



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 3rd JULY 2023, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Guttridge

3. Public Time

One resident attended to discuss the planning application NE/23/00193/FUL. This was supported by the Parish Council and several residents. The planning officer however was not supportive, and the applicant wished to discuss the scheme of delegation whereby this application could be heard by the planning committee.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th June 2023.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2023, 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 gave a precis of the rewilding report received from Dr Townshend. He felt the rewilding in the cemetery was going well with no action at the current time required but planning over the next few months would be necessary.

With regards to the Churchyard, he noted an overall reduction in the rewilding area now the areas around the modern graves were being included in the cutting regime.

The area to the right-hand side of the church entrance although rich in plant life, it was agreed, should at present be kept tidy, but a possible inclusion for the future.

It was agreed that several strips currently being rewilded could be widened and a larger area behind the church but not affecting the modern graves.

Plant life noted included lady bed straw, yellow rattle and poppies. A drone aerial picture has been taken as a good indicator of fertile rewilding areas for future planning.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

Cllr. Blackmore gave a quarterly update of some interesting village speed camera stats. More will follow in the village newsletter.

The Oundle road camera showed the average speed into the village was 28mph and 32mph leaving. 52k cars entered the village from this direction and 51k left.

The Apethorpe road camera showed the average speed into the village was 24mph and 25mph leaving. 34k cars entered from this direction and only 24k left.

The Nassington road camera showed the average speed into the village was 24mph and 27mph leaving with only 13k cars entering the village and 11k leaving from this direction.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The monthly playground report was carried out by Cllr Swallow. There was nothing of note. The bench however needed to be moved, possibly to the Coronation Orchard site.
- (b) No Update.
- (c) The annual RoSPA check was also carried out with no new findings, or any urgent repairs required.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/23/00608/VAR– Application for addition of solar panels on The Barns rear of 17 Main Street – No Objection
- (b) NE/23/00500/FUL – New front porch, new attached garage, and new bay window to the rear to replace existing conservatory and new French casement windows to be installed to the rear elevation – 1 Orchard Lane – No objection
- (c) NE/23/00130/FUL – oak structure The Barns rear of 17 Main Street – Permission Granted
- (d) NE/23/00410/FUL – temporary outdoor structure 15 Main Street – Permission Granted

10. Accounts

As at 30/06/2023 the bank balance stood at £29,879.00

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

Clerk Salary (June)	£480.64
RJC (inv. 2822)	£264.00
Allotment tap	£9.95
Table Tennis Balls	£10.34
VH Meeting Room Invoice	£62.00
RoSPA Invoice	£195.00

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

Coronation Fruit Orchard Donations	£50.00
Village Players Rental 2023	£12.00

11. Allotments

Cllr Goodall noted most of the allotments were looking good and productive, a couple not so good, allotments can be relinquished prior to renewals in September if they are no longer required.

A request had been received for a further water supply at the allotments in the top far corner near the entrance. However, this is not currently in our plans as there is no access for pipe to be laid, there is no pathway so the pipe would have to go through an allotment.

12. Church Yard & Cemetery

No Update. To be amalgamated with agenda item 6

13. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

Cllr Swallow updated how quickly the fly tipping around the village had been moved on reporting and reiterated that anyone can report this issue and request the removal. The footpath between The Paddocks and Main Street was becoming overgrown but this is to be addressed in due course.

Cllr Swallow requested the highways be contacted due to the sub-standard repairs on Main Street where utility works had taken place and subsidence was already an issue where Main Street had been dug up and it was agreed this would only worsen over time.

14. Coronation Plaque

It was **AGREED** to formally request permission from the VH to locate the donated commemorative plaque inside the hall. Clerk to write to the VH.

15. Coronation Fruit Orchard

Cllr Goodall is sourcing a mini digger to work the allotment.

The bonfire has been burnt at a time when the wind direction was favourable, and no residents were affected. However, one resident felt the need to verbally abuse those overseeing the bonfire. This is unacceptable behaviour. The Parish Councillors, volunteers, are happy to engage in civilised conversation but this individual's behaviour was unacceptable, more so, when this was voluntary work for the benefit of the whole village.

Cllr Hansford is hoping to progress some landscaping ideas for the Coronation Orchard with an experienced village resident.

16. Ongoing

An agenda item to **CONSIDER** items to 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
- (b) Planning continuity and awareness
- (c) Petanque\boules pitch.
- (d) EV chargers at the Village Hall.

17. Correspondence

- (a) Request for the removal of an abandoned cess pit cover near the village hall – please note anyone can report this fly tipping incident not just the Parish Council.

18. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

No Updates.

19. Woodnewton Newsletter

There is no monthly newsletter next month.

20. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29th August 2023

21. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 29th August 2023

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13th June 2023