



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 12th, 2024, Village Hall, 8pm

(DRAFT) MINUTES

Present: Cllr Hansford (Chairman), Cllr Neville (Vice Chairman), Cllr Goodall, Cllr Swallow, Cllr Pythian, Cllr Blackmore and Cllr Guttridge.

1. Declarations of Interests from Councillors

Cllr Swallow item 9 (a)

2. Apologies for absence

Amy Miller (Clerk and RFO) minutes taken by Cllr Hansford

3. Public Time

A Trustee of The Schoolhouse Charity attended to talk about plans for the potential development of the Schoolhouse site.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th January 2024.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th January, having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record at the next meeting.

5. Matters arising from Previous Minutes (not covered elsewhere on Agenda)

None

6. Church Yard (Cllr Pythian)

Cllr Pythian reported that the strimming of the wild areas in the Church Yard had been carried out by Cllr Swallow and a volunteer. Thanks were expressed to both. Ideas from the community continue to be sought for the next stage of the biodiversity project.

7. Speeding in and through the Village

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

8. Playing Fields/Playground

- (a) Cllr Swallow reported that the monthly inspection had revealed that the tennis table bat holder had become unattached from the table. A repair would be carried out as soon as practical.

- (b) Cllr Blackmore reported that he had repaired the broken goal posts. The quote for the new outside tap at to be installed at the village was **APPROVED** at a cost of circa £140.00 + VAT.

9. Planning

- (a) NE/24/00056/TCA – 59 Main Street – tree works – no objections raised
 (b) NE/23/00781/LBC and NE/23/00780/FUL – cottage 31 Main Street – Permission Granted

10. Accounts

As at 31/01/2024 the bank balance stood at £15,091

The following payments were **APPROVED**:

Clerk Salary (January)	£520.00
Orchard Tree Ties	£41.20
Stationery	£73.99

The following remittances were **NOTED**:

HMRC VAT rebate	£2,013.40
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11. Allotments

No general update, but, interest in the far corner currently not an allotment and somewhat overgrown with brambles was noted due to an allotment waiting list. This has not as yet been formally agreed.

Access to Coronation Orchard site was also discussed, with the need to take back part of an existing plot. Discussions with the current tenants to be held.

12. Village Maintenance (Cllr Swallow)

Cllr Swallow reported that the gully/drain on the corner of Main Street and Conegar Lane was blocked. This has been reported but the clerk to chase and submit a photograph.

Thanks was expressed to Cllr Swallow and another willing volunteer who had cleaned out the waste bins by the village hall.

The Village spring clean-up day was discussed, and it **AGREED** it would be held on Saturday 13th April. The Chairman to book the village hall.

13. Village Notice Boards

No update.

14. 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

15. Correspondence

- (a) Oundle 20. 10th March 2024 – noted.

16. Councillors' Opportunity to Update Colleagues

Cllr Hansford reported that the area of the verge to the entrance of Lyndsey Close had ceased being mown by volunteers and this was unlikely to resume. Thought should be given to adding this area to the contractors cutting schedule. A discussion

was held on how this could be achieved without adding to overall costs, no decision was made and will be carried forward as an agenda item for the next meeting.

17. Woodnewton Newsletter

It was **AGREED** the next monthly newsletter feature would advertise the village clean-up day to be held Saturday April 13th.

18. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th March 2024

19. Close of Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12

Chairman's Signature.....

Date 11th March 2024

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