

NEWTON IN THE ISLE

PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Councillors:

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Newton in the Isle Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business.

AGENDA

All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576

- 7.00 1 Apologies
- 2. Public Forum
- 7.15 3. Chairman's Announcements
- 7.25 4 Minutes of previous meeting 10th September
 - a) Approve minutes previous meeting
 - b) Matters arising
 - c) Minutes of Local Plan meeting 29th October
- 7.35 5. County and District Councillors Reports
- 6 Police Matters
- 7.50 7. Reports for information previously circulated
 - a) Highways– Cllr Clark
 - b) Street lighting
 - c) Village Hall - Cllr Moore
 - d) Playing Field – Cllr Wilkinson
 - e) Streetscape – Cllr Moore
 - f) Allotments/Rights of Way- Cllr Nunn
 - g) Emergency Plan Update – Cllr Jones
 - h) Handyman Update - Cllr Moore
 - i) Correspondence– Clerk
- 8.35 8. Finance- Clerk
 - a) Finance report
 - b) Approval of payments/ account status
 - c) Budget update
 - d) Community Account/ Reserve Account

P Wilkinson Clerk

8.45

9. Items for Decisions

a) Review of the Fenland Local Plan

To agree the issues to be covered in the Parish Council's response to the Issues and Options Consultation

b) Cllr to check play equipment for Nov/Dec

c) Street Lighting Survey

d) LHI 2020/21

e) Playing Field Project Cllr Gibbs

10. Approve date and time of meeting for Jan 14th 2020

P Wilkinson Clerk

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Minutes of the of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019

All members are reminded that they will need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest and reason before an item discussed at this meeting under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001 No 3576.

Present

Cllr's D Gibbs, G Wilkinson, S Clark, D Nunn and Cllr S King and P Wilkinson (clerk) A resident also attended

168/19 Apologies

Cllr's R Moore, E Jones, J Hoyles and Cllr C Seaton. (FDC)

169/19 Public Forum

The Resident had concerns that the wildflower meadow within the Playing field was not being managed, the weeds growing within the area were seeding and causing problems within his adjoining garden. The Chairman stated that this area would be cut shortly and it would be properly managed from next spring. It was suggested that a grass swathe around the wildflower area may help. The Chairman assured the resident that this matter would be dealt with. The resident left the meeting at this point.

170/19 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman stated that a number of courses were being offered which the Councillors may find helpful. Local Plan Consultation and Training sessions were being held on 27th September, Councillors would have the opportunity to feed in input for their Parish which had not been possible in the past.

171/19 Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th July 2019 were approved as a true record and signed.
- b) *Matters arising*
No matters arising
- c) Planning meeting held on 29th July was also accepted as a true record
No matters arising.

172/19 County and District Reports

Cllr King (CCC) explained that 263 Parishes had signed up to participate in the Highway Infrastructure Winter Gritting Scheme for this year. Cllr King explained that there was a possibility of Capital Funding being made available for local parishes for community projects

The potholes were being dealt with, however the Chairman suggested that it maybe more practical to repair all the potholes at one time if Parish Councils were told when the dragon patcher was due. Potholes could then be reported in advance and all completed at one time.

Cllr Clark again reiterated the importance of the Parish input to the Local Plan Consultation which could affect the Parish.

173/19 Police Matters

Police are keeping watch for Hare Coursing which was on the increase and asked that any suspicious activity be reported.

174/19 Reports

a) *Highways*

Fencing repaired near pond at Roman Bank. The owner of a property in Mill Lane has been asked to cut his hedge back at the junction of Fen Road/Mill Lane as the vision of oncoming traffic was impaired. Pot holes continued to be monitored and reported. LHI Bid for 2020 was completed and submitted. Councillor Clark was to query Cambridgeshire Highways as to when the white lines along the High Road would be completed. Cllr King stated that due to work at Sutton Bridge an increase of heavy traffic would be using the Sutton Road and signs stating unsuitable for heavy vehicles would be put in place at the Chapel Lane junction.

b). *Village Hall*

No Village hall report submitted, however the kitchen refurbishment was near completion

c) *Playing Field*

The application for Grant Aid to install outdoor fitness equipment for adult use was not successful on this occasion

Bird boxes to be discussed and bought with grant.

Three incidents of vandalism raised the Fire Brigade had dealt with a tree which had been set alight, and a fire in the dyke was dealt with before it became a serious problem. Various signs had been broken in the play area and on the entrances. These had already been replaced by Cllr Wilkinson. After much discussion it was proposed that if the bike ramps were replaced, input from the children who use the field could help design an updated track that they may find more enjoyable, this may help to alleviate problems. Cllr Gibbs would contact parents to discuss this issue. Cllr King suggested that Cllr Clark contact (Phil Hughes) from Leisure Facilities at FDC or County Community Development Officer Dan Hall for advice.

