



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 2nd, 2023, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

None

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Swallow

3. Public Time

No attendees

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 23rd August 2023.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd August 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 Pythian updated the rewilding areas would be cut back in October in both the Church Yard and the Cemetery, the grass will be cut, the seeds spread with the remainder of the cut grass being left to decompose.

It was noted that the yew tree in the Church Yard required cutting back – this was added to the clean-up day job list.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

Cllr. Blackmore updated all speed signs were working well and shared some highlights from the Q3 data gathered.

The camera near the bridge – 48k vehicles entered the village at an average speed of 24.4mph and exiting speed of 24.3, the percentage of incoming vehicles not exceeding the 30mp limit was 73.4%

The camera on Nassington road – 12k vehicles entered the village at an average speed of 24.1mph and exiting speed of 26.5mph, the percentage of incoming vehicles not exceeding the 30mp limit was 89.6%

The camera on Apethorpe road – 32k vehicles entered the village at an average speed of 24.4mph and exiting speed of 24.3mph, the percentage of incoming vehicles not exceeding the 30mp limit was 81.4%

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) The monthly playground report was carried out by Cllr Blackmore. He noted there was some pressure washing and cleaning to equipment required which would be dealt with on the October clean-up day and the cutting back of some low-level branches. Possibly a new fence post to be added to the children's play area where one is wobbly.
- (b) No Update.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/23/00339/FUL– 21 Main Street – replacement of rear first floor and ground floor windows with double glazed wooden framed windows – No Objection
- (b) NE/23/00340/LBC – 21 Main Street – replacement of rear first floor and ground floor windows with double glazed wooden framed windows – No Objection
- (c) NE/23/00961/TCA – 18 Main Street – reduction of cypress tree – No Objection

10. Accounts

As at 30/09/2023 the bank balance stood at £24,640

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

Clerk Salary (September)	£480.64
RJC (inv. 2867)	£264.00
RJC (inv. 2870)	£264.00
Mileage for clerk	£37.80
Stationery	£73.99

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

Allotment rents	£680.00
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11. Streetlights

Two quotes for the electricity supply for the streetlights had been gathered with one outstanding. It was **RESOLVED** when the third quote was received, the clerk was to complete the necessary paperwork to accept the cheapest quote and close the current providers account.

12. Allotments

34 of the 36 allotment rents had been collected.

Cllr Goodall had received a quote for the clearance of the Coronation Fruit Orchard. It was **AGREED** by all the contractor should be engaged and work commenced, 24th October. With the digger hire and labour it was expected the final figure would be circa £1,500.

13. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

The job list for the Autumn Village Clean Up day, to be held on October 28th 10am was detailed, including the trimming of some tree foliage (subject to permission) which is reducing the effectiveness of several streetlights in the village; this was brought to our attention by a resident.

14. Village Notice Boards

This agenda item was rolled to next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Swallow

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) Petanque\boules pitch to be removed from the agenda as the pétanque competition held on the VH car park was successful and highlighted the need for a permanent pitch and associated maintenance was not required.
- (d) EV chargers at the Village Hall.

16. Correspondence

- (a) Email received re. the effectiveness of a couple of streetlights due to tree foliage growth.
- (b) Email received requesting permission for the installation of an engraved bench in the village, Cllr Neville is investigating this further and will revert.

17. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Neville noted one resident had asked about possible ways to reduce speeding on main street. The yellow signs have been in place, but we do not have specific evidence for traffic calming schemes at this time.

18. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter feature would thank those that supported and/or helped at the Autumn Village Clean-Up.

19. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 6th November 2023

20. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 6th November 2023

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