

NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Newton Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7pm

Present

Cllrs J Hoyles (Chairman), D Fullbrook (DF), M Youngs, S Clark, J Kooreman, D Gibbs, A Sloan, also Cllr C Seaton and Cllr A Lay, PCSO David Russ and P Wilkinson (Clerk).

Apologies

Cllr M Humphrey.

Speedwatch

PCSO Russ reported that to set up local Community Speedwatch team would help to monitor the traffic through the village. It would require at least two or three people, one to monitor speed the other two to take particulars of car colour number and model. If speeding had taken place PCSO Russ would be notified. Training could be given in use of the equipment and the teams would decide the times they monitored traffic.

Cllr Clark has organised a public meeting with Steve Barclay MP regarding traffic in the village. The meeting was scheduled for Friday 17th January at 10 am at 217 High Road Newton home of Mr Foster.

PCSO suggested this may be an opportunity to encourage residents to participate in a Speedwatch team.

Crimes

Westfield Road 1/-2/1 Unknown suspect removed rear number plate while vehicle parked unattended 15.11, Fen Road Suspicious circumstances Doorbell rung at 04.27am, no person seen

16.12, A1101 Road Newton Poaching 1 male with 4 dogs Hare Coursing

24/12, Fen Road Newton Poaching 5 Males with 2 dogs Hare Coursing

Speedwatch

To be discussed during the meeting.

There have been a number of thefts of number plates in the Fenland Area, however this was the only reported crime since the last meeting.

There were a number of patrols in the Newton area over the New Year to monitor activity regarding possible Raves in the area. However on this occasion there were no Raves reported in the Fenland Area over the New Year.

Minutes of last meeting previously circulated were signed as a true record.

Matters arising

Cllr Fullbrook had received no response from Mr Tony Welland regarding the possible location of recycling bins within the new low cost housing site.

Action Review

Write to Anglian Water supporting proposed solution to sewerage (Church Lane/Good **Closed** Newton Village playing field project – jubilee extension completion on erection of information and acknowledgement notices. **Ongoing**

Request formal (traffic division) vehicle speed checks in Newton. **Completed**

Consult respective Councils and propose way ahead for compulsory purchase of land at Newton old school site. **Monitoring** – awaiting outcome of survey

Newton old school site – initiate action under Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972

Monitoring – awaiting outcome of survey

Grass cutting – obtain quotations from other contractors. **Ongoing.**

Obtain separate estimates for control of moles on playing field, and St James' Church. PCC approval given by Cllr Hoyles, DF to proceed **Ongoing** Moles at Village Hall.completed by R Shippey
Conduct tree survey and identify high risk specimens in need of surgery. Also obtain quotation for hire of 'cherry picker', .DF to shortly complete survey with Mr Kublik .

Newton old school site - design and conduct survey with Newton residents to determine preferred usage. **Ongoing**

Allotment Newton High Road (No. 2) – write to tenant concerning proper usage and waiting list.

Tenant contacted by correspondence on three occasions no response. Council to take advice before proceeding further. **Ongoing**

Request CCC Highways action to move speed restriction signs at Eastern end of High Road to same position as official 'NEWTON' sign (closer to junction with Little Ramper). Neil Band notified in writing. Meeting arranged on Friday 17th with MP for local residents to discuss issue. **Ongoing**

Cllr Seaton Investigated fence height at Bramley House, Church Lane. Fence height within limit. FDC to investigate business. **Closed**

School Site

Ongoing see action review

Street Pride

Cllr Clark to arrange litter pick shortly.

Allotments

See action Review

Finance

Receipts

£960 Concurrent grant half year from 2013

£2.04 recycling credit

Cheque for £7.14 payment every 3 years for power line crossing land.

Expenses paid

Trailer for debris from dyke £ 30

Church Clock annual maintenance£ 75.

Acre, Annual membership £40

Payroll charges £5.70

Cllrs approved payment of

Clerk salary £ 487.50 plus photocopying and admin £34.71 - £522.21

Trailer, £20 Current a/c stands at £ 1835.76

Allotment rent £3 still outstanding

Breakdown of costs for the present year 2013 and forecast for 2014 were circulated The Concurrent Grant was to be reduced by 1/3 from £1920 this year, to £1280.with a further 1/3 reduction in 2015.

The Council Tax Support Grant of £579 should not be included within the Precept budget for the forthcoming year with a reduction in the Concurrent Grant to the Parish Council the total deduction amounted to £1219. A Street Lighting survey could also incur extra expense

Following discussion the Councillors' considered it necessary to increase the Precept to cover the general running costs of the Parish Council for 2014. The Councillors approved unanimously to the Precept being increased by £1000 to £6,500 to cover the ongoing expenses of the Parish Council taking into account the reductions in grants for 2014/2015. Cllrs agreed to donations of £50 to Victim Support, CAB and ABC Preschool and £75 to East Anglian Air Ambulance and £100 to Village Hall Management Committee.

Planning

Houses sited next to the Swedish houses planning withdrawn.

Conkers Fen Road awaiting decision

Village Hall

Recent main events Craft Fair, Family Quiz Night and a Christmas Party for the children were all successful. Programme planned for 2014, A talk by Richard Barnwell 29th February, and on 31st May Songs from Musicals.

Playing Field

DF reported that work continued with the drain, Community Payback Team had located the pipe which would be dug out and cleared. DF will report back on progress at the next meeting

Correspondence

Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Revised Consultation on Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report
Some assessments missing on published document. Information available on website
Anglian Water application, response for First Time Sewerage Scheme
Twinning Visit to Fenland, Cllrs invited to attend Tea Party
Norfolk Green Travel Company sold to Stagecoach Holdings Ltd from Dec 17th 2013.
Police & Crime Commissioner propose modest 7p a week increase in policing as part of Council Tax
Poster for Adult Support drop in events planned in Fenland
Autumn Statement ensured local government budget is protected next year
Fenland Road Safety Group meeting at The Cage Parson Drove Wed 22nd Jan 7.30
Victim Support asking for support with a contribution to work. Information available on work on
Rosmini Centre asking for support. Mission statement available
Mrs Sands sent email one of her hens had disappeared.

Any Other Business

Cllr Gibbs queried insurance cover for Village Fete this will be looked into.
Wisbech & District Neighbourhood Watch meeting Astra House Lynn Road, Jan 16th at 7pm
Discuss Parish Council website at next meeting

Date of Next meeting

Monday 3rd March at 7pm, Parish Assembly