

**Minutes of Newton Toney Parish Council meeting for 9th March 2009 at 7.30pm
Held at the Newton Toney Memorial Hall**

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

	Action
<p>1 member of the public, District and Parish Councillor Mike Hewitt</p>	
<p>1. To receive apologies</p> <p>District and County Councillor Kevin Wren, Cllr Miles and Cllr Rogers. Welcome was given to Mr John Richardson, Clerk to Figheldean Parish Council.</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 February 11th 2009 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>Report from Amesbury Pilot Area Board meeting held on 19th February 2009 – the Chairman gave a brief report on this meeting which he attended on behalf of the Parish Council and as Chairman of the Board. The next meeting is to be held on 19th March at 6pm, Antrobus House, Amesbury.</p> <p>Note was made of the meeting to be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 23rd March concerning the structure of the forthcoming Unitary Council and where Steve Milton of WCC will be in attendance. It is envisaged that a note of information is to be distributed to each household informing them of the public meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>Visibility concerns at the corner of Old Forge – it was noted that four letters of support have been received concerning this item. It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the County Council with the copied letters expressing concern regarding this matter. It was further noted that one letter had been received and distributed to Council members in response to the matter of the hedge.</p>	Clerk
<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 March 2009 which were accepted.</p> <p>The following cheques were approved for payment: Clerks expenses £15.12, Cllr Miles £42.55 (re-imburement of expenses for sand).</p>	
<p>8. R2 Parish Council funds – update regarding purchases</p> <p>Following the last meeting where the Clerk was asked to ascertain with the Parish Council insurers whether or not Parish Councillors are insured to carry out maintenance work within the Parish whilst in their capacity as a Parish Councillor, the Clerk confirmed that she had done so and then gave the information to the Council.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that following prior agreement by the Parish Council various gardening maintenance equipment had been purchased, along with three benches.</p>	
<p>9. Discussion of maintenance of the river bank – update following February meeting</p>	

	<p>Cllr Stubbs confirmed that he had met with a representative of the Community Service workers organisation to discuss the possibility of the workers cutting the vegetation at the river bank. Following agreement at the February meeting, Cllr Stubbs agreed to liaise with the Clerk in order that the maintenance work is carried out in the Spring.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Stubbs
10.	<p>Planning</p> <p>None reported.</p>	
11.	<p>Dog fouling</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding dog fouling within the Parish and particularly in areas such as the School and entrance to the Memorial Hall. It was agreed that a note be placed in the parish magazine stating the Parish Council concerns and especially with regard to the health implications that dog fouling can cause to the public and especially to children.</p> <p><i>District & Parish Councillor Mike Hewitt entered the meeting at 8.04pm</i></p>	Cllr Down
12.	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>No items of note were reported but that the item was ongoing. It was agreed to add a note to the parish magazine regarding the incidence of “door knockers” within the Parish.</p>	Cllr Down
13.	<p>Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>In the absence of the Parish Council representative at the meeting, the Clerk gave a brief update from the minutes of the 18th February 2009 meeting.</p>	
14.	<p>Parish Steward</p> <p>No report was given as the Parish Council representative was absent from the meeting. The next planned visit of the Parish Steward is 13th March 2009.</p>	
15.	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>A report was received from the Steering Group and stated that a final proof reading had been carried out and accepted by the Chairman of the Group and that a copy of the draft action plan had been forwarded to SDC with a view to circulation to Area members and agenda for a meeting to be held on 26th March 2009.</p>	
16.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Wilts and Dorset reply letter of 26th February 2009 – Clerk previously distributed this letter to all Councillors and referred to the letter at the meeting. Clerk asked to send a letter to the Parishioner who originally brought the matter to the attention of the Parish Council informing them of the response by the bus company.</p>	Clerk
17.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None.</p>	

The meeting finished at pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th April 2009 in the Newton Toney Memorial at 8.43pm