

NEWTON IN THE **ISLE**

PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Report
2016

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outlining some of the work to be undertaken during 2016

One of our main items of expenditure is the replacement of footway street lighting which has resulted in the Council making carefully considered decisions on which projects they can resolve. The lighting is an ongoing project with eleven lights to be replaced.

A bid was also submitted to upgrade paving within the village at a cost of £10,000, the Parish Council contributing £1500 we were successful in this bid, with only ten projects approved across Fenland for this year. Other work will also be carried out by Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department in response to a Parish Council initiative.

The Parish Council are constantly aware of work that requires attention and carefully considers projects to be taken forward within the restraints of our budget.

If you would like to discuss any contents of this report please contact the Clerk. You can also raise these matters during the Public Forum at the beginning of Council meetings which parishioners are welcome to attend.

Meeting dates for the remainder of this year

Monday 11th July at 7pm

Monday 5th September 7pm

Monday 7th November 7pm

All held in the Village Hall,

Who and what is the Parish Council?

Our Parish Council comprises seven voluntary councillors who serve for a four year term and represent the electorate of the Parish of Newton in the Isle.

Councillors and contact details for 2016

Cllr D Fullbrook	<i>Chairman</i>	738521
Cllr D Gibbs	<i>Vice Chairman</i>	870083
Cllr S Clark		870923
Cllr J Hoyles		870270
Cllr J Kooreman		871252
Cllr A Sloan		870062
Cllr D Smith		870909

Councillors Responsibilities

Cllr D Fullbrook - *Playing Field/Local Highway Initiative Bids/Maintenance Projects*

Cllr D Gibbs - *Budget Advisor/Speedwatch/ Village Hall Representative/ Village Website/Planning*

Cllr S Clark - *Highways/ Street Pride Representative, and Fenland District Councillor*

Cllr John Hoyles - *Drainage/ Planning Committee Chairman*

Cllr J Kooreman - *Maintenance Projects/Planning Committee Vice Chairman*

Cllr A Sloan - *Allotments/Planning/Rights of way*

Cllr D Smith - *Projects/Planning/Tree Officer*

The Council employs one part time member of staff

Clerk and Financial Officer

Mrs P Wilkinson 870271

24 Fen Road, Newton in the Isle

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The Council normally meets once every two months. Agendas and minutes of meetings are displayed on the Parish Council Notice board situated on the High Road near the village sign.

Parish Council information is available on the village website

Website www.newtonintheisle.org.uk

During 2015/2016

During the last year we held six Parish Council meetings and all councillors attended on a regular basis.

The Council has made recommendations on ten planning applications. Councillors have met with the Highways Department officer to discuss relevant highway issues

We continue to provide fifteen allotments all of which are presently rented out. Our local Post Office closed on 29th July however an agreement was reached to use the village hall on a Thursday morning which is manned by a Post Office official

The bus shelter in Goodens Lane has been enhanced by children from Kinderley School with the assistance of a resident from our village.

The Parish Council monitors and carries out work within the village where appropriate. The Council also works with the Probation Service to carry out minor maintenance tasks within the village.

Further Speedwatch training will soon be undertaken with volunteers to continue to monitor the speed of vehicles through the village.

The Village Plan was undertaken by a group of volunteers who collated and distributed a questionnaire on various aspects to every household in the Parish asking for their views. The response to the survey was extremely supportive. The group compiled all the results, two of the most significant answers raised from the survey were:

The change of the village name from Newton to Newton in the Isle, this has already been achieved and approved by Fenland District Council. The Parish Council has also organised the replacement village signs.

A request for a defibrillator was also an important issue, with village support this has been achieved.

Year end March 31st 2016

INCOME

14/15		15/16
5921.00	Precept	6865.00
579.00	Council Tax Support grant	635.00
1280.00	Concurrent Grant	1280.00
	Donations	125.00
408.60	Allotments rents	338.40
0.41	Recycling credits	12.50
328.65	Vat refund	475.09
1.00	Village Hall	1.00
1593.00	Village Plan Grant	
10111.66	Total Income	9731.99
0.84	Interest	0.86
10112.50	Total Income	9732.85

The increase in precept was to support the maintenance costs of upgrading the eleven street lights at a cost of £11,538. Work has already commenced with six bracket lights upgraded at a cost of £3716 already funded by the Parish Council along with a contribution of £1500 towards the Highways Bid for new paving.

EXPENDITURE

1658.54	General administration	2038.34
325.00	S137 (donations)	275.00
45.30	Minor maintenance costs	
	Village Plan	1359.00
328.65	Vat	572.69
411.76	Open spaces/Playing field	94.16
216.60	Street lighting	
980.00	Playing Field Maintenance	980.00
1366.68	Insurance	1366.67
366.66	Highways grant 2/3	
5699.19	Total Expenditure	6685.86

SUMMARY

10112.50	Total income	9732.85
5699.19	Total expenditure	6685.86
4413.31	Surplus of income over expenditure	3046.99
B/FWD 14/15	Community a/c	6103.96
	Business saver a/c	1691.82
	Carry forward	10842.77

The carry forward includes an outstanding expenditure of £4347 from end of year 2015 invoiced after April 1st 2016

Assets held by Newton in the Isle Parish Council at 31st March 2016.

Playing Field	£15,000.00
Play equipment.....	£28,537.00
Youth Shelter	£ 7,207.00
Fencing.....	£23,353.00
Village signs.....	£ 1,585.00
Bus shelter	£ 3,171.00
Seats.....	£ 1,128.00
Footway lights.....	£34,546.00
Playing Field Matting	£ 2,068.00
Playing Field Display Board.....	£ 961.00
Bank Garden allotments	£ 1.00
Parish allotments	£ 1.00
Village Noticeboard	£ 1.00
Village Hall	£ 1.00
Property schedule for insurance	£117,560.00



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