Two damaged branches had been removed. Cllr Gibbs was to discuss playing field dyke with the Internal Drainage Board on Saturday 14th September and report back at next meeting.

d) *Streetscape.*

A tree in Colville Road previously reported had been dealt with by the Highways Department. Cllr Moore had also organised the topping of a cherry tree in Goodens Lane Remaining budget for tree maintenance £372.00

Handyman - Query raised that the grass areas had not recently been cut. Clerk queried that no invoice had been submitted for any work undertaken since the last council meeting. Cllr Moore would be asked to report back at the next meeting on tasks already completed. The Chairman proposed that Cllrs also suggest tasks for the winter months to be discussed at the November meeting.

Newton Street Pride had placed two planters on the High Road near Boors Farm. Two more would be placed near the seat on High Road/ Fen Road corner. Query raised on the condition of planter near village sign.

e) *Allotments and Public Rights of Way.*

Cllr Nunn explained that he spoken to the allotment holder regarding the continuation of his tenancy, he agreed that work was needed to bring the allotment up to the required standard and that he also wished to continue his tenancy. The Councillor's agreed to offer a six-month tenancy until March 31st 2020 when the tenancy would be re assessed. Clerk would write to tenant.

Cllr Nunn again pointed out that the state of Black Dyke bridge still required attention to the footway which remained very slippery for walkers and riders. Cllr King suggested that Cllr Nunn send him details by email regarding the situation.

f) Emergency Plan

Cllr Jones circulated second draft document to the Cllrs. Priority was to be given to a plan for Severe Winter Conditions and allocation of roles for persons outside of the council itself. The Cllrs accepted the second draft Emergency Plan, the Chairman recommended this should be discussed at the November meeting as an agenda item, proposing that we attempt to enlist persons for the roles of Community Emergency Coordinator, Vulnerable Persons Coordinator, Emergency Resources Coordinator and Village Hall Coordinator, identifying two coordinators for each level as a lead and backup.

g) Correspondence

Members Services
Rural Services Network News
Rural Bulletins
Public Services
Town and Country Newsletter
Community Gritting Scheme 2019/20 applications
CAPALC Bulletin
FDC Property Auctioneers
Cambridgeshire Acre Conference reminder 8th November
Cllr King – Innovate & Cultivate Funding
Local Transport Plan consultation September 27th
Letter of thanks for donation received from MAGPAS Air Ambulance
Planning application

175/19 Finance Report

Business Reserve a/c £12033.30 including interest in September £6.00
Community a/c £12035.52
Playing Field (P/F) Grant £1128.55
Income includes
Concurrent Function Grant £1280.00

Invoices for payment approval

Fenland Leisure Products £556.80 including £92.80 vat cheque no 100637
Kelkay Ltd Anchor Fast, £630 including £105.00 vat from P/F grant cheque no 100638
Village Hall Hire 29th July Planning £10 + September 10th Full meeting £20 total £30 cheque no 100639
Signs for Less replacement signs for play area, £29.70 including £4.95 vat cheque no 100640
D Large tree maintenance £200.00 cheque no 100641

i) Resolved to approve payment of five invoices total of £1446.50 Cllrs all agreed to approve payment

Street light in Chapel Lane damaged while householder cut down a large tree requiring urgent repair work to make light safe at a cost of £136.00. Completion of repair, quoted as £261.63 bringing the total cost to £397.63. The Parish Council has responsibility for this street light, the householder would therefore be approached to compensate the Parish Council for the cost of repair. Clerk to write to householder.

176/19 Items for Decisions

Cllr Check Play Equipment - Cllr Wilkinson agreed to continue monitoring equipment.

Village Hall

The majority of the Councillors also being members of the Village Hall Management Committee declared a prejudicial interest in this agenda item. Two of the three absent Councillors were also Village Hall committee members.

The Chairman stated that while testing the water, Anglia Water had discovered that the water exceeded the lead content minimum. New piping was essential at a cost of £500.00 in order to reconnect the main supply safely. The Village Hall Management Committee asked the Councillors if they would consider payment for the replacement piping. The two Councillors present who were not members Village Hall Management committee proposed that the Parish Council cover the cost of the £500 for the repairs., Proposed by Cllr Clark and agreed by Cllr Nunn

ii) Resolved to approve payment of repairs and reconnection to the water main at the village hall at cost of £500.00. All Councillors approved payment

Street Light Survey - Still awaiting report

Pub Survey

Cllr Nunn circulated to Cllrs the draft Village Pub Survey previously prepared by Cllr Nunn and Cllr Wilkinson. Cllr Gibbs asked if he could check the survey and would contact Cllr Nunn before distribution. The pub grounds were looking very neglected, it is also approaching two years since the Woadmans pub closure. Cllr King suggested that Cllr Clark should contact Fenland District Council. The Parish Council should also write to Fenland District Council to remind them of their legal powers regarding the Woadmans Public House.

