

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 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 J Rogers, Cllr M Brown and Mrs Melanie Thomas, Clerk

2 members of the public	Action
1. To receive apologies	
2. Declarations of Interest  None.	
3. Minutes  A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on December 8th 2008 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Stubbs.	
4. Questions or points from the floor  None.	
5. Chairman's comments  Notification of an Area Board meeting to be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2009 at 6pm, fellow Councillors welcome to attend.  Notification of a letter dated 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2008 from SDC, Standards Committee regarding Code of Conduct – complaint. An explanation was given as to the nature of this complaint.  Notification of police dog training in the area of Green Walk – the Chairman has contacted the relevant police authorities to discuss the nature of the training.	
6. Matters arising from the last meeting  Noticeboard located opposite Mallett Arms – Following the last meeting where the notice board, located opposite the Mallett Arms public house was discussed with regard to improvement, it was decided to postpone further discussion of this item until the February meeting.  Shaw Trust maintenance contract for Cemetery – a discussion took place following receipt of a quotation for 2009 for the maintenance of the cemetery only and not as previously included in the work schedule, the Churchyard. It was agreed to accept the quotation of £1,155 plus VAT for a total of 11 visits per year from April to October. As the maintenance of the Churchyard was not included in this quotation, a discussion took place as to the maintenance of this site and it was decided that two Councillors should obtain quotations from local contractors for the maintenance of this area and report back to the February meeting with the results.	Clerk  Cllr Down, Cllr Rogers
7. Accounts  The Clerk distributed the Parish Council's spreadsheet to the Council members with details of the Council's financial accounts and transactions for January 2009 which were accepted.  The following cheques were approved for payment: Shaw Trust Ltd £656.25, Parish Plan expenses £31.25.  After suggestion by the Clerk and subsequent discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute to the purchase of a scanner and the amount to be paid would be one third, with the remaining two thirds to be split between the two other Parish Councils that the Clerk currently works for.	
8. R2 Parish Council funds  Following the last meeting where the item of purchase of picnic tables for the recreation ground was considered using the funds available from R2 funding, it was reported that after checking	Clerk

<p>with the relevant department at SDC, the purchase of the tables was not allowed under the regulations of the R2 scheme. Also following the last meeting where it was agreed that the Council should purchase necessary gardening equipment for Parish maintenance work, Cllr Brown produced three quotations for a variety of equipment. The equipment was discussed and it was agreed the purchase should go ahead with the Clerk liaising with Cllr Brown to ensure that the equipment is bought using the R2 funds by the current deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009.</p> <p>Two members of the Parish Plan Steering group were in attendance at the meeting and a discussion took place as to the possible use of R2 funds following the results of Parishioner comment in the Parish Plan research. A number of items were suggested and it was decided that in order to pursue the matter it would be worthwhile forming a sub-committee. It was decided that a member of the Parish Plan steering group would approach a number of suggested individuals to ask if they would be interested in forming such a committee.</p>	
<p>9. Planning</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
<p>10. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>A brief update was given on this subject and it was reported that a Community Safety Information Pack was available to Parishioners – the information regarding obtaining copies will be added to the Parish précis.</p>	
<p>11. Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>A report was given from the last meeting held in November 2008 with the next planned visit to be held in January 2009. Amongst those items discussed were a treasurer's report, electrical changes/work to be done in the Hall, Post Office update, possibility of disabled toilet being installed.</p>	
<p>12. Parish Steward</p> <p>The Parish Steward was reported as having visited on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 and carried out a variety of tasks including the cleaning of road signs and in-fill of potholes on the Amesbury Road. The next planned visit is 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009.</p>	
<p>13. Parish Plan</p> <p>It was reported that there is to be a public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009.</p>	
<p>14. Correspondence</p> <p>SDC – Standards Committee – Code of Conduct for Parish Councils – the Clerk made the Council aware of a letter received in November and a subsequent meeting held in December to discuss this issue. Following the meeting, information was produced relating to this topic which the Parish Clerk obtained and stressed the importance of each Parish Councillor perusing – information was added to the correspondence envelope.</p> <p>Letter received from resident regarding buses in The Croft area of the village. Letter discussed and the Clerk asked to write to the bus company concerned on behalf of the resident and PC.</p> <p>Three letters received regarding visibility concerns at the corner of The Old Forge. It was agreed that photographic evidence be taken and further letters of support sought before further action is taken.</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>15. Any other business</p> <p>Note was made of the need to carry out a clearance of the path situated at Littledown Walk and that it is hoped to form a working party to carry out this task – a note is to be placed in the Parish magazine asking for volunteers.</p>	<p>Cllr Down</p>

The meeting finished at 9.20pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday February 11th 2009 in the Newton Toney Memorial at 7.30pm

