

WOODNEWTON NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024



Floodnewton?

Photo: Matt Roberts

Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – January 2024



The Parish Council met on 8th January.

Public Time

No members of the public attended.

Churchyard

At the suggestion of a village resident it was agreed that the bench in the cemetery could be relocated in light of the re-wilding. This has been added to the tasks for the Spring clean up day.

Biodiversity

Please see the article written by Cllr Pythian in this issue.

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.

Coronation Orchard

12 trees have already been planted and only another 3 are required to fill the area. These will be planted in early spring as well as the seeding of grass in the orchard area. A resident has offered to donate an commemorative bench for the orchard and space has been designated

Village Maintenance

The state of the road outside number 17 Main Street was raised again – the Parish clerk will try to raise this with NNC Highways.

It was noted that many approaches to the village had had their hedges and verges trimmed. An excellent job had been made between the bridge and Main Street and the Parish Council 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.

Litter & Dog Waste Bins

While it was agreed that selfish dog owners who do not bag up waste and utilise the current bins are unlikely to do so if further bins were installed, residents had made a good point that there were no bins situated close to popular walking routes in the village such as Nassington Road and near Conegar Farm. NNC informed the clerk that they need strong evidence to support any new bins with the message they are giving out to the community being “your waste is your responsibility.” There is also a charge of around £350 for in installation of a new bin and an ongoing cost for a contract to empty them. Taking all of this into account it was agreed that in the first instance, one of the bins near the Village Hall would be relocated to a suitable location on Nassington Road near popular footpaths and away from nearby homes on the next village clean up day. 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 to determine whether more bins should be considered.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 12th February 2024

Alex Neville - Parish Council Vice Chairman



St Mary's Church News

Services at St. Mary's Church, Woodnewton February 2024

4th February – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

11th February – No service at Woodnewton. Services at Nassington at 9.30 am and Yarwell at 11 am.

14th February – Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion with Ashing 10.00 a.m.
WANSFORD

18th February – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Modern Language)

25th February – 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP (Traditional Language)

Every Sunday 5.00 p.m. A Service at Home by ZOOM. Log-in details from Rev. Jane (01780 782271)

“A moveable feast” – well, that certainly describes the date of Easter, dependent as it is on a complicated calculation that involves the first full moon that follows the spring equinox. This year, Easter is quite early, 31st March, so that means that the seven weeks of Lent begin in mid-February. We have our usual Ash Wednesday service at 10 am on 14th February at Wansford (a significant date for another reason as well, of course, and appropriate as we reflect upon God’s love for us shown in the self-giving of Jesus as we celebrate human love that day).

As part of our Ash Wednesday service we have the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads as a sign of our wish to begin again, to turn back to the love of God. In some larger towns and cities churches will go out into the streets and offer “ashing” to passers-by. They may not always understand the full significance of the sign, but for many of us, a physical action helps us to reflect upon what is going on inside us.

We also have Lent groups that can mark the season, this year meeting on Thursday afternoons in Wansford, and on Zoom one evening each week. Do get in touch if you’d like to join us, maybe for the first time – you’d be most welcome! We will be using material produced by the Church of England focusing on stillness, watchfulness and “tarrying” – a practice drawn from Black Spirituality. All of these can be ways of finding a new start or a sense of renewal.

February is certainly a month to be looking out for signs of new life in so many ways as we look towards that spring equinox and the coming of warmer, lighter months. You’ll know by now that I always look out for the snowdrops particularly, as well as our other spring flowers that lift our spirits at this time of year. We all need signs of hope to encourage us and keep us going, particularly in such challenging times. May we be signs of hope for those around us, not dependent upon specific dates or seasons, but upon the needs of those around us.

With every blessing,

Revd. Jane

Biodiversity for Woodnewton



You may have noticed over the last few years that there have been new initiatives in Woodnewton, such as rewilding and tree planting that enhance biodiversity in our village.

It is widely recognised creating, protecting, and improving natural habitats is an important part of maintaining a flourishing countryside and as a community we have been keen to encourage activities that support biodiversity.

In addition, the government has directed all councils, including Parish Councils, to consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in their area; this includes consideration of biodiversity in management of parish land and property and when commenting on planning applications.

Some examples of our contributions so far:

The Churchyard rewilding project has involved the partial rewilding of St Mary's churchyard, a rare unimproved limestone grassland which has escaped agricultural improvement by chemicals or cultivation. Rewilding is designed to increase the opportunities for wildlife and native plants.

Wildflower areas have been planted in the cemetery and playing field by reducing the intensity of grass management and sowing of wildflowers to enhance biodiversity.

This year the Coronation Orchard was planted and includes a wide variety of orchard trees, including heritage varieties.

Community involvement

As a community, we would love to know what you think; what you consider we can do to further conserve and enhance biodiversity. Are we doing enough, or do you feel we could be doing a lot more?

Any new initiatives can only work with your continued support and commitment, so this is your opportunity to get involved.

We would love to hear from you.

You can email the Parish Council with your thoughts and ideas, join us for any one of our monthly PC meetings, or join us for our AGM in April to have your say. woodnewtonpc@gmail.com.

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Come & Chat



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In addition this month we will be joined by Max Robinson from the Oundle Library who will bring an Information Stand to showcase the services they offer and to answer any of your questions.

Line Dancing Class

Woodnewton Village Hall every Monday 7-8pm

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Not many years ago you would have needed a helicopter and some very expensive camera gear to get photos like these.

Thanks to Matt Roberts for these striking photos and the cover photo taken with his drone. It's a piece of kit that you can carry around in a small backpack and produce amazing images like these.

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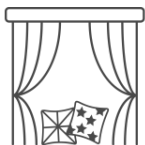
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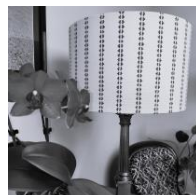


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