

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for 9th June 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, and Mrs Melanie Thomas, Clerk

	Action
<p>1. To receive apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr J Rogers and Cllr M Restorick, Cllr Westmoreland and Cllr Wren.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on May 12th 2008 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Stubbs.</p>	
<p>4. Questions or points from the floor</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's comments</p> <p>The results of the recent speed monitoring cables were read out to the Council and a short discussion then took place.</p> <p>With the closure of the Post Office due in July, Cllr Stubbs made note of his thanks to the retiring Post Mistress, Mrs Julie Bailey and the valuable service she has provided to the community over the years. Thanks were also given to Mrs Leslie Barry for her talk to the Council prior to the meeting regarding the forthcoming Outreach Service.</p> <p>Cllr Miles read a short report with details from a conference he had attended with Cllr Rogers entitled "Developing Community Area Partnerships in South Wiltshire" held on 13th May 2008.</p> <p>Note was made that the SWAG grant application for the re-surfacing of the play area has been accepted by the Northern Area Committee. The Clerk was asked to add the item of SWAG grants to the July agenda and for all Councillors to consider before the next meeting any worthwhile projects that could be applied for under this grant scheme.</p>	Clerk, all Cllrs
<p>6. Co-option of new Councillor and Portfolio holder discussion</p> <p>Following the resignation of Cllr Wilson, the co-option of Mr Mark Brown took place. Mr Brown was welcomed as the seventh member of the Parish Council and the Council is now complete.</p> <p>A discussion took place with regard to the Portfolio holder list and to the allocation of roles within the Parish Council. After a short discussion it was decided that the current list remained unchanged and that Cllr Brown would take over the responsibilities of Neighbourhood Watch and Police Consultative Matters. The Clerk agreed to update the Portfolio list and email to all Councillors.</p> <p>The question arose as to whether it was necessary that Cllr Rogers should continue in her role as the MHMC representative for the Parish Council now that Cllr Miles had been elected Chairman of the MHMC. It was decided that Cllr Rogers should remain as the Parish Council representative due to the possibility of conflict of interest in having the Chairman and Parish Council representative as one person.</p>	Clerk
<p>7. Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>Visit by Richard Munro, Manager to the Delegation to Town and Parish Councils – the Clerk informed the Council that following a request by the Parish Council to attend either the June or July meeting, he was unable to attend due to other commitments.</p>	

<p>8. 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 May 2008.</p> <p>The following cheques were approved for payment: £16.19 Melanie Thomas (expenses), £660.94 Shaw Trust (expenses), £80 Ray Bulpitt (repairs).</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>Note was made of an email from an Enforcement Officer at Salisbury District Council that Paddock View, 17 Beechfield had been visited and confirmed that the conservatory base wall had now been demolished as per the requirement of the notice and the wall in front of the dance studio has been constructed and rendered and painted and that the matter is now closed.</p>	
<p>10. Village telephone box – proposed removal</p> <p>Note was made of the letter from Salisbury District Council regarding the proposed removal of telephone kiosks in Salisbury District and to include the kiosk in Newton Toney. The Parish Council decided not to make representations as to the objection of the removal of the telephone box in Newton Toney. No objection for its removal had been received from any member of the public.</p>	
<p>11. Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>A short report was read aloud to the Parish Council in the absence of the PC representative. Following a request by the Parish Council the MHMC have agreed to supply the minutes of their meetings and the Clerk agreed to distribute them upon receipt to all Councillors.</p>	
<p>12. Formal Consultation on Proposed Electoral Divisions for New Unitary Wiltshire Council and report from BVAPC meeting on 6th June</p> <p>Cllr Stubbs reported that the Parish Council response to this consultation had been sent to the County Council and a reply received stating that unfortunately the County Council were unable to agree with the suggestions put forward from the Parish Council as this would have serious knock-on effects in the north and the east of Salisbury District.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had sent the original Parish Council response to the Boundary Committee for England in London. Following discussion at the BVAPC meeting on 6th June and subsequent discussion at the Parish Council meeting it was decided that Cllr Stubbs should send a further letter from the Parish Council stating that the Parish Council is unhappy with the County Council response. It was noted that a separate letter was also intended to be sent from the BVAPC stating their dissatisfaction with the response.</p>	Cllr Stubbs
<p>13. Parish Steward</p> <p>The next Parish Steward visit is scheduled for June 17th. Cllr Stubbs read aloud a short report supplied by Cllr Rogers in her absence.</p>	
<p>14. Parish Plan</p> <p>A report was read aloud that had been supplied by Cllr Restorick and the Council was informed that questionnaires were currently in the process of being distributed together with a separate questionnaire for children. Cllr Stubbs thanked Cllr Restorick and her fellow Steering Group members for their valued hard work. The date of the next meeting is planned for 19th June 2008.</p>	
<p>15. Web site</p> <p>It was reported that the website is now up and running and the Clerk was asked to forward the draft minutes and agenda of each Parish Council meeting for inclusion on the web page which is www.newton-toney.org.uk</p>	Clerk
<p>16. Correspondence</p> <p>Defence Training Estate, Salisbury Plain – invitation to a Defence Training Estate Salisbury</p>	

<p>Plain Parish Liaison Day on Thursday 26th June 2008. Cllr Stubbs & Miles to attend.</p> <p>Letter from resident regarding bus shelters – Clerk asked to add this item to the July meeting agenda for further discussion.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17. Any other business</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to pay for Goal net and ties for the play area.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Hewitt arrived at the meeting and gave a brief update on matters in the District in his capacity as District Councillor.</p>	

The meeting finished at 9.05p.m.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th July 2008 in the Newton Toney Memorial at 7.30pm