

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

Present were – Cllr M Hewitt (Chairman) Cllr S Stubbs (Vice-Chairman), Cllr T Miles, Cllr S Hasted, Cllr B Eley and Mrs Melanie Thomas as Clerk

	Action
<p>1 member of the public, Unitary Councillor John Smale</p>	
<p>1. To receive apologies</p> <p>Cllr J Rogers. Absent: Cllr M Brown, apologies not received.</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Hasted for planning application S/2009/0744.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes</p> <p>A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on July 22nd 2009 were submitted, approved and duly signed by Cllr Hewitt.</p>	
<p>4. Questions or points from the floor</p> <p>None noted.</p>	
<p>5. Chairman's comments</p> <p>The Chairman reported from a meeting he had attended held on 8th September for the Amesbury Area Boards and with particular reference to the likely increase of traffic expected on the A338 for a likely period of 3-6 months due to the closure of the Pheasant Road at Porton.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>Community Service workers – it was stated that the last visit of the workers for the cutting of the river bed vegetation has taken place. The Clerk was asked to invite the organiser of the workers to a future meeting to conduct a review of the recent works and possible plans for 2010.</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 and that a further point of contact was being sought in order to gain a reply from the Post Office – Cllr Miles agreed to pursue on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Miles</p>
<p>7. Finance</p> <p>Following the perusal of a spreadsheet distributed to Councillors of the Parish Council's financial accounts and transactions for August and September 2009, the accounts were discussed and then accepted.</p> <p>The following invoices were approved: GoPack £1227.42 (Purchase of Hall tables), Bill Smith £161.50 (Churchyard maintenance), Shaw Trust £241.50 (cemetery maintenance), Mazars £155.25 (2009 audit).</p>	
<p>8. Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S/2009/1216 – Full application – Single storey extension, 1 Station Cottages, Newton Toney – discussed and the Parish Council agreed to support the application. • S/2009/0744 – Single storey back extension to enlarge kitchen and dining room and provide utility room – Te-acres, 45 Beechfield, Newton Toney SP4 0HH – <i>notification of WC decision of approval</i> • S/2009/1277 – Full application – erection of open agricultural barns to cover existing concrete yard – Thisteldown Farm, Amesbury Road, Newton Toney – discussed and the Parish Council agreed to support the application. 	
<p>9. Web</p>	

<p>Note made once again of the lack of content from the Parish and organisations except for the input from the Parish Council. An indicator of usage of the site had been gained from the web master and the Council were informed that the site visit indicator for July was 137 and in August 370. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to various relevant organisations in order that they be informed that the web page would be undertaking a review and that more content was needed – each Councillor to consider which organisations/groups to be contacted and forward the contact details to the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
<p>10. Parish Plan</p> <p>Following the ratification of the Plan, it was agreed to hold an official “handing over” of the Parish Plan to the Parish Council prior to the commencement of the October meeting of the Parish Council at 6.30pm – refreshments and light snacks to be organised by the Steering Group. A vote of thanks was given to the Steering Group which is now disbanded, for all their valued work in the production of the Plan.</p> <p>It is intended that the remaining funds from the Plan would be given back to the grant committee with a retainer of £200 allocated for a yet to be agreed sports project which was highlighted as part of the Parish Plan works – the sports project to be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.</p>	
<p>11. Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>No items reported. A list of reported incidents for July and August was read aloud that had been submitted by the local police.</p>	
<p>12. South Wiltshire Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document</p> <p>Notification that WC has published the proposed submission documents for South Wiltshire’s Core Strategy Development Plan Document, part of the Local Development Framework and that the WC is inviting representations on the proposed submission documents from 10th August until 30th September 2009.</p>	
<p>13. R2 funding – final consideration of monies to be spent</p> <p>Following note from the Clerk noted that the amount of £748.98 of R2 funds had an expiry date of 23rd September 2009, it was confirmed that the amount of £195.91 had been successfully allocated for the purchase of cricket nets which have since been purchased. The remaining monies were discussed with Cllr Miles agreeing to forward three quotations to the Parish Clerk for a basketball practice area. In addition it is envisaged that a Community Area Grant may be applied for to meet any shortfall in the project costs. Thanks were given to Cllr Miles for the valued works he has given to the projects.</p>	Cllr Miles/Clerk
<p>14. Maintenance of footpaths</p> <p>It was decided to delay discussion of this topic until either the November or December meeting.</p>	
<p>15. Report from MHMC representative</p> <p>The representative was not able to attend the Parish Council meeting but had previously stated that the next meeting of the hall committee would take place on the 16th September 2009.</p>	
<p>16. Parish Steward</p> <p>The Parish Steward was reported as having visited on the 7th September and where requests were placed for him to undertake a general strim and tidy up with particular reference to overhanging branches along verges and cleaning of sing posts. The next planned visit stated as being 29th October 2009.</p>	
<p>17. Correspondence</p> <p>Dstl - notification of the closure of the MoD section of Winterslow Road, Porton from October 1st to March 2010 inclusive in order to undertake necessary road repairs.</p> <p>Qinetiq – Notification of Stakeholder Consultation</p>	

<p>WC – Parish, Town and City Council Seminar held on 18th September 2009 – <i>confirmation of attendance by Cllr Stubbs</i></p>	
<p>18. Any other business</p> <p>The permissive path connecting Green Walk to the track by the railway line was discussed as there still appeared to be a “closed” sign due to works which were intended to have taken place in the autumn of 2008 – the Parish Council discussed the matter and agreed that as the path was a permissive one, they had no jurisdiction over its closure and therefore could not take any action.</p> <p>Note was made of the success of the recently held village fete with an amount of approximately £4K being raised. The Clerk was asked to write a note of thanks to the organisers of the event to thank them for their hard and valued works in making it such a success.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

The meeting finished at 9.17pm. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th October 2009 in the Newton Toney Memorial at 7.30pm