177/19 Date of Next meeting Tuesday 12th November at 7pm

177/19 Planning Application Amendments

F/YR17/1167/0 Land South of Churchill Lodge Roman Bank

Due to short notice received from the Planning Department (September 2nd) and comments required by September 10th this was discussed with some urgency at the full Council meeting. Amendment to the plans included incorporation of acoustic fencing and triple glazing. The Cllrs had no objections or further comments. Clerk would contact the Planning Department

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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Minutes of the of the Parish Council Planning meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2019

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Present

Cllr's D Gibbs, G Wilkinson, S Clark R Moore, E Jones , P Wilkinson (clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllr's , D Nunn, J Hoyles.

2. Fenland Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Cllr S Clark declared an interest in one parcel of land within the village.

The Parish Council had received information regarding the Fenland Local Plan proposed for 2019 to 2040. The Chair explained that the Local Plan needed revision, a new government building target had been proposed with 550 houses per year across Fenland and in the past 5 years Fenland had delivered an average 425 dwellings a year. The total local housing need for Fenland between 2019 and 2040 would be 11.550 .

Our Parish had been invited to put forward their own proposals with sites suitable for 5 dwellings or more. A Local Plan Consolation Response Form A, would enable our Parish to suggest options for building, a plan of the village was perused and following discussion it was suggested that input within the village would be more suitable as extending at the outer limits would further divide the community

Local Plan B, Site Suggestion Form was available for Landowners to be complete and submitted by them to Fenland with any suitable land that they wished to submit for the Plan B, a number of Land owners within the Parish had shown an interest.

Form C. Local Green Space Nomination Form was also available for suggesting local green spaces.

An Open meeting for Residents to explain the Local Plan had been arranged for Wednesday 6th November.

Following that meeting the Council would consider submitting any response at the full Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th November. All responses to be submitted by 21st November 2019.

Agenda Item 7a

Meeting Date Tuesday 12th November 2019

Report Title - Highways

- 1 Potholes have been reported in Brewers Lane and outside St James Close in Church Lane **since** the last meeting.
2. **Street lights that are not working**
 - High Road PC12 at the bus stop outside 328 flickering.
 - High Road PC9a outside 262 not working
 - High Road PC5 corner of Goodens Lane not working
 - High Road PC2 outside Teshian162 not working

The damaged light in Chapel Lane has been replaced.

Street light outside 19E Goodens Lane is switched off as we now have a query over ownership. It has previously been on our list but it may belong to Longhurst Housing and is at present connected to the power supply in 19E. The occupier of 19a has informed us that his neighbour has switched it off as he does not want to pay for the electricity. This matter has been raised as a query with Garry Edwards.

Recommendations

The street lights will be reported before the next council meeting

Agenda Item No.	7c	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	12 th November 2019	
Report Title	Village Hall	

1. Purpose of Report

To update Parish Council of Village Hall events.

2. Key Issues

The Kitchen Refurbishment is now all but completed, with the exception of some snagging work.

Sunday Lunches have recommenced and are as popular as ever, and showing a healthy profit. This is all due to a regular band of volunteers and generous donations for the raffles.

Coffee Mornings and Afternoon Teas are a bit slow at times, but this is apt to be somewhat seasonal.

The Newsletter is awaiting publication and distribution.

Future dates for Village Hall events are:

14/11 – Protecting the Royals

28/11 - Hall decorations going up

30/11 - Village Hall Christmas Craft Fayre

18/12 - Carols and Tree Lighting up

3. Recommendations

To note the above.

Report Author	Cllr Roger Moore
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Agenda Item 7d

Meeting Date Tuesday 12th November 2019

Report Title Playing Field

- 1a Equipment in good order
- 1b** Wildflower Meadow needs attention complaint from resident
No progress with bird boxes or orchard area.
- 1c** Unsightly piles of earth awaiting action re cycle track
- 1d** Still awaiting advice re drainage from North Level Drainage Board,
requested 6 months ago
- 1e Damage to signage persists, repaired and replaced as necessary
- 1f Increase in dog fouling.

Recommendations

Action required items **b) c) d)**

Agenda Item No.	7e	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	19 th November 2019	
Report Title	Streetscape	

1. Purpose of Report

To update Councillors on Streetscape events.

2. Key Issues

There has recently been very excessive mud on our roads due to harvesting of root crops. This year has been particularly bad due to the excessive rainfall that we have had. This has caused muddy fields which is then transferred to the roads by the agricultural machinery. Complaints were made, and some roads were cleared, but the situation has not improved very much. hopefully most of the crops are now harvested in our area, and the rain will rinse the mud into the verges.

Since the last report many more grass verges have been cut, to the benefit of all road users. Whilst it is appreciated that we live in an agricultural area and expect this kind of thing during root harvest season, this year has been particularly bad. Newton Street Pride Group have moved their litter picking forward a week in order that they do not clash with Coffee Mornings at the Village Hall as some of the volunteers would normally attend the Coffee Mornings. They still seek more volunteers, but though they are few, they continue to do a great job around the village.

