



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Village Hall, 8pm

### (DRAFT) MINUTES

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

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

None

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

Apologies received from Cllr Hansford and Cllr Goodall

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

No members of the public attended.

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

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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)**

Cllr Phythian updated that the area in the cemetery behind the tree in the centre has been mown and the grass raked up. It now needs to be scarified ready for seeding. The area behind the Church where the more recent graves are, was discussed, and it was agreed that this would be cut next year and not be part of the rewilding area.

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

Cllr. Blackmore updated that all speed signs were fully operational and functioning well.

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

- (a) The playground safety inspection report was not carried out following works in the playground, however, it was noted the temporary bolt fix in the carriage of the zip wire had been replaced. Clerk to update checklist and resend rota.
- (b) Cllr Blackmore has overseen the full table tennis installation; the Council has noted many positive responses and thanks for this facility. The table tennis company

have provided us with some basic bats and balls. Cllr Blackmore has offered to build a holder attached to the table to store these for all to use.

The adult exercise equipment has begun to be installed and is due to be completed in the next couple of days. It was noted the range was very impressive and plans are afoot for a more formal opening and demonstration of the equipment soon.

- (c) Richard Hegarty continues to assist the clerk in the process to register ownership of the allotments and playing fields at the land registry.
- (d) There are no ongoing repairs – however, the wooden edging around the rubber matting in the slide area needs some attention where it has warped in the hot weather.
- (e) The custom made picnic table donated by the Grunseid Family has been installed and pictures sent to the family. It has been engraved with Kurt Kruseid's favourite turn of phrase "it was alright.....here KG 1933-2022". A great addition to the play area.

## 9. Planning

No new applications or decisions have been received.

## 10. Accounts

As at 31/10/2022 the bank balance stood at £26,865

The following payments were **AGREED**:

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Clerk Salary (October)       | £440.00   |
| RJC (grass cutting)          | £264.00   |
| Npower (streetlights)        | £145.18   |
| Alex Neville (poppies)       | £99.90    |
| Bendcrete Leisure (TT base)  | £1,233.60 |
| Bendcrete Leisure (TT table) | £5,256.60 |
| Cllr Blackmore (fuses)       | £14.87    |
| Chris Nagle (park bench)     | £1,752.96 |

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Allotment rents | £208 (one outstanding) |
| VAT rebate      | £1,753.35              |
| Crowson's       | £68.00                 |

## 11. Financial Update

The quarterly review July-September 2022 has been carried out with the oversight of Cllr Guttridge, the report is attached to these minutes. Budget to actual remained inline and on target and all reconciliations were in order.

## 12. Pruning of Fruit Trees

Pruning should take place in January and one fruit tree needs to be re-staked.

## 13. Allotments

A leaking tap had been reported and added to the job list for the village clean-up day, all four taps were checked but no leak found.

One allotment rent remains outstanding – clerk to chase.

The Parish Council wishes to thank Robert Bellairs for organising some top-grade manure for the allotment holders, who were most grateful. We would also like to

thank Mr Bierton who delivered the manure and at the same time, pushed up the bonfire into an orderly heap to burn later.

#### **14. 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.

#### **15. Village Clean Up Day**

A successful morning with a great turnout. The Parish Council wishes to thank all those who helped and those that helped with and provided refreshments.

The bonfire is now **CLOSED**

#### **16. Overgrown Verges**

Cllr Swallow noted that verges into the village both sides after the bridge (from the Fotheringhay direction) to the bend in the road were looking overgrown with brambles. In the past local farmers have cut back these verges for us, but this is not a given. Clerk to input into street doctor citing poor visibility for drivers due to overgrown brambles.

#### **17. 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 – bulbs planted

(c) Verge maintenance – discussed

(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. – Purchased and kindly displayed by Cllr Neville.

#### **18. Correspondence**

(a) The Queens Green Canopy has reopened, and the clerk has registered the tree planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

(b) The Monitoring Officer requests conflicts of interest forms to be updated by the councillors – clerk to distribute.

#### **18. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues**

Cllr Blackmore updated that the streetlight had been fixed on Lyndsey Close and that shading has been fitted to a light on Orchard Lane as requested by a resident.

Cllr Guttridge noted that the Augean site open day had been and gone. He has also received information pertaining to complex and robust measures being introduced by the site preventing future contamination of ground water run-off.

**19. Woodnewton Newsletter**

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would ask for any residents with an interest in a petanque court to come forward and attend the next parish council meeting where this would be on the agenda for further discussion.

**20. Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**21. Close of Meeting**

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 21.32

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**Appendix**

Financial report July- September 2022