

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for September 15th 2011 at 7.30pm
Held at the Newton Toney Memorial Hall**

Present were – Cllr B Eley (Chairperson), Cllr S Stubbs, Cllr T Miles (Vice-Chairperson), Cllr M Brown, Cllr I Hodson, Cllr J Hirst, Cllr C Andrews and Mrs Melanie Thomas as Clerk

Unitary Councillor John Smale

	Action
<p>1. To receive apologies</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>3.. Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on July 13th were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Eley.</p>	
<p>4. Questions or points from the floor</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>5. Report from Unitary Councillor John Smale</p> <p>A short report was given by Cllr Smale and which included the closure of a section of road in Porton due to necessary surface repair works, the next Area Board meeting on 22nd September 2011 and the availability of a £500 grant towards the 2012 Olympic/Jubilee celebrations.</p>	
<p>6. Report from BVAPC representative</p> <p>Note made that the next meeting of the organisation would be held on 6th October. Confirmation that Idmiston Parish Council had appointed a new representative and that being Cllr R Gould, in addition Winterbourne Parish Council, Cllr D Baker. Items of note to be discussed in the future and affecting the Bourne Valley, is the intention to close the Broken Cross Bridge due to necessary works – Cllr Smale offered to further research this matter on behalf of the PC.</p>	Cllr Smale
<p>7. Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>Letter from Parishioner regarding junction at Old Forge and the School Bridge – confirmation that the Clerk had contacted the Highways Agency following a request at the July meeting to ask for guidance on the placement of mirror devices to be placed on the Highway – reply read aloud. A discussion took place with agreement made that the Parish Council supported the placement of a mirror on the bridge but that action would not be taken until the forthcoming intended bridge works had been carried out – the matter then to be re-assessed.</p> <p>Agreement was made that the Clerk should enquire with the Highways Agency as to the possibility of placing of lining and a halt/stop sign at this area of concern.</p> <p>Emergency Plan – updated copy given to all Council members prior to the meeting.</p>	Clerk Clerk

<p>Decision made to print and distribute a copy to each household in the Parish. Action: Clerk to organise the printing and produce at the October meeting.</p>	
<p>8. Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>Signage on the Highway – reference was made to signage that had apparently been removed from the highway and which related to the Flower Festival held in the Summer time. Cllr Eley confirmed that he had contacted the planning department to ascertain the regulations governing signage on the highway. A discussion took place with agreement made that Cllr Stubbs would address the matter at the next meeting of the BVAPC and report his findings to the October meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Stubbs</p>
<p>9. Parish Clerk</p> <p>Request for membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks – discussed with reference to documentation distributed prior to the meeting and referring to the benefits of the membership – decision made to support the purchase of the membership – confirmation of the NTPC cost to be confirmed at the October meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>10. R2 funding – discussion of possible use – current expiry of funds due in November 2011</p> <p>A lengthy discussion took place as to possible projects for the use of the R2 funding and especially in light of expiry of the funds in November 2011. Cllr Miles asked that the Clerk clarify with WC whether the funds could be used retrospectively – Clerk to enquire. All Council members asked and agreement made that thought should be put into suitable projects and to be discussed at the October meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11. Finance</p> <p>Clerk distributed the Parish Council’s spreadsheet to the Council members with details of the Council’s financial accounts and transactions for August and September which were then approved.</p> <p>Invoices for approval: Clerks expenses, Shaw Trust £924 (July/August visits), Chimearon Ltd £54 (2008/2009/2010 meeting room charge for the BVPAC meetings) , Chimaeron Ltd £100.80 (PAYE set up charge).</p>	
<p>12. Planning</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
<p>13. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>A brief update of reported incidences was given and advice that Parishioner’s should be vigilant as to any suspicious behaviour or incident.</p> <p>Of particular note was that confirmation had been given from the local PCSO that a operation requested by Amesbury NPT to tackle inappropriate use of the restricted byways and bridleways around Newton Tony and Cholderton had resulted in a rider being reported for several road traffic offences and his vehicle seized by police.</p>	
<p>14. Management Hall Committee</p> <p>Confirmation that the minutes of the most recently held meeting (July) had been duly</p>	

<p>distributed – reference made to the ongoing intention to purchase and install an easy access toilet facility and that grant funding was being sought.</p>	
<p>15. Parish Steward</p> <p>Confirmation from the Parish Council representative that the most recently completed list of jobs undertaken by the Steward had been distributed. Councillor’s encouraged to report any necessary jobs to be undertaken, to Cllr Hirst and in her role as the representative.</p> <p>Note made that the job of cutting back of vegetation from signage, to aid visibility, in the Parish would be added to the remit of the Parish Steward.</p>	<p>Cllr Hirst</p>
<p>16. Correspondence</p> <p>WALC – August newsletter: Zurich toolkit and Jubilee Beacon items.</p> <p>Discussed with reference to the newsletter articles, agreement that Cllr Eley would further peruse the contents of the toolkit information on line and that the Parish Council would not pursue the Jubilee Beacon project.</p>	<p>Cllr Eley</p>
<p>17. Any other business</p> <p>A suggestion of Newton Toney Parish Council amalgamating with another Parish Council and one that is neighbouring was made – a brief discussion took place with no further discussion agreed to be undertaken due to the unfeasible and nature of the suggestion.</p>	

The meeting finished at 8.49pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday October 12th 2011 at 7.30pm in the Newton Toney Memorial Hall