NEWBOLD PACEY AND ASHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th MAY 2008

PRESENT: Councillors: S Bolton (Chair), C Thornton, J Cooper,

District Councillors: D Close, R Wright

Clerk: P Routly

and 4 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Thornton proposed Cllr Bolton as Chairman for the forthcoming year, this was seconded by Cllr Cooper and passed unanimously. Cllr Bolton accepted and took the Chair.

2. To Accept Apologies for Absence

None

3. Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda

None

4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last Parish Council AGM Meeting held on 2nd May 2007 were unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. To receive Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Bolton and witnessed by the Clerk.

6. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Cooper proposed Cllr Thornton as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year, this was seconded by Cllr Bolton and passed unanimously. Cllr Thornton accepted.

7. To receive all Councillor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr's Cooper and Cllr Thornton Declaration's of Acceptance of Office were signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

8. To fill vacant Council seats by Co-Option

No one came forward, vacancies to be advertised.

9. To decide when any Declaration of Acceptance of Office which have not been received as provided by law, shall be received

None

10. Councillors to enter financial interests in Register of Members' Interests or agree a date for completion within 28 days of adopting Code.

The Clerk requested that the Parish Councillors' complete new declarations of Financial and Other Interests. This was done at the meeting and the forms returned to the Clerk for submission to SDC Monitoring Officer.

11. To Agree Dates and venues for Council meetings for the coming year

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council meetings would be held on 30th June 2008, 10th September 2008, 5th November 2008, 7th January 2009, 4th March 2009 and 6th May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, unless an alternative date is agreed, with the AGM being held at the May meeting.

12. Appointment of Committee members and responsibilities

i. Village Hall rep

Cllr Bolton proposed Cllr Thornton, Cllr Cooper seconded, Cllr Thornton accepted.

ii. Church rep

No appointment made.

iii. Responsible Finance Officer

Cllr Thornton proposed the Clerk (Pam Routly), Cllr Cooper seconded, the Clerk accepted and was carried unanimously.

iv. Allotments

No appointment made.

v. Emergency Plan

Cllr Cooper proposed Cllr Thorton, Cllr Bolton seconded, Cllr Thornton accepted.

vi. Village Garden

Cllr Thornton propose Cllr Bolton, Cllr Cooper seconded, Cllr Bolton accepted.

vii. Village Hut news

Cllr Bolton proposed Cllr Thornton , Cllr Cooper seconded , Cllr Thornton accepted and Cllr Cooper agreed to help.

viii. Footpaths

Cllr Thornton propose Cllr Bolton, Cllr Cooper seconded, Cllr Bolton accepted

ix. Welcome Pack Committee

It was unanimously agreed the Village Hall Committee and Church would be asked to contribute with Cllr Cooper representing the Parish Council.

13. To agree Cheque signatories and sign appropriate Bank Mandate

It was unanimously agreed Cllr's Bolton, Thornton and Cooper would be signatories. *Clerk to arrange Bank mandate*.

14. Any other business None There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm. This meeting was immediately followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council.