

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SOUTH NEWTON AND STOFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May, 2016 at 7.35 pm
(Following the A.G.M. meeting)

Present: Cllr D Blake (Chairman), C. Webb (Clerk), Cllr M. Pont, Cllr. N. Blake
Cllr. H. Bryans, Cllr. J. Green, Cllr L. Sherlock, Cllr R. Henstridge, Cllr H. Swanton
In Attendance: Cllr Peter Edge (Wiltshire Council)
Apologies: Cllr K. Norman

ELECTIONS

Vote for Chair – Cllr. R. Henstridge proposed Cllr D Blake for Chairman and Cllr L. Sherlock seconded this proposal. Cllr D. Blake agreed to stand again this year and therefore accepted.

Vote for Vice Chair – Cllr L. Sherlock proposed Cllr N. Blake and Cllr H. Bryans seconded the proposal. Cllr. N. Blake accepted the nomination and all Councillors present voted unanimously in favour of both proposals.

Cllr. D. Blake then proposed that all Councillors be re-elected en bloc, all Councillors voted to agree.

1. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 6th April 2016 were agreed and signed as correct.
2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**
 - a) Stiles at South Newton and Stoford- Cllr. D. Blake confirmed repairs in hand.
 - b) Re-painting of 30 M.P.H. sign Stoford.- to be brought up at the C.A.T.G. meeting 18th May, 2016.
 - c) Parking Issues on hammerhead at Vale View Road junction – Cllr. R Henstridge reported that the situation in general, has eased but still remains a problem.
 - d) Public footpath around field adjacent to Bonham’s Bridge – Cllr. R. Henstridge to contact River Keeper for date and will include trimming back footpath down to Bonham’s Bridge.
 - e) Litter Bin for Vale View Road – Cllr D Blake confirmed now resolved.
3. **Wiltshire Councillor’s Report** – Cllr P. Edge confirmed that the application was now in to register the Bell Inn, South Newton as a community asset. He confirmed that cuts were to go ahead to Youth Community Officers – 18 now down to 7. Cllr Edge explained that he will step down on 25th May as Chairman of South Wilts Area Board. Over 6,000 signatures received concerning possible bus service cuts, no cuts are proposed as yet as this was a consultation process only. Grants are available to assist the purchase of defibrillators.
- 4) **AREA BOARD** – Next meeting 25th May, 2016 at the Remembrance Hall, Charlton.
- 5) **STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. Accidents- A lorry caught fire at Little Wishford, road resurfaced and damage to bank and trees.
 - b. i) **Declaration of interest** – None
ii) **Planning applications** - None
 - c. **Rights of Way** – None
 - d. **Environmental/Amenities** – Cllr. D. Blake expressed concerns over the Council skip and concrete waste left on the car park on South Newton Estate.
 - e. **Website** – Mr. T. Wilton confirmed 80,947 visitors since the last A.G.M. 4,955 visitors in April 2016 a drop in numbers but this does not include people who access via mobile device.
 - f. **A36/C283** – Councillors expressed concerns over multiple potholes and traffic on C283. These concerns will be discussed at the next C.A.T.G. meeting on 18th May, 2016.
6. **FINANCE**
 - a) Payment to Clerk – April, 2016 passed. b) Annual Governance Statement agreed and signed
 - c) Donations to local charitable concerns agreed, Thursday Club, St. Andrews Church Parish Magazine, Good Companions, all approved. d) Insurance Payment e) Grass cutting of Vale View Road Play Area,
 - f) Online banking – approved, g) Precept to South Newton & Wishford Village Hall – approved.
7. **VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. H. Bryans gave a report to the A.G.M. meeting.
Details of all events are on the website - www.southnewtonpc.org.uk.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Wiltshire Council to confirm the application for Nomination as an

Asset of Community.

9. COUNCILLOR'S REPORT –

Cllr R. Henstridge reported problems with loose slabs and kerbstones – will report to Wiltshire Council via app.

Cllr J. Green expressed concerns relating to high levels of water in the layby / bus stop at Stoford on the A36 after a heavy storm. Clerk to report via app.

Cllr. H. Bryans reported problems with a drain next to traffic lights in South Newton. Clerk to report to Highways.

Cllr. L. Sherlock reported a problem with a cover on a pavement, Cllr, R, Henstridge to report via app.
Cllr. D. Blake to clear rubbish bin at Vale View Road Play Area.

Cllr. N. Blake confirmed an incident of a fire in a skip at Wessex Drainage in the South Newton Trading Estate. The Fire Service was called.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.
NEXT MEETING will take place on Wednesday 1st June, 2016 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall.**

Chairman _____

Date _____