some interesting facts. The Apethorpe camera (from 02/05/22) registered 81% of traffic entering the village was below 30mph, the average speed being 24.5 mph and 62,000 incoming cars. The Oundle facing camera (from 21/08/22) registered 72% of traffic entering the village was below 30mph, the average speed being 28.1 mph and 75,000 incoming cars. The Nassington facing camera (from 30/04/22) registered 90% of traffic entering the village was below 30mph, the average speed being 24.1 mph and 33,000 incoming cars – more to be published in the newsletter.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The playground safety inspection report was carried by Cllr Guttridge who noted the main hazard was the volume of leaves characteristic of the time of year. Users of the play area are asked to be mindful as they can be slippery. There were no major issues.
- (b) There are no ongoing repairs at present.
- (c) Richard Hegarty continues to assist the clerk and VH committee members in the process to register ownership of the allotments and playing fields at the land registry.

9. Planning

- (a) Area Planning Committee – A letter of complaint to NNC with regards to the shortcomings of the meeting held on 23rd November 2022 was agreed by all as a fair and concise account and ready to be submitted to the NNC. It was also agreed that Cllr Jason Smithers should be contacted with a copy of the complaint letter on the back of his planning peer review report that was circulated the end of December.

10. Accounts

As at 30/12/2022 the bank balance stood at £18,646

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Clerk Salary (Dec)	£440.00
Stationery	£71.98
Woodnewton Newsletter	£150.00
HJ Horticulture	£4,359.15
Parish Online	£48.00
Npower (street lights)	£117.87

11. Financial Update

Prepared but rolled to the February agenda when Cllr Guttridge will have had oversight of all the accounts.

12. Allotments

A request to remove a self-set tree on an allotment plot was permitted. It was noted by Cllr Goodall a couple of plots were looking a little unkempt and these would be monitored

13. Church Yard\Cemetery

The clerk is still chasing James Rowlett to action the tree work on the horse chestnut in the church yard.

Cllr Blackmore met with a contractor to discuss the church wall and a 7m section that appears to be bulging. The contractor advised to leave the wall alone as trying to patch repair my result in more issues. He agreed that our ring-fenced reserves of 10k for church wall repairs, when the time comes, is a fair estimate, at present.

It was **RESOLVED** cemetery fees would increase by 10.1% (ONS Sep 12 month CPI rate) as agreed and recorded in the minutes of the November 2020 meeting and as per the cemetery rules 7.3. Clerk to calculate and post.

14. Village Bonfire

We wish to reiterate the bonfire is now **CLOSED** and after a suitable dry spell hope that it can be burnt.

15. Overgrown Verges\Litter picking (Cllr Swallow)

Cllr Swallow suggested now is a good time before spring growth to litter pick our verges. This was agreed by all councillors and a date set for 18th February at 10am.

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) Planning continuity\awareness
- (c) EV Chargers at the village hall.
- (d) Petanque\boules pitch

17. Correspondence

(a) Peer Review Report recently carried out on the Council's Planning Service sent by Cllr Smithers 16/12/22 - discussed above in item (9)

18. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

None.

19. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would ask residents to join the Parish Councillors on a litter pick, 10am Saturday February 18th 2023

20. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13th February

21. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 13th February 2023

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