



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 23rd, 2023, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Hansford (Chairman)

3. Public Time

No attendees

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 3rd July and 27th July 2023.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd and 27th July 2023, 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)

It was agreed that a church yard cut missed earlier in the year would be taken in September - Cllr Pythian to liaise with the contractors on this.

Cllr Pythian discussed that the rewinding areas would need their end of year cut using a scythe mower or similar and was going to liaise with the contractors on the timing and machinery for this.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

Cllr. Blackmore updated all speed signs were working well.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The monthly playground report was carried out by Cllr Guttridge. There was nothing of note. There were a few jobs which would be discussed and added to the village clean-up day in the autumn.

- (b) No Update.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/23/00780/FUL– 31 Main Street – derelict cottage renovation – No Objection
- (b) NE/23/00781/LBC – 31 Main Street – derelict cottage renovation – No Objection
- (c) NE/23/00723/FUL – 14 Main Street – amendment to previously discussed application – clerk to go back to planners to confirm proposed building materials which looked like they had changed in colour on the plans but was not clearly stated on the application.
- (d) NE/23/00848/TCA – 14 Main Street – removal of holly tree and stump – No Objection
- (e) NE/23/00500/FUL – 1 Orchard Lane – planning amendment – No Objection
- (f) NE/23/00193/FUL – 8 St Mary's Hill extension - Refused
- (g) It was **AGREED** by all the current process for Extraordinary Meetings called to discuss planning applications in the village that require commenting on between meeting dates was in line with statute. However, as well as being posted on the notice board the notice would also be posted on the community chat to increase awareness.

10. Accounts

As at 31/07/2023 the bank balance stood at £25,312.00

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

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| Clerk Salary (August) | £480.64 |
| RJC (inv. 2857) | £264.00 |
| Maintenance equipment | £49.22 |
| ICO Fee | £40.00 |
| PKF external auditor | £378.00 |

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

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| Coronation Fruit Orchard Donations | £10.00 |
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11. Financial Update

The March to June quarterly reconcilliation having been reconcilled and checked by Clol Gurtidge was **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED**. There were no questions or issues arising

12. Allotments

Cllr Goodall noted that had been a request for a greenhouse on this allotments – the Councillors were happy to approve this request.

The allotment rents are due to be circulated in September with those who wish to give up their allotments at this time to contact the clerk – there is a waiting list.

The rent for the following year was discussed and and it was proposed by Cllr Goodall and **AGREED** by all the rent for the next allotment year would be invoiced at £20.00 per allotment to be paid by bank transfer.

Cllr Blacmore updated that various works had been carried out on taps etc and all were now fully working.

Cllr Goodall has been liasing with a local farmer for help with clearance of the Coronation Fruit Orchard with a view to planting in the late Autumn, he would also contact a contractor at Thornhaugh as a back up plan.

13. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

Fly tipping continues to be an issue around the village, and it was reiterated that anyone can report this issue.

The Autumn Village Clean Up date was **AGREED**, to be held on October 28th 10am – clerk to book the VH. The village bonfire site would then be open from October 28th for two weeks through to 12th November. This is for garden waste only please. The job list for the clean up day to be determined at the next meeting.

14. 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.

15. Correspondence

- (a) The Clerk had received communication of the conclusion of the 2023 audit process, no issues had been raised.
- (b) Notification has been received regarding the fixed electricity tariff for the streetlights coming to an end – Clerk to gather comparable quotes.

16. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Guttridge is unable to attend the next Auguean meeting 15th September, to be held at its Kings Cliffe site, if any Councillor or resident wished to attend in his place, he would be happy to forward the agenda and further details.

17. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter feature would advertise the date of the Autumn Village Clean-Up and the bonfire opening dates

18. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 2nd October 2023

19. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 2nd October 2023

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