

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for 9<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm  
Held at the Newton Toney Memorial Hall**

Present were – Cllr S Stubbs (Chairman), Cllr B Eley, Cllr S Down, Cllr Miles, Cllr M Brown, Cllr M Restorick, Cllr J Rogers and Mrs Melanie Thomas, Clerk

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<p>4 members of the public, District Councillor Mike Hewitt and District and County Councillor Kevin Wren</p>	
<p>1. To receive apologies  None reported.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest  None reported.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes  A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Stubbs.</p>	
<p>4. Questions or points from the floor  None.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's comments  The chairman reported that he had received an email from Alison Rodgers manager of the Dogs Trust that stating she would like more signage directing traffic to the centre both in the village and on the A338. Cllr Hewitt said he would contact Alison to discuss the matter. Cllr Hewitt also agreed to liaise with SDC to rectify this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Wren asked that he be copied on the correspondence.  Defence Training Estate, Salisbury Plain – Defence Training Estate Salisbury Plain Parish Liaison Day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 - Cllr Miles gave a short report on his and Cllr Stubbs attendance at this meeting which they found to be both useful and informative.  Councillor Training Day – note was made of a training day to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Pitton Village Hall. Cllr Restorick, Eley and Brown asked that they attend and the Clerk confirmed she would confirm their attendance with the organiser.</p>	<p>Cllr Hewitt          Clerk</p>
<p>6. Matters arising from the last meeting  The Chairman gave a full report on the reason for the closure of the post office. Post Office and Outreach Service – it was confirmed that the person that had agreed to provide an Outreach Service to the village following the closure of the Post Office had withdrawn mainly due to a controversial clause in the contract. Cllr Stubbs confirmed that the Post Office was in breach of its statutory obligation to provide a Post Office service to the village and that they were totally responsible for the closure. Cllr Stubbs is working closely with the Post Office but pointed that post office is a difficult organisation to communicate with. Cllr Stubbs outlined the various actions taken to date. He had reported the matter to John Tomson, deputy leader of WCC, they had written to the post office; their letter was read out. Robert Key MP had also taken action on our behalf and the NAC had also written on our behalf. Salisbury Journal had agreed to publish an article Thanks were given to Cllr Stubbs for his hard work in this matter and full support of the work he has done on behalf of the Parish Council was given by fellow Councillors.  Letter from resident regarding bus shelters – a lengthy discussion took place as to the pros and cons of placing a bus shelter(s) in the village following the receipt of this letter. It was decided to consider a SWAG grant application for the purchase of a bus shelter to be placed at The Croft. Cllr Hewitt agreed to obtain a quotation on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr Miles to obtain a further two. The Clerk agreed to supply Cllr Miles with information regarding companies manufacturing bus shelters.</p>	<p>Cllr Hewitt, Clerk</p>
<p>7. Accounts</p>	

	<p>The Clerk distributed the Parish Council's spreadsheet to the Council members with details of the Council's financial accounts and transactions for June 2008.</p> <p>The following cheques were approved for payment: S Stubbs (expenses), £25.</p> <p>Cllr Wren and Cllr Miles left the meeting at 8.30pm</p>	
8.	<p>SWAG grant application – discussion of future projects</p> <p>Cllr Stubbs asked fellow Councillors to consider this matter and asked for any suggestions for a grant application and a short discussion there then took place.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning</p> <p>Wiltshire County Council – Highways Act 1980 – Section 119 – the Proposed Diversion of Footpath no 11 Newton Toney (part). Notification was received from the Rights of Way Officer and after discussion, acceptance was given by the Parish Council. Clerk asked to notify the County Council of their decision.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Request for plaque re-positioning and request for plaque placement</p> <p>A request was made to the Parish Council to re-position a plaque to the cemetery gates – after a short discussion the Parish Council agreed that this should take place. Cllrs Stubbs agreed to inform the resident who requested the item of the decision.</p> <p>A further and separate request was made for the request to place a plaque onto a seat that had been removed by a previous Chairman of the Parish Council. After a short discussion the Parish Council agreed that this should take place - Cllr Stubbs agreed to inform the resident who requested the item of the decision.</p>	Cllr Stubbs  Cllr Stubbs
11.	<p>Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>Following a request by the Parish Council, it was agreed by the MHC that the minutes of their meetings be circulated to members of the Parish Council. The minutes are to be emailed to the Clerk who will then email to all Councillors for their information.</p> <p>An update was given by the MHMC representative following the last meeting of the MHC. Amongst items reported were an introduction to hall parking costs for one particular resident who regularly uses the Hall car park – proceeds are to be given to the Hall funds, a review of the Hall rates has taken place which will be reflected in the Hall charges.</p>	
12.	<p>Parish Steward</p> <p>The Parish Steward visited on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008 and a variety of jobs were carried out in accordance with the requests of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Stubbs made note that he was concerned about the overgrown vegetation on exit of the Cholderton Road junction at the A338 and agreed to contact the Highways Agency to rectify this problem.</p>	Cllr Stubbs
13.	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>It was reported that questionnaires had been distributed to each household in the village and that an 80% response rate had been achieved. A spreadsheet will now be set up to input the data from the questionnaires and which will be used for analysis. There had been a good response to the photographic competition with the deadline due in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Steering Group will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and thanks were given to Cllr Restorick and her team for their hard work and efforts on the Steering Group.</p>	
14.	<p>Web site</p> <p>It was reported that the website is running well with information being regularly added.</p>	
15.	<p>Correspondence</p>	

<p>Letter from resident dated 6<sup>th</sup> July regarding the Post Office and rubbish bins within the village. Clerk read aloud the letter to the Parish Council members and the Chairman confirmed that he had responded to the letter by telephone to the sender. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Chairman to formulate and send a reply letter on behalf of the Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>16. Any other business</p> <p>Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Hewitt for non attendance at the next meeting.</p>	

The meeting finished at 9.20p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday September 8th in the Newton Toney Memorial at 7.30pm