



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 13th February 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

Cllr Swallow 9(b)

Cllr Pythian and Cllr Guttridge 9(a)

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Public Time

A resident discussed the planning application in 9(b) feeling the need to object due to the mass and siting of the proposed development resulting in an overbearing development for the size of the plot and overlooking being an intrusion of privacy to surrounding neighbours.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 9th January 2023.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and are to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record at the March meeting.

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

None.

6. Church Yard (Cllr Phythian)

No update

7. Speeding in and through the Village

There has been positive feedback from a number of residents on the data produced from the speed cameras. This has been published in the village newsletter and there were many interesting facts.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a)** The playground safety inspection report was carried by Cllr Neville who reported there were no major issues, only the smaller known issues to be addressed when the weather improved.

- (b) There are no ongoing repairs at present.
- (c) Richard Hegarty continues to help 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) NE/22/01622/FUL – new vehicular access and dwelling, 65 Main Street, The School House – Parish Council Objected on the below basis:
The mass of the proposed building for the size of the plot. The plot has little amenity space for the size of the development such as the potential number of cars a 4-bed house may generate plus the cars from another property sharing the site. The plot size is further reduced by the new proposed vehicular access off Main Street. This access is close to a blind bend in the road with limited visibility.
The garden is particularly small for the size of the proposed build and the positioning of the development pushed to the southerly aspect of the plot causes overlooking of neighbours and loss of privacy.
- (b) NE/23/00062/TCA – re-pollard Acer tree – 59 Main Street – No objection
- (c) NE/22/01446/TCA – annual regrowth pruning – 32 Main Street – Permitted
- (d) Area Planning Committee – The response received from the complaints letter to NNC was discussed and it was agreed some issues that the Parish Council were greatly concerned about, most notably, developing beyond the building line; was not sufficiently dealt with and a rebuttal would be prepared. A copy of the full response will be posted on the village website with this month's minutes.

10. Accounts

As at 31/01/2023 the bank balance stood at £18,136

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Clerk Salary (Jan)	£440.00
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The following remittances were **NOTED**:

Cemetery Fees	£317.00
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11. Financial Update

The quarterly review October - December 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. Allotments

No Update

13. Church Yard\Cemetery

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

14. Village Bonfire

It was **AGREED** that following the current dry spell the bonfire be burnt this week, to prevent any further vermin build up.

15. Coronation Plans

Coronation plans were discussed for the following May. It was agreed after the success of the Jubilee picnic on the playing fields another village picnic would be held on the Sunday (7th May) circa 2.30pm and then for "The Big Help Out" (8th May) it was suggested volunteers would be encouraged to help plant a small village fruit

orchard (a dozen trees) on the redundant plot at the top of the allotments. All details would be published in the village newsletter over the coming weeks please keep an eye out for flyers etc around the village.

16. Ongoing

An agenda item to **CONSIDER** items that may be included on the agenda going forward and discussed as necessary – 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 12/01/23 response by PC remains unacknowledged.
- (b) Fix My Street – the rotting bridge on the footpath Woodnewton to Fotheringhay has been logged and will be fixed in the next six months.
- (c) Oundle 20 Race Event returns to our roads 05/03/2023 possible road closure on Main Street.
- (d) Augean – new land fill approved
- (e) Planning requests being routed to PC in first instance rather than the local planning authority. The Parish Council only has the powers to comment on planning applications as a consultee only.

18. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Guttridge updated on the approval of the extension of the Augean landfill site, full details are available on the Augean website.

19. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would engage residents on the Parish Council plans for the Coronation weekend. There are plans for a picnic on the playing fields Sunday (7th May) and volunteers encouraged for the big village help out, for a Coronation fruit tree orchard planting on the allotments on the Monday (8th May) Keep your eyes on the news letter for more details over the next couple of months.

20. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 6th March 2023.

21. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 6th March 2023

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