



## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 5th, 2024, Village Hall, 8pm

### (DRAFT) MINUTES

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

#### 1. **Declarations of Interests from Councillors**

None

#### 2. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Guttridge and Cllr Hansford

#### 3. **Public Time**

No members of the public attended.

#### 4. **Minutes of Meeting Held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 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 Pythian)**

There was no specific updates. However, a resident had suggested that the bench in the cemetery could be better located, particularly, as we had the re-wilded area. All **AGREED**, and the cleaning and movement of the bench has been added to the spring village clean-up day list.

Parish Councils responsibility to conserve and enhance biodiversity under the 2021 Environment Act was discussed, considering our current contributions and how we can engage and increase community awareness of biodiversity within the village. Cllr Pythian offered to prepare content for the village newsletter stating what we were currently doing with the aim of engaging feedback and initiatives from residents to see how onboard residents are with biodiversity. This would be further discussed and elaborated on as an item for the Annual Parish Meeting usually held in April, final date to be advised.

#### 7. **Speeding in and through the Village**

All vehicle activated signs are working well – no further update.

## 8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) Cllr Goodall noted that there were no new issues to report other than those noted previously, in the last report.
- (b) Cllr Blackmore updated that he had taken the goal post bracket to repair and would also fix the washer on the double air walker.

## 9. Planning

- (a) NE/23/01295/FUL – 2 Pridmore close – front and side single storey extension – no objection.
- (b) NE/23/01064/FUL – 28-30 Main Street – retrospective planning for ASHP – permission granted.
- (c) NE/23/01032/LBC – 28-30 Main Street – retrospective planning for ASHP – permission granted.
- (d) NE/23/00608/VAR – Barns 17 Main Street – addition of PV panels - permission granted.
- (e) NE/22/001622/FUL – 65 Main Street – new vehicular access and dwelling – permission refused.

## 10. Accounts

As at 31/12/2023 the bank balance stood at £20,489

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

Clerk Salary (December)	£520.00
Clerk Salary (back pay)	£69.12
Woodnewton VH	£40.00
HJ Horticulture	£4,768.35

## 11. Allotments

No general update, but, the far corner currently not an allotment and somewhat overgrown with brambles was discussed. It was suggested due to an allotment waiting list of village residents this area could be offered – clerk to follow up.

Cllr Goodall updated on the Coronation Orchard stating 12 trees had been planted and that only three more would be required for the space, to be planted by end of Feb/March time. Adjustable cable ties were required and it was **RESOLVED** the clerk to purchase. Grass seed would also need to be purchased March/April time, to be sown in the spring – amount to be calculated.

A resident has requested if they could donate a commemorative bench in the Orchard, this was **AGREED** by all, as a space had been designated in the planning. Clerk to follow up.

## 12. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

The state of the road in Main Street outside number 17 was raised again – clerk to try to speak to NNC Highways.

It was noted that many approaches to the village had had their hedges and verges cut back. An excellent job had been made between the bridge and Main Street and again, the PC wish to thank the local farmers for their efforts and help.

Cllr Swallow also suggested dates for a litter pick should be arranged once the weather got a little warmer before the verges begin to grow back – February agenda item.

### 13. Village Notice Boards

The concept was further discussed. Cllr Swallow had researched the cost of the boards, and it was suggested that perhaps, we start with just three, populated with the most important Woodnewton History. Clerk to liaise with the History group to ascertain what they think the most suitable content would be.

### 14. Addition of dog waste\extra bins to the village.

This was discussed at length, and it was agreed by all, that those who do not bag up waste and utilise the current bins were unlikely to do so, even, if further bins were installed. However, residents had made a good point that there were no bins situated close to popular walking routes through the village such as Nassington Road and near Conegar Farm.

The clerk had liaised again, with NNC, who are currently requiring strong evidence to support any new bins with the message they are giving out to the community being "your waste is your responsibility."

Residents should also be aware that there is a charge associated with each new bin of circa £350 for purchase and installation, then a further ongoing cost for the contract of emptying them.

When all the above had been discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that in the first instance, one of the bins near the Village Hall would be relocated and secured at the next village clean up date, to a suitable location on Nassington Road, near popular footpaths, away from nearby homes. We then hope to get it included in the current waste collection round as an existing receptacle to the village. Usage will then be monitored, the current situation etc to determine whether more bins should be considered.

### 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) Note from VH with regards to the request for a new tap – quotes to be gathered.
- (b) Request for a commemorative bench in the Coronation Fruit Orchard, discussed in agenda item 6.

### 17. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

No updates

### 18. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter feature would feature biodiversity in the village.

### 19. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### 20. Close of Meeting

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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