3. Recommendations

To ask Councillors to note contents of this Report.

Report Author	Cllr Roger Moore
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Agenda Item No.	7h	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	12 th November 2019	
Report Title	Village Handyman	

1. Purpose of Report

To report on Village Handyman to Council.

2. Key Issues

Grass Cutting is the main occupation of the Handyman, and this year has particularly difficult. However, the grass has been cut whenever possible and the areas adjacent to the benches in the High Road are now much tidier than before. Hedges behind the benches have been trimmed back and are now relatively tidy. Future work during the coming winter months will include erecting a two new planters adjacent to the 'middle' bench on the High Road, and planting with bulbs. Also planting bulbs in the planter adjacent to Fen Road, in readiness for Spring. Planters and bulbs etc. are supplied by the Newton Street Pride Group.

As part of the overall plan for the Playing Field, saplings are to be planted within the copse area, and hopefully the Handyman will assist with this.

Clearing of undergrowth around Dog Bins will also be undertaken and the bins rinsed down to make them more noticeable.

The bench adjacent to Fen Road needs taking apart and rebuilding, elevating the seat by at least 6" and this will also be looked into during the winter months.

3. Recommendations

Parish council notes the above.

Report Author	Cllr Roger Moore
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Agenda Item 7h

Meeting Date Tuesday 12th November 2019

Report Title – Correspondence

Emails

Members Services

Rural Network Network news

Rural Bulletin oct

CAPALC bulletin

Public Services

Cambs Local Highways Open Day

Town & Country Conference

Cambs ACRE Conference reminder

Local Plan information

Notification of FDC Freeze on Garden Waste collection for 2020

Protocol London Bridge (preparation if any for Queens demise)

Police Report for September

Recommendations – Parish Council notes report.

Report Author Clerk.

Including

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Agenda Item 8a

Meeting Date Tuesday 12th November 2019

Report Title - Finance

Invoices for approval

Tydd St Giles Community Centre for Flu Jab clinic – £29.25

Martin Thulborn Builder waterpipe work for outside village hall £468.00

Clerk Salary July – Sept £567.92

Hall Hire – Local Planning meeting 29th October £10

Hall Hire – Full Council meeting 12th November £20. Total £30

Handyman - 4 ½ hours from 9th/7 – 19/10 grass cutting areas 1 and 2 total charge £42.50

Donation for Royal British Legion Wreath

Annual budget from 1st April to 31st October see enclosed

Expenditure to 12th November £7568.86

Expected expenditure to pay until March 31st £15137.72

Annual income £26302.68

See Budget sheet

Column 2 Budget April 2019

Column 3 Expected expenditure to March 31st 2020

Column 4 Expenditure to date November

Column 5 Annual income

Columns in red FDC/CCC expenditure for year

Row in blue Wildflower Grant

Community account at 31st October £19511.21

Including £6500 ½ year Precept

£70 S King donation Total £6570.00

Business Reserve account £ 12033.30

Budget Forecast carryforward at 31st March 2020 - £3000.00

Please note that for some items - cheques not approved or cleared on Bank statement.

Bank statement to date shown as £19511.21

Recommendations

Cllrs note report and draft budget for consideration for decision making in January
Precept for 2020/2021

Report Author Pat Wilkinson Clerk/RSO

Budget 2019

Budget November 2019	budget 1 april	outstanding	Paid	Income				
Carryforward 1/4/19				8918.34				
Precept				13000				
Vat refund				619.26				
Concurrent Grant 2/3				1280				
Peppercorn rent				1				
Donation including Charity	750		100					
Wildflower grant	1128.85		871.15	2000				
allotments				484.08				
N Level Drainage	42		40.43					
LHI bid	500	500						
Insurance	658		670.79					
Auditors	280		175					
Play Equip annual check	100		68.5					
Play equip Maintenance			464					
CAPALC membership	265	265						
street light upgrade	4800	4800						
street light annual FDC	3000	3000	1354.26		1/04-31/03			
Cutting Playing field	1152	1152						
ACRE membership	60	60						
Payroll admin charges	100		57.6					
Salary	2064	1135.84	1615.56					
PAYE	100		64.6					
Misc sundries	120	60	279.87		including laptop			
Hall hire charges	200	90	110					
Maintenance field	1000		24.75					
tree maintenance	1432		1060					
Emergency planning	100							
Election charges	884	884						
Vhall maintenance	547		468					
Flu Jab clinic cost			29.25					
Handyman	500	442.5	57.5					
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Fenland District Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation October and November 2019

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

From 11 October to 21 November 2019, we are consulting on the Issues and Options report. This is your first opportunity to comment on this new plan, which can be viewed at: www.fenland.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

This form can be used to respond to the Local Plan Issues and Options consultation. Submit completed forms -

- by email to: localplan@fenland.gov.uk or
- by post to: *Local Plan Team, Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Road, March, PE15 8NQ.*

Alternatively, you can comment online at: www.fenland.gov.uk/newlocalplan. All comments must be received by **11.59pm 21 November 2019**. Late comments **will not** be considered.

