



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 6th March 2023, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman) Cllr Swallow, Cllr Phythian, Cllr Guttridge and Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO)

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blackmore and Cllr Goodall

3. Public Time

No members of the public attended.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 13th February 2023.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The minutes from the January meeting previously **AGREED** were also signed.

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

None.

6. Church Yard (Cllr Phythian)

Cllr Phythian to reconnect with the contractors for this year's cutting schedule.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

No update – the cameras are working well.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The playground safety inspection report was not conducted, to be provided for the next meeting.
- (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/23/00150/FUL – 8 Pridmore Close, remove existing conservatory and build single storey rear extension with garden room – No objection.

- (b) NE/23/00130/FUL - Proposed outbuilding in stonework with slate roof at Barn Rear Of 17 Main Street – PC objected as the outbuilding is not part of the Class Q planning allowing building on the agricultural barn footprint only. This out building is outside of the building line which the PC always tries to protect and objects to.
- (c)) Area Planning Committee – The response received from the complaints letter to NNC was discussed and it was agreed there were some issues that the Parish Council felt had not been dealt with, with enough weight or consideration, most notably, developing beyond the building line; the rebuttal has been prepared and approval was **AGREED** by all to send.

10. Accounts

As at 05/03/2023 the bank balance stood at £16,978

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Clerk Salary (Feb)	£480.64
Clerk back dated pay (2022/23)	£406.40
Cemetery Fees refund duplicate payment	£47.00
Wave (allotment water)	£11.21
James Rowlett (tree cutting)	£744.00

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

VAT Rebate	£3,607.05
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11. Financial Update

The clerks salary for 2022/23 year was **RESOLVED**. Following a positive appraisal the salary increases by one increment inline with contractual obligations. Cllr Hansford **PROPOSED** a one increment increase and this was **AGREED** by all.

12. Allotments

No update.

13. Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the APM was **AGREED**, April 11th at 7.30pm, to be held prior to the monthly meeting in the village hall. It was agreed the format of the meeting would include the Chairman's Report and a financial report from the clerk, then an opportunity for each Councillor to summarise the achievements of the last year. This will be followed by any questions or concerns from residents.

14. Church Yard\Cemetery

James Rowlett has carried out the tree work on the horse chestnut in the church yard. Those who had seen the work were happy and felt a good job had been done.

15. Village Litter Picking

The first litter picking event was well attended but we would always welcome more residents to join us. About 9 sacks of litter and other various objects were collected – thank you to all who helped, both young and old. There were some good pictures which appeared in the newsletter – well done everybody.

16. Village Bonfire

The bonfire has been burnt - thank you to those who assisted.

17. Coronation Plans

Cllr Phythian is finalising the publicity for the village plans. We have our first volunteer to help with the events planned for which we are most grateful. However, we are looking for volunteers to help with the planting of the fruit trees on the Monday if anyone can spare an hour or two – light refreshments provided. We would also welcome any donations towards the funding of the fruit trees. For further details please keep an eye on the newsletter and flyers.

18. 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

19. Correspondence

- (a) The Garden Waste Collection service begins in April at a reduced annual cost see NNC website for further info.
- (b) The clerk attended an online briefing on proposed changes to the NNC Planning Services. To make the planning department more effective and cost efficient there will be considerably less area planning meetings and different triggers for cases to get referred to this process.

20. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Swallow suggested that there should be two litter picking events annually due to the amount of rubbish that collects in and around the village. However, it was pointed out that we do incorporate litter picking in the village clean up days. He also wished to remind residents to be mindful of the daffodils in bloom that were planted by residents and requests that residents don't park on them if possible.

Cllr Hansford suggested that following a successful litter picking event and the planned planting of the Coronation Fruit Forest that the spring clean-up day would perhaps, be overload. He noted that there were a couple of jobs that needed to be done and hoped that some residents could help, notably the painting of the cemetery gates. He also took the opportunity to thank Cllr Swallow for his efforts mending the cemetery curb stones.

21. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter would further engage residents in the Parish Council plans for the Coronation weekend and where possible encourage donations towards the fruit trees we hope to plant.

22. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday April 11th, 2023.

23. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 11th April 2023

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