



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

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Hansford (Chairman), Cllr Phythian, Cllr Blackmore

3. Public Time

No attendees

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 2nd October 2023.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd October 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)

Cllr Pythian, prior to the meeting, updated that due to the recent wet weather the rewinding areas were still to be cut back both the Church Yard and the Cemetery. Cllr Phythian to liaise with the contractors to find out when this will happen.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

All speed signs were working well – no further update.

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) There was no monthly playground report However, at the recent clean-up day there was pressure washing and cleaning of equipment and matting carried out and the cutting back of low-level branches.
- (b) No issues to report.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/23/01032/LBC – 28-30 Main Street – retrospective planning for screening of ASHP from public view – No objection.

- (b) NE/23/01064/FUL– 28-30 Main Street – retrospective planning for screening of ASHP from public view – No objection.
- (c) NE/23/00723/FUL– 14 Main Street – New front door and porch to the front of the property, a single storey kitchen extension to the rear with new entrance to utility, including two roof lights and skylight to the kitchen. – Permission Granted

10. Accounts

As at 31/10/2023 the bank balance stood at £22,659

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

Clerk Salary (October)	£480.64
RJC (inv. 2835 balance)	£4.00
Woodnewton VH (MJ336)	£79.00
Clipsham Contracting	£750.00
Stable Hire Ltd	£641.52

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

Allotment rents	£40.00
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11. Financial Quarterly Review

The July to September quarterly reconciliation having been reconciled and checked by Cllr Gurtidge was **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED**. There were no questions or issues arising. Budget to Actual are in line and on target.

Projects raised for the next financial year to be considered for the budgeting process included the history boards as it was thought the financial requirements for this project were below many grant offerings.

12. Allotments

All allotment rents have now been collected, one cheque returned due to being unsigned - clerk trying to sort.

A request had been received for an 6'x4' wooden allotment shed on a slab base and a 3 bay compost bin, using pallets, also on a slab base. This was **DISCUSSED** and **APPROVED** by all.

The Coronation Orchard was discussed following a productive meeting with a local resident landscaper. There were a number of suggestions and it was agreed this should be carried forward to the December agenda when there would be more councillors to discuss what our actual requirements are in terms of number of trees, surface and maintenance.

13. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

The Autumn Village Clean Up day was a great success with a large turnout and some new faces. Thank you to all who participated and to those who helped with the catering and supplied cakes.

The state of the road in Main Street outside number 17 was raised again – The Contractor had been informed of the depressed reinstatement in the carriageway by the council. Remedial works were due to have been carried out in due course. This has not been the case - clerk to communicate further with North Northants Council.

14. Village Notice Boards

Cllr Swallow had sourced a potential grant, but the financial minimum of the grant was higher than required so he had investigated a collaboration with the Village Hall for solar panels. This was a good idea but time constraints for the current tranche of

funding, (application deadline in the next week) was not conducive due to the necessary transparency, agenda requirements, collaboration of the VH charity and the PC for this to happen at this time.

15. Ongoing

An agenda item to **CONSIDER** items to be included on the agenda going forward 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) EV chargers at the Village Hall.

16. Correspondence

- (a) Garden bench location agreed and in progress
- (b) Email received from the coordinator of the KC Emergency Plan and Flood Risk.
- (c) Arrival of precept form and letter with re levelling up grants across the county.

17. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Guttridge suggested a small modification in the VH plumbing could be affected enabling pressure washing duties in the play area to be effectively carried out. He thought the cost would be minimal – to be added to the December agenda.

18. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter feature would wish Woodnewton Residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

19. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 4th December 2023

20. Close of Meeting

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 4th December 2023

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