Part A : Your Details

Organisation (if applicable):	Agent (if applicable):	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Postcode:	Postcode:	
Email:	Email:	
Tel:	Tel:	
Signature: (not required if submitted electronically)	Date:	
Please tick this box if you <u>would</u> like us to notify you of future consultations on the emerging Fenland Local Plan		

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

All personal information that you provide will be used solely for the purpose of the Local Plan consultation. Please note that each comment and the name of the person who made the comment will be featured on the Fenland Local Plan website, comments will not be confidential. This information will be held by the Council for four months after the adoption of the Local Plan.

Any personal information you give us will only be used in accordance with principles found in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Please see www.fenland.gov.uk/privacy for further information. **By submitting this form you are agreeing to these conditions.**

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Part B: Your Comments

We are currently at the first stage in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for Fenland. We are consulting on issues and options to help identify what the new Local Plan should include and the type of policies required. Your views are essential at this early stage in helping to shape the growth of the district.

Please refer to the [Issues and Options consultation document](#), especially **section 3**, when providing your answers. The Issues and Options document sets out background information and context for different topics.

Alternatively, you can make comments via the [online questionnaire](#).

You do not need to answer all questions, and can pick topics or issues you are interested in.

Question 1: The Vision

Local Plans should set out a clear vision for what an area will be like at the end of the plan's life (known as a plan period) and a list of objectives intended to achieve that vision. The vision and objectives in a Local Plan should provide a framework for the policies in the plan to sit within.

Please tell us what Fenland should be like in the future.

1) What is your vision for Fenland - what should Fenland be like in the future?

Question 2: Housing Need

As of March 2019, the Local Housing Need figure is calculated at 550 dwellings per year for Fenland. This is, coincidentally, exactly the same as the annual figure in the adopted Local Plan 2014. Over the past five years, Fenland has delivered an average of 425 dwellings per year, so a figure of 550 is about 125 dwellings more than what we have recently achieved.

2a) This new Plan must have an end date of at least 2037. We think 2040 is about right. What do you think, and why?

2b) Government policy says our minimum housing target should be 11,550 new homes, to 2040. To attempt to go lower would highly likely breach national policy, but we could go higher. Should we? If so, why?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

2c) We will undertake research to determine what appropriate job growth and employment land targets should be, and consult with you at the next stage on these findings. In the meantime, do you have any views on what sort of jobs we should try to facilitate, and what locations would be suitable for new employment land?

Question 3: Settlement Hierarchy

A settlement hierarchy ranks towns and villages according to their size, range of services and facilities. The purpose of the hierarchy is to guide decision-making about the scale and location of new development and provision of new services and facilities, helping to achieve more sustainable communities.

Page 12 of the Issues and Options consultation document shows the settlement hierarchy identified in the adopted Local Plan.

3a) Do you agree or disagree that we should have a settlement hierarchy policy?

3b) What are your views on the existing settlement hierarchy? Should there be different categories?

3c) Should any villages be moved up or down the hierarchy? If so, which ones and why?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 4: Settlement Boundaries

Settlement boundaries are used to define the edge of a town or village. The primary purposes of settlement boundaries are to prevent the spread of development into the countryside, to maintain the character of each settlement, and control the growth within and outside each settlement in accordance with the settlement hierarchy.

4a) Would you support the re-introduction of settlement boundaries?

4b) If the Plan includes settlement boundaries, should the supporting policy result in:

i) a hard boundary with strict policies that limit development outside of the boundary?

or

ii) a flexible policy that could allow development which adjoins the settlement boundary, provided a number of sustainability criteria are met?

4c) If the Plan is to include settlement boundaries, how should we go about determining where they go? You may even want to send us a map of where you think the boundary should go, for any settlement you have an interest in.

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 5: Growth Options

Once the Local Plan growth targets for homes and jobs have been identified it is then important to establish how this proposed growth should be distributed across the district. The Issues & Options Consultation Document (Section 3 pages 15 and 16) explores six options for how growth could be distributed. Please look at these different options before answering question 5.

5a) Which option/s do you prefer?

5b) What are the positive and negatives of the option/s?

5c) Which option/s do you dislike and why?

5d) Are there alternative options which should be considered?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 6: Settlement Policies

The current Fenland Local Plan includes a section which sets out specific policies and requirements for each of the market towns. This includes a brief description of the town and a key diagram that highlights areas for growth. However, there are alternative options, as set out in the following question.

6a) Should the Plan include:

Option 1. Bespoke policies for each market town only?;

Option 2. Bespoke policies for each market town and other higher-order settlements, such as large villages?; or

Option 3. Bespoke policies for all settlements in the settlement hierarchy?

