

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for December 14th 2011 at 7.15pm
Held at the Newton Toney Memorial Hall**

Present were – Cllr B Eley (Chairperson), Cllr T Miles (Vice-Chairperson), Cllr J Hirst and Mrs Melanie Thomas as Clerk

Unitary Councillor John Smale

1.	To receive apologies Vicky Cobbold, Area Board Manager, Cllr M Brown, Cllr I Hodson, Cllr C Andrews.	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
3.	Minutes A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on November 14 th 2011 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Eley.	
4.	Questions from The Public None.	
5.	Presentation by Vicky Cobbold, Area Board Manager for the Amesbury Board – 15 minute allocation Due to the absence and apologies received from Vicky Cobbold, it is planned to reorganise this visit for the February meeting. Action: Clerk to inform Vicky Cobbold of the February meeting date.	Clerk
6.	Report from Unitary Councillor John Smale and to include BVAPC report Notification of Area Board grant to the Parish Council for the 2012 Olympic/Jubilee events – confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded £500 towards a yet to be arranged event. In additions that a committee had been formed to organise an event. Note that an Area Board themed event was to be held on the 4 th June 2012 combined with celebration in the Salisbury Cathedral. Confirmation that the next meeting of the BVAPC would be held on the 5 th January 2012. Confirmation given that the next meeting of the Area Board will be held on the 19 th January 2012 and would take the format of an open meeting with plans from the Area Board as to what matters/areas they intended to address/prioritise in 2012.	
7.	Matters arising from the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from meeting with a WC senior traffic management engineer – confirmation that a meeting had taken place in November with a senior traffic management engineer from WC, Highways Engineer, Cllr Eley and Unitary Cllr Smale in attendance. Agreement made that the existing white line should be replaced and that the boundary with regards to the hedge should be further investigated. Note that a stop sign which was suggested as being placed would need to be agreed and processed from the Secretary of State and that the addition of signage or attention to the existing would be an expensive process. • Fallen tree on Green Walk – reported as thought to having been addressed – no further action to be taken. • Polluted Byway from Allington (ford) up to the Port way – as reported at previous recent meetings, note that rubble had now been cleared from the surface but that there was still damage to the fence which is yet to be addressed. Action: Cllr Eley to further pursue. 	Cllr Eley

8.	<p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>Parish Steward – a brief update was given by Cllr Hirst as those works recently undertaken with note that the clearance of a number of culverts was yet to be done.</p> <p>Information given that the Parish Council were able to apply for a 1 tonne bag of salt which was mentioned in the Council Parish Newsletter in August with a stated deadline of 31st August 2011. As the Parish Council would have wished to have taken advantage of the offer and as the deadline has now passed, the Clerk was asked to enquire with WC whether it was still possible to obtain the salt. If this was possible a delegated decision was given to Cllr Eley and Clerk to organise and decide on the storage location. In addition agreement given that Cllr Eley would place signage on the storage bins indicating that the salt was to be used for Highway use only as opposed to private use.</p>	Clerk/ Cllr Eley
9.	<p>R2 funding</p> <p>Discussed at length with reference to a prior and still standing agreement to purchase one football goal. Information given from Cllr Miles, and prior confirmation from the Clerk through liaison with WC, that a shed could be purchased for the storage of recreational equipment to the rear of the Hall. Cllr Miles noted that he had completed relevant WC documentation enquiring whether planning permission was needed for the shed and which was then given to the Clerk to deliver to the WC planning department in Salisbury. Agreement that the utilisation of the funding would be further addressed at the February meeting of the Council and when it was hoped that an answer would be given with regards to the query on planning permission of the shed.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Flood Warden</p> <p>Confirmation given by the Parish Flood Warden representative that the water level was low.</p>	
11.	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of December statement – unanimous agreement given of acceptance. • Invoices for approval: Wiltshire Probation Trust £100, Clerk expenses £154.86. 	
12.	<p>2012/2013 Maintenance contract</p> <p>Following the receipt and perusal of two quotations for the 2012 contract of the grounds maintenance at Newton Toney Church and cemetery, it was decided to award (and remain with) the contractor Shaw Trust Ltd. Action: Clerk to notify the successful contractor accordingly and notify and thank the other contractor.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>Precept 2012/13 – discussion of with decision for January 20th 2012 deadline</p> <p>Following budgetary information supplied and previously distributed by the Clerk, a perusal and discussion of the information took place and in relation to the precept request from WC by the Parish Council. Following discussion it was decided to request a 5% increase on the 2011/12 amount of £6785.00 and which is to be £7125.00</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>Planning</p> <p>None.</p>	
15.	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Confirmation given that the Amesbury Rural Weekly Bulletin had recently been distributed to all members. Note made of the apparent increased incidence of theft from domestic and commercial storage facilities – agreement that this information and a note of concern should be placed in the Bourne Valley Magazine.</p>	Cllr Miles
16.	<p>Management Hall Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from meeting held on the 16th November 2011 – update given from recently held meetings with note made of intentions to update the kitchen and the play area. 	
17.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council – Dog Control Orders – the Council asked the Clerk to enquire with the relevant department at WC whether an extension could be granted for a reply to this document and which is currently set as 13th January 2012 – Council members wished for further time to peruse and 	Clerk

	consider.	
18.	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>Confirmation given by Cllr Hirst that a fee of £100 had been received with regards to the burial ground.</p> <p>Note that the Council members would wish to ask the Area Board for the placement, on rotation, of a Speed Indicator Device (SID).</p> <p>Note made of the work undertaken by the Community Service workers with regards to the cutting of the river bed and in particular the area/length covered – note made that in future, it would be hoped that the whole length would be cut and to include from the bridge through to The Croft, time permitting.</p>	

Meeting concluded at 8.41pm. Confirmation of date of next meeting: Wednesday February 8th 2012 at 7.30pm, to be held in the Memorial Hall, Newton Toney