

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for 10th June 2009 at 7.30pm
Held at the Newton Toney Memorial Hall**

Present were – Cllr M Hewitt (Chairman) Cllr S Stubbs (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Brown, Cllr T Miles, Cllr J Rogers and Mrs Melanie Thomas, Clerk

	Action
5 members of the public, Unitary Councillor John Smale	
1. To receive apologies	
2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Hasted for planning application S/2009/0744 – Full planning application – single storey back extension to enlarge kitchen and dining room and provide utility room – Te-Acres, 45 Beechfield, Newton Toney.	
3. Minutes A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on May 13th 2009 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Hewitt.	
4. Co-option of Parish Councillor following resignation of Councillor Susan Down Following receipt and discussion of the application by Mr Simon Hasted for the vacant post of Parish Councillor, Mr Hasted was unanimously accepted for the position. With the co-option of Cllr Hasted, it now completes the Parish Council with no vacancies to fill. The Clerk ensured that the relevant Declaration of Acceptance was signed.	
5. Questions or points from the floor Concern was raised by the recent visit of the Community Service workers with regard to resident safety and this item was addressed by the Chairman. Letter(s) from resident regarding security of RSPB nature reserve car park – Newton Toney and relating to planning application S/2007/2412. A resident spoke to the Council regarding concerns of the lack at security of the site and how the Parish Council had made its decision together with the planning department at the Wiltshire Council. The Chairman of the Parish Council addressed the issues raised and it was agreed that the Council would monitor the situation and if a problem arose then they would liaise with the planning department in order that the matter be resolved. It was suggested that the local police be made aware of the site and with the suggestion that they should monitor the site as part of their regular checks within the Parish.	Clerk
6. Chairman's comments An update was given following the recent European and local elections and note made that a decision would be made by the 16 th June as to which Unitary Councillors would be assigned to each portfolio holding.	
7. Matters arising from the last meeting Visibility concerns at the corner of Old Forge – Following the last meeting where it was suggested that the Clerk organise a site visit to further discuss the matter, the Chairman confirmed that he attended a meeting with the owners of the hedge in question. Whilst the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over the hedge, the owners have agreed to maintain the hedge in question. Both the Highways Agency and police authority have been consulted with regard to the matter. It was suggested by the Parish Council that a “safety mirror” aid may be of use and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the owner of the property opposite to the hedge in question to ask if they would be prepared to have one located on their property/land. In addition the Clerk to write to the owner of the hedge to ask if they would be prepared to contribute towards the possible costs of the “mirror”. Community Service Workers – the Clerk confirmed that the CS workers had visited the village on 6 th June with further visits planned for the 13 th , 20 th and 27 th June 2009 in order to carry out	Clerk

	<p>the clearance of excess vegetation at the river site.</p> <p>Newton Toney Memorial Hall – discussion of financial input from the Parish Council following recent building works – update following last meeting and letter to the Post Office – the Clerk informed the Council that a reply letter had not been received as yet – agreed to agenda for July for further update.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Following the perusal of a spreadsheet distributed to Councillors of the Parish Council's financial accounts and transactions for June 2009, the accounts were discussed and then accepted.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning</p> <p>S/2009/0744 – Full planning application – single storey back extension to enlarge kitchen and dining room and provide utility room – Te-Acres, 45 Beechfield, Newton Toney. The Parish Council supported this application, following discussion.</p>	
10.	<p>Web</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to invite the web master to the July meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the content and responsibilities of the site to the Council.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Nothing noteworthy to report.</p>	
12.	<p>Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>A brief report was given by the representative with reference to domestic items.</p>	
13.	<p>Parish Steward</p> <p>It was noted that the visit of the Steward had taken place on the 3rd June 2009.</p>	
14.	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>Following the ratification of the Plan, the Steering Group notified the Council that they would be not organising a celebration or function and noted that if the Parish Council would wish to organise an event then they should elect a member of the Council to do so or alternatively another volunteer. A discussion took place as to the organisation of such an event and it was decided to further discuss the matter at the July meeting and to firstly ascertain the amount of funds remaining from the project.</p>	
15.	<p>Consideration of donation to Newton Toney School to celebrate the 50th anniversary on July 9th 2009.</p> <p>After discussion of this item, it was agreed to provide a £150 donation.</p>	
16.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling concerns – letter from resident – after discussion it was agreed that a Councillor would liaise with those concerned in order that the matter be amicably resolved. • Letter from resident regarding security of RSPB nature reserve car park – Newton Toney and relating to planning application S/2007/2412 – <i>covered in item five of the agenda.</i> • Email from the Chairman of Winterbourne Parish Council asking for a volunteer from the Parish Council for the Bourne Valley Link Scheme – after discussion this was assigned to Cllr Miles. • Qinetiq – letter notifying the Council of the Notification of Stakeholder Consultation – Issue 2. 	
17.	<p>Any other business</p>	

<p>The Clerk noted that the amount of £748.98 of R2 funds had an expiry date of 23rd September 2009 and suggested to the Councillors that it be placed as a July agenda item for further discussion and especially in light of the fact that the Council do not meet in the month of August - this was agreed and in addition each Councillor was asked to consider items that may be purchased under the scheme and possible quotations sought before the July meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk, all Councillors</p>
<p>Clerk asked to add the item of the Churchyard maintenance to the July agenda.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

The meeting finished at 9.09pm Date of next meeting: Wednesday 22nd July2009 in the Newton Toney Memorial at 7.30pm