Question 7: Health and Wellbeing

The government's health profile for Fenland shows that life expectancy, obesity and physical activity are all significantly worse than the England average. It is an objective of the Council to turn that around and promote health and wellbeing for all.

7a) Do you think the new Local Plan should include specific policies about health and wellbeing?

7b) Do you think the Local Plan should include a policy to restrict the amount, or location of, hot food takeaways?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

7c) Do you agree or disagree that developers of large schemes should submit a Health Impact Assessment to show how the new development will help achieve healthy and safe communities?

Question 8: Renewable Energy

In preparing this new Local Plan we intend to provide a wide-ranging set of policies which will demonstrate Fenland's leadership in tackling and adapting to climate change.

National policy says Local Plans should help increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat.

8a) Should the Local Plan require (rather than just encourage) developers to incorporate renewable energy generation?

8b) Should the Local Plan allocate specific areas in Fenland where commercial windfarms would, in principle, be suitable?

8c) Are there any opportunities to co-locate new development with existing or new renewable/low carbon energy supply systems?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 9: Energy Efficiency

Local Plans can set energy performance (or energy efficiency) standards for new housing that are higher than the Building Regulations, up to a set level.

9a) Should the Local Plan require developers to go beyond basic Building Regulation minimum standards, and build homes and other buildings with greater energy efficiency?

Question 10: Facilitating Low Carbon Future

It is likely our future energy demands will be met by electricity generated from low carbon sources (e.g. renewable or nuclear energy). This means gas in homes and petrol/diesel in cars will likely become a thing of the past, quite possibly before the end date of this new Local Plan (2040).

There is currently no requirement for electric car charging points; national policy only says to enable them in the future. Therefore, it is up to local policies to determine if this should become a local requirement or not. However, government is currently consulting on changes to Building Regulations which could mean in the future all new homes must have electric charging points.

10a) Should the Local Plan ensure buildings are designed to minimise energy use, by taking in to account layout, building orientation and landscaping?

10b) Should the Local Plan encourage or require large scale proposals to increase the use and supply of low carbon energy and heat infrastructure to new homes and buildings?

10c) Should the Local Plan require all new development to put in place electric vehicle charging points?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

10d) Should the Local Plan require new development to be entirely electric based (i.e. not connected to the gas network), thereby future proofing the development to how homes and businesses will be powered in the future?

Question 11: Minimise Carbon Losses from Wider Activities

Whilst using gas, petrol and diesel to power our homes and cars is an obvious contributor to greenhouse emissions and climate change, there are other less obvious activities which can result in high levels of greenhouse emissions. In Fenland, the biggest contributor is through the farming of peat soils.

Should the Local Plan:

11a) Set out a specific policy on the loss of peat-based soils, and the carbon impacts of it?

11b) Require developers, as part of their contribution to open space provision, to create 'carbon sinks', such as through tree planting, creation of wet-grasslands or preservation/restoration of peat soils?

Form A: Local Plan Consultation Response Form

Question 12: Other Proposals to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Local Plan could require developers to create new communities which directly or indirectly help minimise carbon emissions.

12a) Should the Local Plan require developers to provide allotments or other growing areas, which can help reduce damaging 'food miles'?

12b) Should the Local Plan make provision of cycle and footways, which are designed in a way so that they become the natural choice to use for short journeys, rather than the car?

Question 13: Design and Amenity

Good design can help create attractive places and spaces for people to live, work and visit and can contribute to the creation of healthy and sustainable places. Design is not only about appearance, it is also about how places function.

Achieving good design is about creating places, buildings, or spaces that work well for everyone, look good, last well, and will adapt to the needs of future generations.

13a) Do you think the new Plan should include a strategic design policy for the district?

13b) Do you think there is a need for different local design policies for each individual town and / or village?

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13c) Are there any specific local issues which need to be addressed through design policies?

13d) Should the Local Plan require developers to use national toolkits, such as Building for Life?

Question 14: Optional Standards

Since the adoption of the 2014 Local Plan, the government has set out policy preventing Local Plans from setting their own standards for the design of new homes. New national standards have, instead, been introduced via the Building Regulations system. However, government allows three exceptions to this general rule. A Local Plan can require:

- Internal minimum space standards for all homes, but the standards can only be those as prescribed by government;
- Water efficiency measures in new houses which would aim to reduce average household use of water down from 125 litres per person per day (as required by Building Regulations) to 110 litres per person per day; and
- Higher access standards in relation to access to, from and within buildings, than required by Building Regulations. Such higher standards are generally beneficial to people who are disabled, elderly or have limited mobility, and also allow homes to more easily be adapted in the future.

14a) Do you think the Local Plan should include any of the following optional standards (subject to need and viability testing)? If so why?

i) Internal Space standards of new homes

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- ii) Water efficiency of new homes
- iii) Access standards to new homes

14b) Do you have any evidence to suggest the introduction of the above standards would significantly affect viability of housing schemes?

Question 15: Meeting Housing Need

The Council will, over the coming months assess the local need for different sizes and types of homes and the amount and type of affordable housing required. This will inform the draft policy in the new Local Plan to be consulted upon next year. However, at this early stage, we would like your views on the types and size of homes you think are needed in the area.

15a) What size, types and tenure of homes do you think are needed, either across Fenland or in your local area?

15b) Do you think the Local Plan should have a rural exception site policy to help provide affordable homes in areas with a need?

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15c) Should the plan encourage 'community-led' based housing schemes?

Question 16: Gypsy and Travellers

Government's overarching aim is 'to ensure fair and equal treatment for travellers' The Council will assess the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community through a needs assessment to be prepared over the coming months and ensure their needs are met through the Local Plan.

16a) The Local Plan must meet the needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community. Accordingly, should large scale housing sites be required to include an element of Gypsy and Traveller provision as part of the masterplanning of the site?

16b) What other suitable locations for Gypsy and Traveller pitches are there?

Question 17: Park Homes and Houseboats

The government recently introduced new requirements for Local Plans to review the need for moorings for houseboats and sites to accommodate permanent caravans such as park homes.

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17a) Is there a need for moorings for houseboats or sites for caravans in Fenland? Any evidence to support your comments would be welcome, or suggestions as to how such need could be identified in Fenland.

Question 18 - Plots for Custom and Self-Build

The government has introduced new rules that place a requirement on councils to maintain a register of people who wish to find land to build their own homes (known as self-build or custom build homes). Councils are also required to grant planning permission on sufficient serviced plots of land to meet the identified need for self-build and custom build.

18a) Should we require larger housing sites to provide serviced plots for self-build and custom build?

18b) Should we allocate sites which are set aside only for self-build and custom build?

Question 19: Employment

Fenland's economy has seen a continued shift away from the land-based sector, where employment has reduced due to productivity improvements and new working methods. However, its association with the food based industry has continued. The majority of employment in Fenland is manufacturing, wholesale and retail, business services, healthcare, and education sectors. Together these account for a large proportion of overall total employment.

19a) Should the Local Plan retain existing employment areas in employment use, or should other

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uses be allowed in these areas?

19b) Do any employment sectors in Fenland have specific locational requirements which should be addressed through the Local Plan?

19c) Are there any barriers to employment growth which the Local Plan could help to address?

19d) How should the Local Plan support the rural economy?

Question 20: Retail and Other Town Centre Uses

Shopping habits and the wider retail economy are changing. The prevalence of online shopping is creating a very challenging environment for high street retailers. Such changes mean the role and function of our town centres are also changing. National policy says that Local Plans need to consider a range of uses to help provide a positive strategy for the future role of town centres.

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20a) Do you agree that the Local Plan should strengthen the role of town centres to encourage people to shop and visit?

20b) Should existing shops be protected or do you think other types of development such as leisure and recreation should be encouraged in the town centres?

20c) Should the retail hierarchy be amended? What changes should be made and why?

20d) Do you think the boundaries of any Town Centres, District Centres, Local Centres and Primary Shopping Areas need to be extended or reduced? If so, which and why?

20e) Should the new Local Plan set a threshold for when an Impact Assessment for out of centre retail is required, such as 500 sq m in the current Plan? If so what should the threshold be?

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Questions 21: Community Infrastructure

The new Local Plan will ensure that new development is supported by appropriate infrastructure for transport, schools, health, open spaces, community facilities and water supply and treatment.

21) Do you think the Local Plan should include a policy to protect the loss of existing community facilities?

Questions 22: Transport

The main transport and infrastructure requirements for the Fenland area are set out in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan (LTP) which is a document prepared by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Therefore, any Local Plan policies must support this.

22a) Should the Local Plan place a strong emphasis on encouraging walking, cycling and public transport or does the rural nature of Fenland mean the private car will always need to be accommodated as a priority?

22b) Do you think the new Local Plan should set parking standards? If so please provide further comments to explain what standards you think are needed and where they should apply.

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Question 23: Historic Environment

The Fen landscape has a unique rural character; large scale, flat, open landscape with extensive views to the horizon. The huge skies give the area a strong sense of place and tranquillity.

Each of the four market towns in the district has its own individual, historic character which has evolved over time.

In Fenland there are 20 scheduled monuments, 10 conservation areas and over 650 listed buildings of special architectural or historic interest. The gardens of Peckover House in Wisbech are included in Historic England's register of parks and gardens of special historic interest.

23a) Should the Local Plan go beyond the minimum requirements for protecting the historic environment?

23b) Should the Plan identify buildings of local importance?

23c) Are there any areas that you think require additional protection that are not already identified as conservation areas?

Question 24: Natural Environment

"Our natural environment is our most precious inheritance" according to the government's 25 Year Environment Plan, which also states that the government's aim is to be "the first generation to leave [the] environment in a better state than we found it and pass on to the next generation a natural environment protected and enhanced for the future".

National planning policy is more specific as to what development should do, including a requirement for a 'net

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gain' in biodiversity. Natural Cambridgeshire, the Local Nature Partnership for our area, has recently (June 2019) agreed a vision to double the area of rich wildlife habitats and natural green space across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with the aim of creating a world-class environment where nature and people thrive, and businesses prosper. The Combined Authority for our area endorsed that vision in July 2019.

24) How do you think the Local Plan should protect and enhance biodiversity and the natural environment?

Question 25: Open Space Standards

The new Local Plan can require new development to provide open space. The 2014 Local Plan sets standards for the provision of the following types of open space:

- Country parks
- Children's play
- Natural green space
- Allotments
- Amenity greenspace
- Sports pitches and playing fields

During preparation of the new Local Plan, open space standards will be reviewed. Alongside, or shortly after, consulting on this Local Plan, we intend to undertake separate more detailed consultation on open space needs and desires, so please check our website for further details on this.

25a) What type of open space should new development provide?

25b) What do you think of the quality of open space in your area?

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25c) Should the Plan identify other areas of open space to be protected?

25d) Do you have any specific standards that should be applied to all development schemes (such as a certain area of land for open space per certain development size)?

25e) Should we work with neighbouring authorities with the aim of establishing common standards across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?

Question 26: Flood and Water Management

Flood risk is an important issue for the district due to the flat and low-lying landscape of the area and impact of climate change, with related sea-level rises and increased incidents of heavy rainfall. On its flood zone maps, the Environment Agency identifies specific zones of flood risk across Fenland.

26a) Do you have any views on how new development could reduce flood risk?

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Question 27: Any Other Comments

This consultation document has set out what is proposed for the new Local Plan, but there may be additional items not covered in this consultation which you would like to raise.

27a) Is there anything else you would like to raise – has anything been missed, or are there any general comments you would like to make?

Question 28: Your Priorities

The new Local Plan must be aspirational but deliverable. If the Local Plan is excessive in its requirements, we may fail to meet the area's growth needs.

We would like to understand your broad priorities for the future growth of Fenland.

As such, we'd really welcome you completing the following question, to help us understand, overall, which issues are most important to you.

28a) What, overall, are your priorities? Please select up to five from the following list:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New buildings which have high energy efficiency and/or renewable energy included, such as solar panels;	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More genuinely affordable housing;	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New homes which are easily adaptable and accessible for the disabled or elderly;	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New homes which have room sizes of at least a minimum set size;	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attracting inward investment to Fenland and creating more jobs;	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New community facilities as part of a new housing area, such as community hall, corner shop, small health centre;	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in walking and cycling infrastructure;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good quality, accessible open space (parks, play areas, etc);	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genuine efforts to create areas for nature;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting the character of towns, villages and the countryside.	
28b) Please identify any other top priorities.	

Question 29: Neighbourhood Planning

Neighbourhood planning gives Parish and Town Councils direct power to develop a shared vision for their area and shape development and growth. Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been 'made' (adopted) it forms part of the development plan for the district, so it has the same legal status as a Local Plan. which issues are most important to you.

29a) The new Fenland Local Plan must set a housing target for all Parish and Town Councils which are designated as a Neighbourhood Area. Do you have any views on what those targets should be, or how we should calculate it?

29b) Should we set a housing target for all parish areas, so that a Parish or Town Council has clarity as to what level of homes are needed in their area should they wish to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

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29c) Is there anything else this Local Plan could do to help preparation of Neighbourhood Plans?

Please submit your comments to: localplan@fenland.gov.uk or to *Local Plan Team, Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Road, March, PE15 8NQ*. Or alternatively you can make comments online at: www.fenland.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Thank you for taking time to respond

Agenda Item No.	9e)	NEWTON IN THE ISLE PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Date	12 November 2019	
Report Title	Playing Field Project	

1. Purpose of Report

To update members on the Playing Field Project and to plan the winter works.

2. Key Issues

The Playing Field improvements are being funded by the Grange Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The grant was awarded in February 2019 and must be spent within twelve months. Work already undertaken includes the creation of a wildflower meadow and the purchase of a picnic bench. Soil has been obtained to create a new BMX cycle track.

Many of the remaining elements are seasonal and ideally carried out in the winter months. There is a planting programme for the copse, installation of bird and bat boxes, sleeper benches, and tree planting. This work could be undertaken by local volunteers or by community payback work parties. A large vehicle or trailer will be required to transfer the topsoil from the north west corner of the site to the location of the BMX track.

A schedule of works will be necessary to ensure that the project can be delivered successfully within the timescale imposed by the funder and members are asked to consider how they can best contribute to this process.

3. Recommendations

- a) Members note the work carried out in the Playing Field to date.
- b) Members agree the process for delivering the remaining elements of the project.

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